

## **CHELMSFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD**

### **HOUSE OF LAITY**

#### **Minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 2 March 2013 at Chelmsford Cathedral**

#### **1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 NOVEMBER 2012**

These were approved.

#### **2. CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS**

The Chair reminded members that the House could Co-opt up to five people. The purpose is to identify people who would provide experience and expertise that would otherwise be lacking.

Three proposals for co-option had been proposed:

Ron McLernon proposed Marion Ketley in her capacity as Chair of the Diocesan Mothers Union. Members voted with an overwhelming majority in favour. There was one abstention.

Rosalind Tatum, speaking on behalf of Laurence Martin who was not able to attend the meeting, proposed Canon Dr John Rees-White who, inter alia, was a representative of the Third Order Franciscans. Members voted in favour of his co-option, with two abstentions.

Mary Durlacher proposed Trevor Ireland with experience of over 20 years of serving on Synod and a representative of orthodox views. It was pointed out that Trevor Ireland had stood for election in the Colchester Deanery and failed to secure enough votes to be elected. A number of members expressed concern that a co-option would by-pass the democratic process. The majority of members voted against this co-option with five votes in favour and eleven abstentions.

#### **3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None