

Chaplaincy of Costa Almeria & Costa Calida

Minutes of AGM 2022 Meeting

(Accepted in principal by the PCC in conjunction with the Priest in Charge)

12 Noon Monday 30th May 2022, Miraflores.

1. Chairman opened with a welcome and a prayer.

2. David Blake was appointed as minute taker for this meeting and would be voted in as Secretary to the PCC after the AGM.

3. Present: see attached.

4. Apologies: Margie Gall, Richard Gall, Louise Douglas, Alan Smith, Ray Weller, Val Weller, Peter Sunshine, Christine Sunshine, Ann Wilmott

Father Alan thanked Margie Gall for taking a funeral this morning allowing him to chair the meeting today.

5. Acceptance of last year's minutes (May 2021). David Blake read the minutes as no copies had been available before the meeting. These were agreed by all present and signed by Father Alan.

6. Reports to PCC.

Father Alan explained that all reports were in the report book which were available to everyone. A, Chaplains report –agreed

B. Church Warden's Report –agreed

C. Church Reports –agreed

D. Safeguarding – Father Alan asked Darren to give a brief outline of safeguarding within the Diocese. Darren confirmed that he had just been on a zoom conference and the common issue across the chaplaincies in Spain, France and Portugal seemed to be that the amount of Safeguarding training, checks and forms is starting to get in the way of general work in the Chaplaincy as it is putting people off coming forward to take on roles. He explained that the Diocese stance on this seems to be that if a person takes on a role they should be prepared to take on the expectations that go with it.

Darren went on to explain that the Diocese Safeguarding Team will be attending Synod this year where this matter will be raised.

Tony Noble asked if any other chaplaincies were having the same problem, it was confirmed that this is the case but more so in chaplaincies in Southern Europe due to congregations being made up of mainly retired people.

David Price proposed that it be suggested at Synod that they split the Diocese into North and South

Europe E. Electoral Roll –agreed

F. Synod.

Father Alan explained that it had been a difficult couple of years with only having a virtual conference and everyone was looking forward to a return to a face to face Synod this year.

G. Finance- Pam explained that she had been approached by Jasmine Golson today as there appeared to be no fundraising section in the report, that included her coffee mornings, jam and card sales etc. Pam confirmed that for 2021 we used a bookkeeper who wasn't a church member and wasn't aware to enter these as separate items. Pam was looking into this.

Pam also explained that the depreciation looked high as none was put in last year so this has been corrected.

Father Alan expressed thanks to Pam for all her work on the finances.

Father Alan explained it was good to see that the deficit was reducing but it was still high, he added that we were lucky to have reserves but these were not everlasting

Brian Firth asked if we were getting any nearer to selling La Mata. Pam explained that Gavin Sunshine and his family are currently living in it, but when they return to the UK the apartment will go on the market. Once La Mata is sold we will be looking to purchase a new property for a new priest

It was noted that interest rates and bank charges had shot up recently. Brian Firth asked which bank we used and had we looked into using another cheaper bank. Pam confirmed that our account is with Sabadell Bank and that she had been given the name of another bank and was looking into this.

Jasmine Golson raised the issue of Electoral Roll payments to the Diocese of 80 euros per person. Alwyn confirmed that the roll had now dropped to 67, there are still a number of people on it who don't want to be removed even though they don't attend church, and this can't be done automatically until two year's time when the whole roll is revised again. Alwyn confirmed that the 80 euro payment had been frozen for the last two years but likely to increase soon.

Father Alan asked for a vote on the finance report to be accepted

Proposed Brian Firth,

Seconded Ann Shone

The vote was unanimous.

7. Elections.

A. Pam Carter was put forward as the only candidate for church warden. The vote was unanimous and Pam Carter was elected as church warden.

Father Alan thanked Pam for all her work and "smiles" as warden. She has been warden for nine years now and each year, after five years, special permission has to be given by the Bishop for her to continue.

B. There were eight nominations for the PCC these were:

Ron Makin	Margison
Brian Firth	Keith Steventon-Green Richard Gall
Jacqueline	Janet Yerrell
Simpson Eileen	David Blake

The vote was unanimous and all were duly elected to the PCC.

8 .Safeguarding,

Darren explained the importance of Safeguarding and that anyone can become a vulnerable adult at some point in their life. He gave the example that during Covid calls the Spanish hotline for domestic abuse had increased by 2000 percent.

The Safeguarding policy for 2022 was adopted and voted on unanimously.

Father Alan thanked Darren for all his work on Safeguarding.

9. Legal Reps.

Pam explained that we are required to have legal representatives who have the power to sign legal paperwork on behalf of the chaplaincy.

Pam explained that our solicitor has quoted 2000 euros to renew the chaplaincies legal representatives in the Registro. However the FEREDE association has explained that we can do this ourselves using their forms; this will require a minimum of four people as signatories.

Pam awaits the forms to be sent to her.

Five people were put forward to be legal representatives

Pam Carter (Presidente legal)

Brian Firth

Barbara Evestaff

Jaqueline Simpson

Keith Steventon- Green

Father Alan thanked these people and they were unanimously accepted as legal representatives.

10. Any Other Business

No other business had been proposed.

Father Alan went on to conclude that the last two years has been a difficult time for the chaplaincy, he said that "we have weathered the storm but the ship is damaged," citing lower finances and reduced numbers.

He went on to add that Richard Gall has produced some figures regarding the appointment of a new priest and at present it seems best to wait until the end of the year when we will have a clearer view of income, money in the bank and a sense of the situation. Congregation patterns have changed in the chaplaincy which has particularly affected Mojacar. He asked us all to pray on the situation.

Father Alan expressed thanks to all the Ministry team for all their hard work.

The Grace was shared. The meeting closed at 12.45.

ATTENDEES AT AGM 2022

JANET BANKS M

BRIAN FIRTH M

TONY BAUGH M

EILEEN MARGISON M

ALWYN CARTER M

SANDRA MORRIS-VINCENT M

PAM CARTER M

ANN MURRAY M

DAVID DEVONPORT M

PETER OWEN-JACKSON M

NORMA DEVONPORT M

MARJORIE SCOBLE M

ROBENA DORE M

ANGELA WILSON M

BARBARA EVESTAFF M

BERNARD TATE M

HAZEL BAMFORD L

JANICE NOBLE L

DAVID BLAKE L

ANN SHONE L

DARREN ELLSUM L

JACQUELINE SIMPSON L

JASMINE GOLSON L

KEITH STEVENTON-GREEN L

GILLIAN MAKIN L

PETER STEVENTON-GREEN L

RON MAKIN L

TONY NOBLE L

JANET YERRELL A

CATH PRICE A

DAVID PRICE A

NON ELECTORAL ROLL ATTENDEES

PETER GRANGE N

BEPPIE GRANGE N

33 IN TOTAL + Father Alan