

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 15th March 2017 at 1.30pm

Venue: St Bede's, Popley Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG24 9DX

Present: Paul O'Driscoll (PO'D) (Chair), Canon Dominic Golding (Canon DG), Sister Elizabeth McCormack (Sister EMcC), Kate Burke (KB), Meta Muncaster (MM), Fiona Matthews (FM),

In Attendance:

Angela McGrory (AMcG) & Soraya Ciccarone (SC) (Minutes)

PO'D welcomed everyone to the Commission meeting and Sister Elizabeth led with a prayer.

Apologies – Abbot Cuthbert Brogan, Father John Lee, Stephen Morgan and Paul Neary.

1) Minutes of Meeting held on 11th January 2017 (At Chandlers Ford)

Actions from meeting:-

New Commission Member – AMcG reported that D.S. IM our new Commission member was not able to attend today but hopes to attend the next Commission meeting in May at Chandlers Ford.

2) Matters Arising (not on Agenda)

Non-confidential - none to be noted.

3) Updates to Existing Policies – Commission to Decide Whether to Recommend to Trustees

AMcG reported that at the last Trustee's meeting one of the Trustees had identified a number of inconsistencies in the wording of these policies. Nevertheless, the Trustees agreed with the Commission's recommendation and have accepted the new updates to policy.

AMcG and PO'D had met with the National Catholic Safeguarding Commission link on the 13th March and these policies were further discussed.

All agreed that PO'D will write a letter listing the inconsistencies identified. **ACTION PO'D**

4) DSC Report

Non-confidential

4.3 Update/Progress - DBS

15/03/17 – AMcG updated that the necessary figure had been requested for the process of commencing rechecks in the Safeguarding budget from Sept 2017 – There appears to be no issue with this to date from the Budget Scrutiny Committee.

Canon DG said that it is important to let the Clergy know that the on-line DBS does not apply to them. AMcG will ensure this is actioned.

ACTION AMcG

4.4 Safeguarding Day for Religious – 9th March (Wisdom House, Romsey)

AMcG said that the day had gone well and that all feedback had been good.

4.5 Creating a Safe Environment Training

AMcG will ensure that all dates for this training do go into the Ad Clerum so that all Clergy are fully aware of all the training dates available. The training is this year's Clergy mandatory training.

5) Any Other Business

Date for the Commission to Meet with the Bishop's Council – The Bishop's Council meeting is scheduled to be held on 20th July this year but Canon DG and AMcG both suggested that going forward we should look at the way in which this annual meeting between the Commission and the Bishop's Council is conducted.

AMcG and Canon DG will further discuss this and report back on the outcome and date chosen to meet.

ACTION AMcG and Canon DG

PO'D thanked everyone for their participation and the meeting ended at 3.35pm with a prayer led by Canon DG.

Meeting Dates & Venues for 2017 - Meeting to start at 1.30pm

(All meetings to start at 1.30pm apart from Meeting with Bishop's Council – Time & new date TBC)

NEW DATE Wednesday 24th May**

(St Edward the Confessor, Chandlers Ford)

??? July – Meeting with Bishop's Council – TBC ???

Wednesday 13th September **(St Bede's, Basingstoke)**

Wednesday 15th November **(St Edward the Confessor, Chandlers Ford)**