

MONMOUTH DIOCESAN CONFERENCE 2024

Motion to establish the Monmouth Diocesan Council

Motion

1. This Conference agrees to the establishing of the Monmouth Diocesan Council incorporating the Monmouth Diocesan Standing Committee as outlined in Schedule 1.
2. This Conference agrees to the consequential amendments to the Constitution of the Monmouth Diocesan Conference as set out in Schedule 2.

Schedule 1

Membership of the Monmouth Diocesan Council shall be:

Ex-Officio – 7

The Bishop
The Dean
The Archdeacons (3)
The Diocesan Chancellor
The Chair of the Parsonage Board

Elected (for three years) – 15

Two Clergy per Archdeaconry
Three Laity per Archdeaconry

Co-opted (for three years) – up to 6

If they are not already ex-officio or elected members of the Diocesan Council, this would include Diocesan representatives on the Provincial Standing Committee and the Representative Body

In attendance

Diocesan Secretary
Finance Officer
Other Officers as required

The number of clerics on the Council shall not be greater than the number of laity. All members of the Diocesan Council must be members of the Diocesan Conference.

Each Ministry Area Council and the Cathedral Chapter, at a meeting held before 31st July 2025, will be invited nominate candidates for election by the Diocesan Conference in November 2025. Nominated candidates will be assigned to one of the three Archdeaconries and all Conference members will be able to elect two clerical and three lay members from each Archdeaconry. The new Diocesan Council will operate from the beginning of the new triennium on 1st January 2026.



The Diocesan Council will be empowered to establish sub-committees and determine the membership and terms of reference of those committees.

Any vacancies that occur in the elected membership of the Council between triennial elections may be filled by the Council by co-option to serve until the end of the triennium.

Schedule 2

The Constitution of the Diocesan Conference of the Diocese of Monmouth

Section Six : ~~Standing Committee~~ Diocesan Council

Article Twenty-Seven - ~~The Standing Committee~~ Diocesan Council

- (a) There shall be a **Diocesan Council (acting as the** Standing Committee of the conference) which shall manage the day-to-day business of the Diocesan Conference, including the ordering and business of the meetings of the Diocesan Conference, and such other matters as set out in this constitution, or the Constitution of the Church in Wales, or which may be delegated to it from time to time. (IV A 23.1)
- (b) Subject to the direction of the conference, the **Diocesan Council** ~~Standing Committee~~ shall exercise the powers given to the Diocesan Conference by sections ~~3 34 and 39~~ of Chapter IV **D** of the Constitution of the Church in Wales (concerning parish boundaries and the creation of Rectorial benefices), as permitted by those sections. ~~(IV.34,39)~~ (IV D 3)

Article Twenty-Eight - Membership of the Diocesan Council ~~Standing Committee~~

The **Diocesan Council** ~~Standing Committee~~ shall consist of Ex-officio, and Elected and Co-opted Members

- (a) The ex officio members shall be:
- (i) the President of the conference, who shall be the Chairman
 - (ii) the Dean of **Newport** Monmouth,
 - (iii) the Archdeacons of **the Diocese** Newport,
 - ~~(iv) the Archdeacon of Monmouth,~~
 - ~~(v)~~ **(v)** the Chancellor,
 - ~~(vi) the Registrar,~~
 - ~~(vii) the Secretary of the Diocesan Conference, who shall be the Secretary,~~
 - ~~(viii) the Assistant Secretary of the Diocesan Conference,~~
 - ~~(ix) the Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance, and~~
 - ~~(x) the Secretary of the Diocesan Board of Finance.~~
 - (v) the Chair of the Parsonage Board**



- (a) There shall be six clerical and nine lay elected members, **two clerical and three lay elected members from each of the three Archdeaconries**, who shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the triennium, in accordance with the procedures for election set out below. Elected members shall hold office from 1st January next following to 31st December of the calendar year in which a triennial period ends, or until they cease to be members of the conference.
- (b) A casual vacancy occurring amongst the elected members of the **Diocesan Council** ~~Standing Committee~~ shall be filled by the committee, which shall co-opt a member of the conference, a cleric in place of a cleric or a lay member in place of a lay member.
- (c) **The Diocesan Council may co-opt up to a further six members ensuring that the number of clerical members does not exceed the number of lay members.**
- (d) **At the first meeting of the Diocesan Council at the beginning of a new triennium the President of the Conference shall preside over the co-option of members and the election of a Lay Co-Chair.**

