

# The Glossop Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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

## Minutes:

Present: Fr Martin, A Elliott, C Hulley, A King, L Nash, T Sealy.

In attendance: S Hoolahan.

**1. Apologies:** J Carter, B Payne.

J Carter had sent an email to Fr Martin tendering her resignation from the PPC, the events group and the GCT group. She is to be invited to the PPC Christmas meal as a gesture of thanks for her contributions to the PPC.

**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 minutes of the PPC meeting** in August were approved as accurate.

**4. Matters arising from the minutes:**

**Item 4:** Heritage events: Two talks have been arranged and included in the formal programme; At ASC, 12<sup>th</sup> September by T Wright, and at SMC, 15<sup>th</sup> September by O Russell.

**Item 5:** Food banks: Glossopdale Foodbank have been contacted with an offer of support through publicity in the parish newsletter, no reply has been received yet.

**5. Proposal to move to monthly meetings:**

Although the current members had expected to attend meetings once every two months when applying to serve on the PPC, the proposal to move to monthly meetings was agreed. The reason for the change being the need for sufficient time to work on the development plan with momentum.

It was not possible to find a date for a meeting in October, so the date for the next meeting will remain as 7<sup>th</sup> November with subsequent monthly meetings, with the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> January being the PPC Christmas meal.

**6. Glossopdale Catholics Together (GCT) update:**

Topics discussed: The Hadfield churches 'Picnic in the park' attended by over 400 people; a proposal for an online Rosary group; Divine Renovation update, including the B.L.E.S.S. bid; the APOS finance software package now having been adopted at St Charles; a proposal for a S.W.O.T. analysis to help plan the way forward for the group.

Brief discussion then considered some advantages and disadvantages of combining the three parishes into one parish at the appropriate time. Advantages include greater unity and efficiency, disadvantages could include suspicion over sharing assets.

**7. Core Leadership Team (CLT) Report:**

A brief report had been circulated for members to read. A question was tabled regarding the positive evaluation of the attendance at the three WHY? courses during the summer. This was clarified as there having been several new faces at each course, including non-Catholics and non-church goers.

At this point, a member asked if the volunteers who lead the readers in the two churches would circulate the 'Reading at Mass' article from the current SSG journal to those on the rotas. Both agreed to do so.

**8. Safeguarding Update:**

The PSRs will be working with all volunteers during the coming months to enable them to fulfil the training necessary for their specific roles. Additionally the PSRs have continued to keep up to date with the various training required of them.

The use of 'social media' was discussed, J Carter is to be asked to provide a brief report on the safeguarding in place for use of the parish Facebook account. The parish 'X' account is to be closed.

**9. Five year development plan:**

Main agenda item: Ministry objectives.

The section on Ministry from the Divine Renovation book had been circulated for members to read; the CLT had begun work on identifying the ministries already in place.

PPC members worked on adding more ministries in place, and others not currently in place which would enhance our service to our community. The ministries were then put into clusters which were prioritised. At the next meeting these will be put into the development plan.

**A.O.B.**

No items had been submitted.

Closing Prayer

Next meeting: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 7.00 – 8.30pm.

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