

Notes taken at Meeting of Parish Group Representative and Parochial Centre Committee - 14th June 2005

Father Xavier opened the meeting with a prayer and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to bring the Parochial Centre and the Parish closer together.

Steve Pettman opened for the Parochial Centre Committee by pointing out that the Centre was run in accordance with a set of rules which have been in place for a very long time and because of a recent incident he felt that it was necessary to point out that the Club license only permits sales of alcohol to members.

Membership of a Parish Organisation does not mean that you are automatically a member of the Parochial Centre. To use the facilities of the Club it is necessary to be an enrolled member.

Membership entitles you to purchase alcohol etc from the bar and hire the function room.

A discussion took place and concerning use of the Bar by those attending the Wednesday Evening Bingo who may not be members of the club and for visiting Bowlers. It was pointed out that it is a bowling tradition for the winner to buy the loser a drink, would that be allowed if the winner happened to be a visitor and not a member?

Steve again pointed out that this is what the rules say and any changes to the rules has to go before the AGM and be voted on by the members.

Father Xavier asked that the centre committee consider the position further.

Steve also asked that anyone wishing to use the function room completes a booking form. The room is free to parish groups but the normal hire charge is £50.

This item was also discussed at some length and some felt it unfair to charge £50 and also add 20p to the cost of every drink served at the function room bar. Steve pointed out that the actual cost to the club was £170 to run and staff the bar on these occasions. The club is run as a business and has to

recoup its cost as best it can. They could charge more for the Hire but that would put people off from hiring the facilities.

In answer to a question on membership Steve confirmed that applications for membership were now open again.

Father Xavier asked those members of the parish groups present if anyone had keys to the centre to gain access. His reason for asking being that on a number of occasions since he had been in the parish the need for keys to be held at a central location had become apparent. Various group members reported that they had keys for one or two doors.

The Chairman of the Club Frank Redfearn confirmed that only he and the Steward held a full set of keys for every door. A discussion took place on this and the centre agreed to lodge a full set of keys with Father Xavier for emergency use.

Margaret Guinan for the Senior Citizens asked that they be given keys for the front doors as many of their members had frames and found it difficult to access the premises through the kitchen door.

Frank Redfearn agreed that this would be provided and in return asked who held keys for the various cupboards in the kitchen to gain access to the cups etc. The centre had in the past been unable to use these and wanted to know who actually owned the cups and plates.

Mary Hardman informed the meeting the crockery belonged to the parish and was purchased with monies raised at fund raising events for that purpose. They are kept under lock and key to prevent breakages but can be used by anyone at any time. Mary and Margaret Guinan had keys and would supply the centre with a list of contact.

Margaret Guinan asked where the cleaning tools etc were kept as they like to leave the centre as they find it and could not locate anything the last time they used the centre. Frank explained that a new cupboard had been built and would show Margaret where it was after the meeting.

Father Xavier then closed the meeting and asked if anyone thought it would be useful to hold another meeting in the future. After a brief discussion it

was agreed that the meeting had been very useful and future meetings should be held every 3 months or so.

Father closed the meeting with a prayer.