

DUNSHAUGHLIN-CULMULLEN PARISH COUNCIL  
“TO FOSTER THE GROWTH OF THE FAITH LIFE OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY”  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016 in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm

**Present were:**

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**Apologies from :**

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**As a mark of respect to Jack Irwin, who served on the Parish Council and was very involved in parish life, Fr. Joe remarked on his lasting contribution and said prayers for the happy repose of his soul. A vote of sympathy was extended to John and his family.**

**Reflection – Isabella Molloy**

Isabella read out “I see his Blood Upon the Rose” by Joseph Mary Plunkett as an Easter time Reflection that also ties in with the 1916 Commemorations.

**1. Minutes of the March meeting and matters arising**

- A mistake in the Minutes - Under the parish items the reference to “Chrisom Mass” should read “Chrism Mass”.
- A further mistake in the Minutes - Confessions for Easter for the schools is not a new initiative for the parish as was reported.
- The minutes were proposed by Isabella Molloy and were seconded by Shaun McTigue.
- The sub-committee looking at re-vamping the Weekly Bulletin met last week and have only a few changes to make.
  - Frank Burton and Jenny Leonard have been added as the Safeguarding Representatives for the parish to replace Rosemary Maguire and Michael Nolan.
  - We moved the box with contact details for priests to the top of Parish News page.
- It was suggested that the Minutes of our Parish Council should be put up on our website after Fr. Clavin has passed them.

**2. Correspondence.**

- We had communication from Anne McLoughlin looking for ideas for the Harvest Festival that we would like to run. It was decided to host something around the 7.30pm Mass on the Saturday night of the Festival and involve the new Net Team, who should be arriving in the Parish around that time.
- We have one quote in for work to the floor and sub-floor in Culmullen Hall using Limecrete. We should get 2 more quotes for this work as the two other quotes we have use a concrete base which is far more expensive. Jim will check with Noel Larkin on whether Limecrete is a suitable option.

**3. Parish Items – Fr. Joe and Fr. Colm**

- Fr. Joe reported that the Easter Ceremonies went very well but he did question the attendance at the 8pm Good Friday Liturgy. This may be because of the attendance at the Stations of the Cross in the morning and the Veneration of the Cross in the afternoon.

- We will have Confirmation for 70 young people from the three Primary Schools next Saturday. Bishop Smith and Monsignor Farrell will attend.
- There will be a Funday on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April in the Pastoral Centre with the Net Team for all Mass Servers
- The Net Team finish up on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. We will ask them give a talk at Mass on the 15<sup>th</sup> May on their time here. We will have a party for them on the Saturday evening of the 21<sup>st</sup> May in the Pastoral Centre. Fr. Joe will ask Marian Doherty to provide “Finger Food” for the party.
- First Holy Communion for Culmullen will be on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, Gaelscoil Na Rithe will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> May and St. Seachnalls will be on 21<sup>st</sup> May.

#### **4. Youth Liaison Officer Report on NET Ministries – Jenny Leonard**

- Jenny asked Catherine to send a report to the meeting – it is copied at the end of these minutes.

#### **5. Finances – John Irwin**

John sent his apologies to the meeting so there was no report on Finances this month.

#### **6. Co-ordinators Reports**

- **Development – Shaun McTigue**
  - There has been work today and yesterday to the front wall of the church to get the red algae staining off with chemicals.
  - We need to get a price for work on sanding and varnishing windows and the back door in Fr. Colm’s house in Culmullen.
  - We were asked about putting up flood lights in the graveyard in Culmullen, but after some discussion it was felt that we could not justify the need for lighting the graveyard at night.
  - The barrier to the car park in Dunshaughlin was repaired since our last meeting. The work to straighten the barrier was done by Foleys Forge.
- **Education – Rosemary Maguire**
  - Rosemary had nothing to present to the meeting.
- **Liturgy – Frank Burton**
  - Frank sent his apologies to the meeting.
- **Pastoral Centre & Social – Damien Kelly**

##### **○ Bookings/Groups/Activities**

All of our regular groups and activities continue as normal. Some notable existing and future bookings include

- Confirmation Day this Saturday
- Church Of Ireland, Summer Fair on 7th May
- Reception after communion ceremony for St Seachnall’s NS on 21st May
- Irish Blood Donor Clinic on 30th May

##### **○ Administration**

- We have a new FAS caretaker/cleaner starting next Monday in place of Paul Gannon, who finished with us back in January.

##### **○ Social Matters**

- Confirmation Ceremony 2016. In conjunction with the parents associations in the national schools, the preparations for the day are all in order for the most part. Meath Civil Defence will be on site for any health and safety/first aid matters and Tidy Towns have kindly agreed to help out with a lot of the heavy lifting on the day. Damien will man the camera, for relaying the ceremony into the Pastoral Centre. Michael will do the announcements and act as Eucharistic Minister in the Pastoral Centre.

- **Culmullen Hall – Isabella Molloy**
  - There was great feedback on the 1916 Commemorations for James Fox in the Hall.
  - The heating in the Hall is very bad and there may be an air-lock.
  - The water in the sink smells bad and the tank in the attic may need cleaning out.
  - The locks on doors have not been fixed yet. Shaun will check on this issue.
  - There is a Hall AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> May to elect a new committee.
  - There is a request that the Parish Council, would perhaps meet 2 or 3 times over in Culmullen Hall. We only have 1 meeting out in Culmullen during the year. We will discuss this at our May meeting; as prices for the work on the floor should be in by then we could have our June meeting there.
- **St. Patrick's Hall – Sandra Kelly**
  - Sandra sent her apologies to the meeting.

#### **7. Report from the Community College Board of Management – Rosemary Maguire**

There is nothing to report at this time.

#### **8. A. O. B.**

- Safeguarding Children Update – Linda Duncan has taken over Sandra Neville's work in the Dioceses. The National Board have issued the Spring Newsletter and is available on the Meath Safeguarding website  
[http://meathsafeguarding.ie/pdf/Safeguarding\\_Newsletter\\_April\\_2016.pdf](http://meathsafeguarding.ie/pdf/Safeguarding_Newsletter_April_2016.pdf) Among other items, there is a revised Garda Vetting Procedure for some parish activities. The Meath Safeguarding Committee are doing a review of Parish criteria. The members are as follows: Fr Paul Crosbie, Nuala McLoughlin, James Nugent, Sean Waite, Joan Walshe (Secretary) and Marie Willoughby. Central to the Committee's task is implementing diocesan guidelines, assisting parishes in their efforts, and overseeing an annual audit of activities in this area.
- We will send a letter to the Rev. Janice Aiton, on the opening of the Pastoral Centre in Dunboyne, wishing the Church of Ireland the Best of Luck with the endeavour.

**Next meeting is on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm in the  
Pastoral Centre where Ciaran Murray will give the Reflection.**

**Dates for Parish Council meetings** for the rest of the year.

16 <sup>th</sup> June 2016
21 <sup>st</sup> July 2016
15 <sup>th</sup> September 2016
20 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
17 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 –
19 <sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Joint Meeting with Old and New Parish Council

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Michael Nolan - Parish Council Secretary – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016