

Minutes of St. Dominic's Parish Pastoral Council – 10th January '23

Present: Fr. Philip, Domenic Bucci, John Hudson, Sue Whitney, Pat Uglow (Minutes), Mary Cryan

Apologies: Peter Tarski, Louisa Rubin, Colin Archer,

Opening Prayer: led by Fr. Philip

Minutes of 22nd November '22 were approved and signed

Matters arising: it was noted that the collage of members was not yet in the church porch.

Hall Refurbishment: John had almost completed the Business Plan. Information from the Stroud District Council Plan for 2014 showed a population of 16,000; it was now significantly larger. There was a need to start asking for grants and agreed that Pat should compile a letter of appeal to smaller organisations, who didn't necessarily need the Business Plan.

The kitchen had been satisfactorily upgraded as agreed.

There was much discussion re the condition of the stage, which was in need of urgent repair or removal. Organisations using the hall had been asked for their opinion with both options having support. A temporary repair would be a waste of money. The Diocese now required copies of agreements with regular clients.

The refurbishment needed to go ahead as soon as possible but members of the PPC were already heavily committed. It was agreed to appeal for volunteers to form a Working Party to oversee the project. Pat was asked to produce an appropriate paragraph for the Newsletter.

Fund Raising: a few ideas were offered. It would be important that those who were able should be asked to Gift Aid; it would be a good idea to involve the children. Pat and Laura would work out a schedule specifying whether events were for the Hall, our chosen charity or both. Suggestions included coffee mornings, sponsored activities, soup lunches, and outdoor events for teenagers.

A.O.B. none

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 18th April, 6pm