

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 21st September 2011, 1.30pm at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Popley, Basingstoke, Hants RG24 9DX

Present Lorna Duggan (Commission Chair) (LD), Angela McGrory (AMcG), Kate Burke (KB), Margaret Muncaster (MM), Fr David Sillince (Fr DS), Paul O'Driscoll (PO'D) & Soraya Ciccarone (Minutes)

LD welcomed everyone to the Meeting and Father David led with a prayer

1) Apologies

Paul Neary and Father Tom McGrath.

2) Minutes of Meeting held on 25th May 2011

The minutes were approved.

3) Matters Arising (not on Agenda)

4.3 – CDF (Congregatio Pro Doctrina Fidei) – MM enquired about the link given. AMcG responded that there were no problems with this and for MM to check her PC.

4) DSC Report

4.1 SafeSys

AMcG gave a brief update. The new release is now being tested with live material and will be rolled-out to reps in the next few months. This will be able to link with the Volunteer Management System.

4.2 Clergy Training

AMcG reported that a letter was sent to all priests (via the website) from the Bishop. The mop-up session from the series of training days held earlier in the year will be held at 2pm – 4pm on 9th November in Chandlers Ford.

All priests and reps have been informed a number of times now that the CP and VA training does need to be undertaken by the end of this year by those working with children and/or vulnerable adults. But as a belt and braces exercise Jane Green is making telephone calls to each Parish rep to confirm this.

AMcG led a training day in Basingstoke on 17th September for reps who wanted to deliver local training in their own parishes. LD and KB attended. This had gone extremely well.

4.3 Ongoing Cases

4.5 COC's (Covenants of Care)

AMcG reported that we currently have 31 COC and this will rise to 32 soon.

4.6 CRB – Clergy Re-Checks

AMcG said that we have received approximately 16 CRB rechecks through to date.

5) World Youth Day

AMcG reported back on this year's WYD. AMcG is now due to meet with Mgr John Nelson, Nicky Stevens and Dave Hill on 26th September to review WYD events and will update everyone on this at the next meeting. **ACTION AMcG**

6) 12th National Safeguarding Conference

LD reported that this will run from lunchtime on 15th February until lunchtime on 17th February. Both LD and AMcG will be attending and LD wanted to extend the invitation to all Commission members. If anyone would like to attend please let AMcG or SC know. **ACTION ALL**

7) Chair's Update

LD reported that there had been no Chairs' National Meetings but that AMcG had attended a National Coordinator's meeting where the main issue was the reorganisation whereby the religious orders would come under the auspices of the dioceses.

LD concluded that we would have to increase the size of our Commission and also look at AMcG's workload in relation to this.

LD handed out a consultation paper from NCSC, 'Towards a culture of Safeguarding' and requested that everyone please respond either back to LD or directly by the end of September. **ACTION ALL**

8) Any Other Business

Dame of St Gregory – AMcG announced that KB has now been awarded her medal – the Dame of St Gregory. This highly prestigious award was recognised at a ceremony in July in Pangbourne.

LD thanked everyone for attending and the Meeting ended at 4.00pm

Dates of Meetings for 2011

Wednesday 16th November @ 1.30pm- St Bedes, Basingstoke

Dates of Meetings for 2012

Wednesday 18th January @ 1.30pm – St Bedes, Basingstoke

Wednesday 21st March @ 1.30pm – St Bedes, Basingstoke

Wednesday 23rd May @ 1.30pm – St Bedes, Basingstoke

Wednesday 11th July – @ 1.30pm St Bedes, Basingstoke

Wednesday 19th September @ 1.30pm – St Bedes, Basingstoke

Wednesday 14th November @ 1.30pm – St Bedes, Basingstoke