

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd March 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 Neary (PN) Paul O'Driscoll (PoD) & Soraya Ciccarone (Minutes)

In Attendance representing the Bishops Council – Rev Canon Paul Townsend

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

1) Apologies

All present

2) Minutes of Meeting held on 26th January 2011

Factual accuracy – minutes approved.

3) Matters Arising (not on Agenda)

NCSC Workshop on Clergy Training 27th & 28th April – Fr Paul Townsend will be attending this. LD suggested that it may be a good idea to review the date for future workshops as it falls in Easter week.

4) DSC Report

4.0 SafeSys

AMcG reported that since the last meeting SafeSys is being adapted so that it can sit alongside VolSys (a voluntary management system). Leo Patrick (IT & Communications Manager) is looking at a way that our minutes can be uploaded onto this in a secure/confidential place as well.

Clergy & Rep Training – AMcG passed round a list of the sessions organised to date around the Diocese and asked if everyone could attend one of the sessions if possible. A wash-up session will take place after these events at the Bishops Council meeting in July for those who didn't attend.

World Youth Day – AMcG has now visited Spain for the risk assessments for WYD. The trip highlighted the different level of awareness compared to our practices here.

National Meeting of Coordinators – AMcG attended this.

Three main areas of discussion:-

- 1) Insurance Protocols
- 2) CSAS still working on Audits
- 3) CRB & EMs

Link with the Irish Case – A press release from the Irish Bishop's Conference re their pastoral response entitled, Towards healing and Renewal:-

<http://www.catholicbishops.ie/2011/03/19/healing-renewal-2/>

Domestic Abuse Awareness Day – This event being organised by Katja Babei (Pastoral Formation) and supported by Safeguarding to be held on 12th May has been postponed.

4.2 COC's (Covenants of Care) – *(Will be discussed at sub-committee following meeting with AMcG, PoD and PN)*

5) Chair's Update

LD attended a regional chairs' meeting in Birmingham on 16th February. Issues discussed included preliminary enquiry protocol, the One Church approach and Religious signing up to their local Diocese Commission. (We have 17 Religious orders in our Diocese).

6) Any Other Business

Ordinatee – Six such priests will be living in our Diocese. AMcG has written to them all to outline our Safeguarding policies and they should all be CRB checked.

AMcG Annual Leave Cover – AMcG will need cover for the following periods:-

23 July – 30 July (LD will cover this)

10 August – 6 September (inc) this period covers the time away for WYD and also A/L.

During this period AMcG will actually be away on A/L from 26 August to 6 September.

New Chair of NCS – The new Chair of NCS is Baroness Scotland. AMcG reflected that Bill Kilgallon's retirement was not formally announced at the national meeting or to Co-ordinators/officers.

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

LD thanked everyone for attending and the Meeting ended at 3.35pm

Dates of Meetings for 2011

Wednesday 25th May @ 1.30pm – St Bedes, Basingstoke

Wednesday 13th July (To attend Bishops Council Meeting) – Aula, Portsmouth/**BasingstokeTBC**

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

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