

## Diocesan Council, 1914.

## DIOCESAN COUNCIL ORDINANCE, 1914.

1914. No. 3.

## Preamble.

Whereas it is expedient to make provision for the conduct of the temporal affairs of the Diocese: Be it therefore ordained by the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton as follows, that is to say:—

## Administration of Temporal Affairs.

1. The temporal affairs of the Church in the Diocese shall be administered by the Bishop with the advice and consent of a Diocesan Council to be constituted as hereinafter provided and in this Ordinance referred to as "the Council."

## Constitution.

2. The Council shall consist of the following ex-officio members:—

The Bishop, who shall be President.

The Archdeacons of the Diocese.

The Chancellor of the Diocese.

The Solicitor of the Diocese.

And the Chairman of Committees.

Also nine other members to be determined as hereinafter provided.

## Elective Members.

3. The Synod shall, upon the passing of this Ordinance, and at the first session of every subsequent Synod, elect from among its members three clergymen and three laymen to be members of the Council.

## Appointed Members.

4. The Bishop, after the election by Synod as aforesaid, shall appoint three members of Synod to be members of the Council.

## Removal of Appointed Members.

5. The Bishop may at pleasure remove any member appointed by him, and shall fill up all vacancies, however caused, in the list of nominee members.

## Removal of Elective Members.

6. Any elective member of Council may be removed by vote of an absolute majority of the whole Synod.

## Elective Members—Vacancies—How Filled.

7. Any vacancy or vacancies in the number of elective members, occasioned by the operation of the provisions of this

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Ordinance, or any other cause, shall be filled up by the Synod at its first session after the same shall occur. Provided that if any vacancy shall occur when Synod is not in session the same shall be filled temporarily by the Council until an election can be made by the Synod.

## Tenure of Office.

8. The person appointed by the Bishop or elected by the Council to fill any extraordinary vacancy, shall hold office only so long as the person in whose place he has been appointed or elected could have held it.

## Vacancies not to Invalidate Proceedings.

9. No vacancy or vacancies in the Council, from any reason whatsoever, shall affect the validity of the proceedings thereof.

## Meetings of Council.

10. The Council shall be convened by the Bishop, and shall meet four times a year at least, or oftener at the discretion of the Bishop.

## Quorum.

11. Seven members of the Council shall form a quorum, of whom three shall be laymen.

## Powers and Duties of Council.

12. It shall be the duty of the Council to act as a board of advisers to the Bishop on all such matters as he may refer to them. And it shall also be their duty, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to do all or any of the following things, that is to say:—

(i.) To manage and administer all real and personal property held in trust for the Diocese, except such as is by the terms of the trust appointed to be otherwise managed and administered.

(ii.) To manage and administer all the Diocesan funds, except those as to which other provision has been made, and to fix all salaries and make all payments connected with the conduct of the Diocesan business.

(iii.) To regulate the Table of Authorised Diocesan Fees payable to the Registry of the Diocese.

(iv.) To fill up vacancies when Synod is not in Session in the Panel of Triers, Religious Instruction Council, and the Representatives of the Diocese in General and Provincial Synod.

(v.) To prepare legislation for Synod.

(vi.) To assess the parishes and districts, when necessary, in respect of all payments to be made to any Diocesan Funds under any Ordinance now or hereafter in force.

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- (vii.) To manage any Diocesan Book Depot.
- (viii.) To procure, and to have the custody of, all requisite deeds and declarations of trust in connection with Church property throughout the Diocese.
- (ix.) And generally to take such action as may by them be deemed necessary in such matters as may be from time to time referred or delegated to them by the Synod of the Diocese.

## Committees.

13. The Council may delegate any portion of its powers and duties to Committees, either with or without an obligation to report to the Council, but the powers so delegated shall be strictly defined and shall be revocable by the Council at pleasure.

## Report to Synod.

14. The Council shall at each session of Synod lay before the Synod a summary of the business transacted by it, together with a full account of all receipts and expenditure connected with funds under its management, and a complete schedule of all properties held by them under trust or management.

## Diocesan Auditors.

15. The Council shall, at its first meeting after the passing of this Ordinance, and at its first meeting in every subsequent year, appoint two Auditors, to be called Diocesan Auditors, whose duty it shall be to make a thorough investigation of the safe investment of all moneys pertaining to the Bishopric Endowment Fund and of all other Diocesan Funds, and of the Title Deeds and Declarations of Trust in connection with all Diocesan or Parochial property, and to report the result of their investigation to the Council, which shall take such action thereon as it may think fit, and shall lay such report or reports before Synod at its next session.

## Secretary and Treasurer.

16. The Council shall appoint its own Secretary and Treasurer and shall frame rules and by-laws for the conduct of its business.

## Title.

17. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Diocesan Council Ordinance, 1914."

I assent to above Ordinance

22nd June, 1914.

CECIL H. GRAFTON.