**Dyffryn Clwyd Mission Area**

**Draft Minutes of the Easter Vestry Meeting 2022**

**Venue Llanfair DC Church on 28th April at 7.00pm**

**The meeting opened with Prayer offered by Father Huw Bryant.**

**Present:** Fr Huw Bryant- Mission Area Leader, Rev’d Richard Carter..

Fiona Calver, Gwenda Williams, Haf Roberts, Margaret Shoreman, Evelyn Weyman,

Anne Windebank, Helen Moller, Sue Hananoe, Dilys Carter, Mair Ansell, Janet Killow,

Jaap Vaarkamp, Elaine Oldroyd, Lois Hubbard, Mark Randall, Heledd Rees, Rhian Edwards,

Martin Jones, Mark Jones, Eirian Jones

**Apologies:** Caroline Bennet, Rev’d Natasha Quinn- Thomas, Rev’d Stuart Evans, John Sal,

Jonathan Major, Marion Henshaw, Anne Hurst, Jayne Greening.

The minutes of the Easter Vestry Meeting 2021 had been circulated and were accepted with no matters arising.

**Presentation of accounts: Fr Huw presented the unaudited amalgamated accounts for 2021 and thanked the Treasurers for their work.**

**See Appendix One attached**

**Appointment of Officers:**

a) Mair Ansell and Caroline Bennet were confirmed as Mission Area Wardens.

b) Appointment of Church Wardens and Treasurers

**Church Wardens Treasurers**

St Peter’s Ruthin Lois Hubbard/Elaine Oldroyd No Treasurers

Llanfwrog Richard Hughes No Treasurers

Llanrhydd Haf Roberts Martin Jones

Llanfair DC Mark Randall/Colin Amesbury Martin King

Efenechtyd Marion Henshaw Jaap Vaarkamp

Clocaenog Heledd Rees Nesta Rees

Cyffylliog Mark Jones Paul Sawyer

Llanarmon Sue Hanahoe/Ann Hurst Sue Hananhoe

Llanbedr DC Fiona Calver Gwenda Williams

Llangynhafal Mair Ansell Bethan Atkinson

Llanynys Rhian Edwards Rhian Edwards

Llanychan Judith Davies Jonathan Major

**All present approved. None against, No Abstentions.**

**Vote of thanks to retiring church officers**

Mary Parker and Evelyn Weyman retire as Church Wardens. Fr Huw and all present thanked them for their many years of dedicated service.

**Diocesan Representatives were confirmed**

Iola Jones, Charlotte Higgs, Caroline Bennett, Ian Fleming, Gwenda Williams, Elaine Oldroyd, Cynthia Johnson, Fiona Calver, Anne Windebank, Dilys Carter, Franchesca Carter, Helen Moller .

**All present approved, None against, No abstentions**

**Church Officers’ Reports.** Verbal reports were given by officers of all twelve churches. Copies of the reports are to be emailed to Father Huw . The reports were well received and noted with thanks. See Appendix Two.

**Questions / AOB**

a)The Church Warden of Efenechtyd had been approached with a query about burial in the churchyard for a deceased person not resident in the former parish.

Fr Huw stated the rules of the Church in Wales. The Mission Area is now the Parish. Anyone resident in Dyffryn Clwyd has the right to be buried in any C in W church that has space in the churchyard. No reserving of plots is permitted.

Where churchyards are full, one solution could be to establish a memorial garden within the churchyard boundary where ashes could be buried without a casket and a plaque placed on a wall. The space can then be used indefinitely without becoming full.

b) St Peter’s Ruthin & St Mwrog’s have no Treasurer at present and has multiple accounts; there are large sums of money in place that are generating no interest. Father Huw said that Finance Co-ordinator software makes it possible to amalgamate accounts with divisions of ‘whose money is whose’ made in the software. How this might work will be investigated with the two churches. If this is successful then other churches in the MA may opt into the system if they wish. Moneys from each church can be easily identified using this software, this would simply reduce the paperwork and effort needed in individual churches. This was discussed at the CC of the town churches and a proposal should be ready for the treasurers meeting and subsequent MAC in June but it could take the rest of this year to set up if accepted by MAC & local CC.

c) Update of the list of MA Trustees required by the Charity Commission: It was suggested that having fewer Trustees would make the management of the accounts and the running of the MA easier. Getting signatures from the current 12 trustees takes a great deal of time.

The following were proposed as Trustees:

Father Huw Bryant, Rev’d Richard Carter, Jonathan Major ( MA Treasurer) Caroline Bennet, Mair Ansell, Elaine Oldroyd.

**Proposed: Jaap Vanderkamp; Seconded and approved by all present,**

**no objections no abstentions.**

**The meeting ended with The Grace**