

**The Church of Scotland**

**The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy**

**Kirkcaldy: St Bryce Kirk**

**2 December 2014**

**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, 3 Others, 31 Elders and 6 Corresponding Members as per the attendance sheets.

**Apologies:-**

Apologies for absence were received from 4 Ministers and 3 other Presbyters as recorded.

The Moderator welcomed to Presbytery, in her capacity as a minister, the Rev. Eileen Miller, following her service of Ordination and Induction to the charge of Glenrothes; St. Margaret's.

**Minutes of Meetings**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 30 October, 4 November and 20 November 2014 (pages 2572 - 2580) were approved and signed.

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

**Fife Carers Centre**

The Moderator introduced and welcomed Ms Lesley Childs, Training and Information Officer from the Fife Carers Centre, an independent company with charitable status.

Ms Childs outlined the work of her organisation which principally supports unpaid carers throughout Fife. She explained the various ways in which they do this through information sessions and learning groups. Importantly, Fife Carers Centre provides an environment where carers can confide in staff trained to appreciate their circumstances, and through professional assessment provide practical help and support.

The Moderator thanked Ms Childs for her address and referred to our common aspiration to provide pastoral care where needed. He wished her and her organisation well in the future.

**Business Committee**

The Moderator called for the report of the Business Committee which was given by the Convener, Rev. Gilbert Nisbet, and included a report from the Treasurer, Miss Jane Webster, concerning the 2014-2015 accounts.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

**1. Presbytery Accounts**

a) Presbytery approves the accounts for 2013/14 submitted by the Treasurer and Business Committee.

b) Presbytery approves the proposed budget for 2014/15, showing estimated expenditure for the present year of £20,660 with £4,486 to be taken from Reserves, leaving an estimated £16,882 to be met by congregations within the bounds.

c) Presbytery thanks in anticipation Messrs Andrew Duncan and William Aitken for their independent examination of the accounts and approves their appointment for 2014/15.

d) Presbytery thanks Miss Jane Webster for carrying out the duties of Presbytery Treasurer with diligence and care, and expresses gratitude for her continuing service in this task.

## **2. Inspection and Attestation of Presbytery Minutes**

Presbytery appoints Miss Jane Webster to inspect and attest the Presbytery Minute Book.

## **3. Congregational Statistics**

Presbytery approves the sending of Congregational Statistics Forms electronically to Session Clerks, requesting their completion and return to the Clerk by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015.

## **4. Delegated Powers**

Presbytery approves increasing the powers delegated to the Fabric and Finance Committee from £20,000 to £30,000.

## **5. Glenrothes: Christ's Kirk**

This additional section to the deliverance, moved by the Rev. Richard Baxter and seconded by Mrs. Wilma Page, was unanimously agreed:

Presbytery instructs the Business Committee to depart from further consideration of the appointment of an interim minister at Glenrothes: Christ's Kirk and instructs the Vacancy Procedure Committee to proceed with a Call in accordance with the approved Presbytery Plan.

## **Intimations**

Relevant intimations were made to Presbytery.

## **Mission and Discipleship Committee**

The Moderator called for the report of the Mission and Discipleship Committee which was given by the Convener, Rev. Gillian Paterson, and included an extract from a film relating to a new study course entitled 'The God Question – Science, God and the Search for Truth'.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

### **1. New Resource**

Presbytery agrees to hold an information evening for the new resource "The God Question" on Tuesday 3 February 2015 for members of Presbytery and participants from congregations.

## **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.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

### **1. Prayer for the Middle East**

Presbytery encourages congregations to pray for peace in the Middle East on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of each month.

### **2. Activism against Gender-Based Violence**

Presbytery encourages congregations to be aware of the 16 Days of the Activism Against Gender-Based Violence (25 November to 10 December) and the White Ribbon campaign.

### **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. Dysart St Clair**

Presbytery approves that the Committee progress a grant application of between £3000 and £8000 excluding VAT to the General Trustees, from Dysart St Clair, in support of a professional, independent options study to be carried out in relation to the various Church properties in the Parish.

#### **2. Fabric Matters**

Presbytery notes the following:

a) Congregations and Property Conveners are reminded that if any Church property has a lightning conductor installed it should be the subject of periodic inspection and testing by an approved person.

b) Vacancy Manse Inspections are to be scheduled for Glenrothes: Christ's Kirk and Markinch Church, the latter dependent on whether the existing lease is continued.

c) The potential sale of Auchterderran and Kinglassie Manse and grounds will be the subject of a joint visit by the General Trustees, Presbytery and Church trustees to consider the proposals from a local property developer.

d) The quinquennial Property reports, prepared by Messrs Hardies for 2014, have now been circulated to the relevant congregations for their attention.

### **Ministries Committee**

The Moderator called for the report of the Ministries Committee which was given by the Convener, Rev. Andrew Donald who moved sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the deliverance. Rev. Richard Baxter spoke to and moved section 5 of the deliverance.

The report included a summary from Rev. Alan Kimmitt concerning his appointment as Vocations Champion which forms part of a new initiative established within the Ministries Council remit.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

#### **1. Appointment of Chaplain to Retired Ministers of Presbytery**

Presbytery approves the appointment of Rev. Tilly Wilson to serve as Chaplain to retired ministers of Presbytery.

#### **2. Chaplains to Raith Rovers Football Club and East Fife Football Club**

Presbytery notes that Rev. Jim Reid serves as Chaplain to Raith Rovers Football Club. Jim was appointed in 2014. Presbytery further notes that Rev. Richard Baxter serves as Chaplain to East Fife Football Club. Richard was appointed in 2011.

#### **3. Pulpit Interchange Sunday**

Presbytery approves the 2015 rota for Pulpit Interchange Sunday 8 February, and urges host churches to make contact with their visiting minister in good time.

#### **4. Presbytery Report: Fewer Ministers More Ministries**

Presbytery receives the report 'Fewer Ministers More Ministries' and instructs Kirk Sessions to complete and return the accompanying questionnaire to Rev Richard Baxter by 20 January 2015 at the latest.

## 5. Presbytery Plan

Presbytery notes that the Presbytery Plan has been updated from earlier versions to take account of the following changes and developments:

1. Union of Auchterderran and Kinglassie
2. Union of Markinch and Thornton
3. MDS appointments in Glenrothes as follows:
  - Glenrothes: St Margaret's/Glenrothes Christ's Kirk 1 FTE
  - Glenrothes: St Columba's/Glenrothes: St Ninian's/Leslie Trinity 1 FTE
  - Glenrothes-wide family/youth worker – 1 FTE
4. Designation of Methil: Wellesley as a Priority Area Parish
5. Appointment of OLM to Kirkcaldy: Torbain
6. Redesignation of Kirkcaldy: Templehall and Kirkcaldy: Torbain as unrestricted charges.
7. Suspension of references to parish grouping involving Buckhaven and Wemyss, Methil: Wellesley and Methilhill and Denbeath, pending a review of future staffing arrangements in that area.
8. Confirmation of the position of Leslie: Trinity as a congregation under Guardianship working within the Rothes Grouping.
9. Expansion of staffing descriptions to separately identify MWS, MDS and Diaconate posts.
10. Updating of building designations for Thornton, Torbain and Templehall in light of completed unions and redesignations.
11. The narrative has been updated only to the extent required to incorporate these factual changes and has not otherwise been revised.

Presbytery approves the updated plan for submission to Ministries Council.

## **Correspondence**

### **Forwarded**

- 10 Nov Mission and Discipleship Council e-news
- 11 Nov E-mail from Graham Duffin re Christmas / Study Leave
- 13 Nov Heart and Soul Swing Band intimation
- 20 Nov Information from St Andrews Presbytery re Trustee Seminar
- 21 Nov Church and Society Council campaign to challenge violence against women
- 21 Nov Info re EMMS Christmas Roadshow
- 21 Nov Info re Learn 'Community of Faith' conference.
- 24 Nov Info re Home2Fit website resource for accessible housing
- 25 Nov Forces Chaplaincy Newsletter

### **Business**

- 6 Nov Intimation of change of name from C of S Insurance Company Ltd to C of S Insurance Services Ltd
- 14 Nov Congregational Office Bearers Returns (PIMS)
- 19 Nov Intimation of change of service times from Markinch and Thornton.
- 20 Nov Annual Statistical Return (PIMS)

### **Church and Society**

- 3 Nov Ecumenical Relations newsletter

### **Fabric and Finance**

- 19 Nov Annual 'Diligence Form' from General Trustees

25 Nov Copy of letter from General Trustees to Auchterderran Kinglassie

**Ministries**

17 Nov Request from Ministries Council for appointment of Presbytery Assessor for discernment placement.

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**More Recently Received**

26 Nov E-mail re chaplaincy in the Royal Navy – forwarded

27 Nov Updated Frontline Fife Directory – on website

27 Nov Presbytery Information Sheet from CrossReach – forwarded

28 Nov Booking form for Legal Briefing for Elders organised by St Andrews Presbytery – forwarded to Session Clerks

28 Nov Church and Society e-news – forwarded

30 Nov E-mail advising of change of service times at Markinch & Thornton: viz 9.45 a.m. at Thornton and 11.15 a.m. at Markinch

1 Dec Info re visit from General Trustees to Auchterderran Kinglassie Manse, and proposed manse site. Presbytery to be represented.

1 Dec Letter from Rev Eileen Miller thanking Presbytery for a most wonderful service of Ordination and Induction

1 Dec Letter from Mission and Discipleship Council re changes to support for Presbytery Adult Trainers

**Adjournment**

Presbytery adjourned to meet at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 3 March 2015 in St Bryce Kirk Centre for the transaction of ordinary business.

The Moderator conveyed his best wishes for Christmas and New Year to Presbytery and closed the meeting with prayer.

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