

The Glossop Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday 1st August 2024

*Jesus Christ calls everyone to experience His transforming love.
We joyfully embrace our responsibility to proclaim this good news.*

Minutes:

Present: Fr Martin, L Nash, B Payne, T Sealy.

In attendance: S Hoolahan.

1. **Apologies:** J Carter, A Elliott, C Hulley, A King.
2. **The purpose of the meeting:** The focus of the meeting was, within the spirit of our parish mission, further work on the five year development plan.
3. **The revised minutes of the PPC meeting** in June were approved.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**

Heritage events: T Wright has agreed to prepare and provide a talk for the Heritage Open Days, 6th – 15th September. The cut off for applications is 8th August, T Sealy offered to deal with the administration of the application, O Russell is to be informed of the event.
5. **Deferred Items:**
 1. **Food banks:** A variety of ways to support our community through food banks were discussed, including current initiatives in local schools and the churches in Hadfield. Action points: L Nash to liaise with Glossopdale Foodbank regarding support for their work through our newsletter; possible provision of breakfasts for SPH students when the kitchen area at SMC has been completed.
 2. **PPC meetings frequency and methodology:** Discussion included the current frequency of PPC meetings, the possibility of more frequent meetings and the use of sub-teams. The agenda for the next meeting will include a proposal to move to monthly meetings, mindful of current members' commitment to six meetings per year, and not wishing to impose new expectations. In addition, the PPC would look to make more use of sub-committees and working parties for various areas of the five year development plan.
6. **Proposed additions to the standing orders:**

The following items were considered and agreed as additions to the PPC standing orders:

 1. Members are expected to arrive in time for a prompt start at 7pm.
 2. If the meeting is not quorate, it will, if possible, be re-scheduled.
 3. Members are expected to behave with courtesy and respect for others. The PPC will function effectively if members are eager to express their opinion but do so with gentleness, patience and respect for the differing opinions of other members.

7. Core Leadership Team (CLT) Report:

A brief verbal report was provided, the two main areas of activity being:

1. Attendance at the Catholic Parishes Summit in Harrogate in June, an uplifting experience boosting and affirming the missionary intention of the Holy Father and our Bishop;
2. The development of our evangelisation through the WHY? course, by improving the advertising of this course, offering different formats in terms of venues, days of the week and times of the day, and enhancing the discussions through carefully developed questions. The response has been very encouraging.

In the future, the CLT report will be circulated prior to the PPC meeting for members to read and consider. The PPC meeting agenda will include an invitation to members to ask questions about the report's contents.

8. Safeguarding Update:

The Safeguarding Team have met to discuss the training required for all volunteers holding roles in our churches. Those with roles requiring DBS certification will be asked to carry out training this autumn, and training for other role holders will follow. The PSRs will speak after Holy Mass one weekend to explain the requirements of the training.

9. Five year development plan:

Main agenda item: PPC members worked on the assignation of time frames for the action points circulated following the work at the previous meeting.

A.O.B.

No items had been submitted.

Closing Prayer

Next meeting: Thursday 5th September 2024, 7.00 – 8.30pm.

Coffee available from 6.45pm, meeting will start promptly at 7.00pm.