

## ST BRENDAN'S PARISH FORUM MEETING No 12.

5<sup>th</sup> July 2010

**PRESENT :** Father M Cooke (Chair) [FrMC]  
Tony Proctor (Secretary) [TP]  
Catherine Bridge [CB]  
Kath Brown [KB]  
Peter Carolan [PC]  
Martin Cleary [MC]  
Sue Cleary [SC]  
Kathleen Denton [KD]  
Stan Horrocks [SH]  
Marie Lamoury [ML]  
Michael Latham [MiL]  
Rita Livesey [RL]  
Julie McLoughlin [JM]  
Chris Owen [CO]  
Margaret O'Brien [MO'B]  
Tom Rabbit [TR]  
Irene Sheridan [IS],  
Terry Smith [TS]  
Teresa Taylor [TT]  
Kathryn Wilkinson [KW]

### Apologies Received

Keith Hamilton [KH]  
Marie Kwiatkowski [MK]  
Lisa Lamoury [LL]  
Barbara Owen [BO]  
Pat Partington [PP]

<u>No</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
1.	<u>Introduction</u> FrMC opened the meeting and welcomed those present.	
2.	<u>Minutes of Meeting of 26th April 2010</u> The minutes were approved.	
3.	<u>Matters Arising</u> None.	

<u>No</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
4.	<p><u>Action Summary</u></p> <p>The Action Summary was reviewed and updated and is attached.</p>	ALL
5.	<p><u>Property Update</u></p> <p>TP reported that apart from some remedial work to flooring, works were now complete and that the car park and future of the presbytery were the key issues to be addressed next by the Premises Project Board.</p>	All to note
6.	<p><u>Car Park</u></p> <p>The Forum expressed significant concern over the extensive and often inconsiderate use of the church car park by a range of users of the school. Such use was increasingly adversely affecting church goers by reducing access and presenting hazards.</p> <p>It was agreed that the PPB should meet the Head &amp; Chair of Governors of the school to discuss the matter and determine options for resolution.</p>	TP to arrange
7.	<p><u>Presbytery</u></p> <p>The Premises Project Board would develop a range of options during the summer and report back at the next Forum meeting in September.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Use of Harbour Room</u></p> <p>FrMC asked Forum members to give active consideration as to how best to maximise the new facility. Clear benefits had already been realised, including refreshments after mass each Sunday, meetings venue and a planned coffee afternoon &amp; book club. It was agreed to hold a further consultation in September, via the newsletter.</p>	TP
9.	<p><u>Faith in the Future Consultation</u></p> <p>FrMC circulated a copy of the report (Appendix A), that would be submitted to the Deanery on behalf of St Brendan's and St John's following the recent series of consultation meetings. Forum members were asked to submit any comments or written responses to FrMC as soon as possible. A key theme going forward was the pressing need for more parishioners to be willing to take ownership of appropriate activities, both spiritual and material, as there would be fewer priests, serving more parishes.</p>	All to note

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10.	<u>Any Other Business</u>	
	(a) <u>Faith in the Future – Inter Parish Co-operation.</u>	
	<p>The challenge of Faith in the Future increasingly will lead us towards greater collaboration with fellow parish communities. FrMC asked the Forum to give active consideration as to how St Brendan’s and St John’s parishes might better co-operate, addressing issues jointly, wherever possible. There was a need to reduce duplication of effort and such recent initiatives as the two CAFOD groups joining together, and improved collaboration between the social committees were welcomed. There might also be benefits in having a combined forum meeting in due course, once specific parish issues had been addressed locally.</p>	
	<p>This would be discussed at the Forum meeting in September.</p>	TP
11.	(b) <u>Children’s Liturgy</u>	
	<p>FrMC asked those involved to consider the logistics of the use of the Harbour Room to ensure no health and safety issues with refreshment provision &amp; to confirm arrangements with FrMC.</p>	SC & RL
	(c) <u>Piety Stall</u>	
	<p>Kath Brown &amp; Irene Sheridan gave a positive report on the new arrangements and reported improving sales.</p>	All to note
	(d) <u>Music before Mass</u>	
	<p>The ongoing problem of noise &amp; chatter in church before Mass was again raised &amp; it was suggested that at both churches arrangements be made for quiet music to be played to promote a more prayerful atmosphere.</p>	FrMC
12.	<u>Items for Next Agenda</u>	
	(a) <u>Parish Finances &amp; Fund Raising – FrMC</u>	All to note
	(b) <u>Forty Years of St Brendan’s – Parish Celebration Group.</u>	
	(c) <u>Faith in the Future – Inter Parish Collaboration</u>	All to note

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13.	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> 7Pm on Monday 13th September 2010 in the Harbour Room.	All to note