

**The Church of Scotland**

**The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy**

**Kirkcaldy: St Bryce Kirk**

**1 September 2015**

**The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy met for the transaction of ordinary business and was constituted in prayer by the Moderator, Rev Robin McAlpine.**

**Sederunt:-**

20 Ministers, 5 Others, 31 Elders and 4 Corresponding Members as per the attendance sheets.

**Apologies:-**

Apologies for absence were received from 7 Ministers and 1 other Presbyter as recorded.

The Moderator welcomed to the meeting -

**New Members** of Presbytery, and looked forward to their contributions in the work of Presbytery and its Committees.

**Representatives** from the congregation of Kennoway, Windygates & Balgonie: St Kenneth's who had been cited to appear for their interest.

**Speaker** - Ms.Suzy Goodsir, Development Manager, Greener Kirkcaldy

**Minute of Meeting**

The Minute of the meeting held on 30 June 2015 (pages 2592 - 2598) was approved and signed.

**Approval of the Agenda**

The Business Committee Convener, Rev Gilbert Nisbet, moved adoption of the Agenda as printed. This was agreed.

**Appointment of Moderator**

The Moderator called for the report in relation to section one of the Business Committee deliverance which was given by the Convener, Rev. Gilbert Nisbet.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

**1. Appointment of Moderator 2015/16**

Presbytery appoints the Reverend Rosemary Frew Moderator for the year 2014/15

In accordance with the Business Committee deliverance, submitted and approved at the ordinary meeting of Presbytery, on 30 June 2015, Presbytery, having elected unanimously Rev. Rosemary Frew MA, BD, confirmed her appointment for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Frew was welcomed by the outgoing Moderator, who expressed his best wishes for the coming year and thanked her and Presbytery for the support he had received during his term as Moderator.

Mrs. Frew responded appropriately, thanked Presbytery for electing her to the post and expressed the thanks of Presbytery to Mr. McAlpine for his service and commitment during his period in office.

### **Greener Kirkcaldy**

The Moderator called on the Rev. Ken Froude to introduce Ms. Suzy Goodsir, Development Manager, Greener Kirkcaldy, and invited her to address Presbytery.

Mr. Froude began by expressing the appreciation of the St. Bryce Kirk Congregation for the extensive and significant professional advice and wide ranging assistance they continue to receive from Ms. Goodsir and her organisation.

Ms. Goodsir outlined the work of her organisation which is a community led charity working locally with a range of partners and groups, to benefit our community and environment. Greener Kirkcaldy is principally concerned with offering advice in relation to energy consumption, greener transport, waste reduction and the local cultivation of wholesome food.

Following questions and answers, the Moderator thanked Ms. Goodsir for her address, for providing publicity material which will be distributed to our congregations, and wished her and the organisation well in the future.

### **Retirement of Mrs. Sheila Dale-Pimentil, Parish Assistant, Kennoway, Windygates & Balgonie: St. Kenneth's**

The Moderator called on Mr. Norman Cooper, Session Clerk, to speak on behalf of the congregation of Kennoway, Windygates & Balgonie: St. Kenneth's.

Mr Cooper paid tribute to their Parish Assistant expressing their grateful appreciation for her devoted service in the congregation and parish during almost sixteen years in post.

Mrs. Dale-Pimentil replied appropriately.

The Moderator on behalf of Presbytery thanked Mrs. Dale-Pimentil for her contribution to the work of Presbytery, her committee work in particular and wished her well in her retirement.

### **Business Committee**

The Moderator called for the balance of the report of the Business Committee which was given by the new Convener, Rev. Robin McAlpine.

The Presbytery Treasurer, Miss Jane Webster, spoke to sections two, three and four of the deliverance and the Rev Richard Baxter spoke to section six.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

#### **2. Presbytery Accounts**

Presbytery approves the accounts prepared by Presbytery Treasurer for the year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

#### **3. Presbytery Budget**

Presbytery approves the budget for 2015/16 submitted by the Presbytery Treasurer.

**4. Congregational Per Capita Levy for 2015/16**

Presbytery assesses congregations within the bounds at the rate of £2 per member on the roll as at 31 December 2014 as declared in the Returns of Persons and Agencies, and instructs that payment be made by cheque to the Treasurer on or before 1 November 2015.

**5. Treasurer**

Presbytery thanks the treasurer, Miss Jane Webster, for her diligent work in taking care of Presbytery finances and preparing accounts and budgets on Presbytery's behalf.

**6. Attestation of Accounts**

- a) Presbytery notes that the attestation of congregational accounts has taken place.
- b) Presbytery thanks congregational treasurers and finance conveners for their diligent work and for the high standard of the accounts presented this year.
- c) Presbytery thanks the attestation team of Steve Pimentil, Geoff Miller and Richard Baxter, and notes the need to add additional team members for next year's attestation process.

**Intimations**

Relevant intimations were made to Presbytery.

**Mission and Discipleship Committee**

There was no report.

The Moderator thanked Mr. Ian Biernat, for his continuing assistance as vice-convener, while Rev. Gillian Paterson continues on partial compassionate leave.

**Vacancy Procedure Committee**

There was no report.

**Church and Society Committee**

The Moderator called for the report of the Church and Society Committee which was given by the Convener, Rev Alan Kimmitt.

The Rev. Jim Reid spoke to section one of the deliverance.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

**1. Library Closures**

Presbytery notes with alarm the proposed closure by Fife Cultural Trust of 16 Libraries in Fife (seven of which are within Presbytery bounds) and encourages all library users to take part in the consultation process, even if their local library is not due to close.

**2. Kirkcaldy Crematorium – 'Funeral poverty'**

Presbytery instructs the Church & Society Committee to determine whether changes to arrangements for organists at Kirkcaldy Crematorium will result in an increase in the cost of funerals. Should increases result the serious concerns of Presbytery to be communicated to Fife Council.

**Church & Society Committee 'Focus Areas' for future discussion by Presbytery**

Presbytery agreed, following discussion and an indicative vote, that the following subjects be debated at future Presbytery meetings :-

1. World Mission Council – world church twinnings – General Assembly Remits Booklet p.17 section 4 refers.
2. Health – mental illness – General Assembly Remits Booklet p.18 section 30 refers.
3. Refugees and Migration - Remit Church & Society Committee.
4. Social Care Council – engagement and support for CrossReach – General Assembly Remits Booklet p. 19 refers.

### **Fabric and Finance Committee**

The Moderator called for the report of the Fabric and Finance Committee which was given by the Convener, Mr Brian Lumsden.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

#### **1. Fabric Matters – Bennochty Church**

Fabric and Finance approves under delegated authority the request from Bennochty Parish Church for the release of £16,610 inc. VAT from their Consolidated Fabric Fund. The sum is to provide for unforeseen asbestos removal, as part of their heating upgrade, and the provision of pipe guards at low level £12,390. There are additional costs for the New Store as a result of a specification change £2,600, and a deep clean of the building post these works £1620.

### **Ministries Committee**

The Moderator called for the report of the Ministries Committee which was given by the Convener, Rev. Jim Reid.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

#### **1. Presbytery Retreat**

Presbytery notes that the Ministries Retreat and Reflection Day, to be led by Very Revd John Chalmers, will be held on Thursday 24 September from 10 a.m. at Leven Golf Club.

#### **2. Pulpit Interchange**

Presbytery notes that Pulpit Interchange Sunday will be Sunday 7 February 2016.

### **Correspondence**

#### **Forwarded**

- 7 Jul Info re autumn classes at Aberdeen Academy of Theology
- 9 Jul Appeal for chaplains from Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland
- 10 Jul Message from Ministries Council for retired ministers re conduct of funerals and weddings of former parishioners
- 21 Jul Info re Rutherford House Conference
- 24 Jul Info re Bridge Builders Course
- 28 Jul Mission and Discipleship Council e-news
- 3 Aug info re Advent Challenge Workshop
- 7 Aug Info for Treasurers re pensions auto-enrolment
- 14 Aug Info for Session Clerks re Data Protection
- 17 Aug Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland Summer newsletter

#### **Clerk/Business Committee**

- 8 Jul Record of those who have activated C of S email account
- 29 Jul Info re voting on Overture amending Act 1 2015

- 29 Jul Request from Vine Trust to address Presbytery
- 3 Aug Intimation of retirement, Sheila Dale Pimentil
- 11 Aug Info re Data Protection compliance
- 17 Aug PIMS update
- 21 Aug Letter of concern from a treasurer re Workplace Pensions

**Church and Society**

- 1 Jul SCPO newsletter
- 29 Jul Ecumenical relations newsletters

**Fabric and Finance**

- 22 Jul Copy of letter from General Trustees to Buckhaven and Wemyss
- 22 Jul Copy of letter from General Trustees to Bennoch
- 5 Aug Copy of letter from Janette Wilson re letter from Fife Council
- 13 Aug Info re Stewardship Presbytery Reps Day

**Ministries**

- 1 Jul E-mail from Ministries Council re Conference for Presbyteries 30 Sept-2 Oct.
- 7 Aug PPTG draft minute – 9 June 2015

**Vacancy Procedures**

- 18 Aug Vacancy Schedule, Glenrothes: Christ's Kirk

**Late Items**

- 31 Aug Practising Certificate and request for a seat in Presbytery from Rev James Dick
- 31 Aug Info re ACTS 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert
- 31 Aug Info re 2016 Ministries and Mission contributions
- 31 Aug Extract in respect of Vacancy Schedule for Glenrothes: Christ's Kirk

**Adjournment**

Presbytery adjourned to meet at 7 pm on Tuesday 3 November 2015 in Abbotshall Church, Kirkcaldy, for a Celebration of the Lord's Supper, followed by a conference session on *Re-imagining the Regional Church*

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

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