

The Church of Scotland

The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy

Kirkcaldy: St Bryce Kirk

3 March 2015

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

Sederunt:-

18 Ministers, 4 Others, 29 Elders and 4 Corresponding Members as per the attendance sheets.

Apologies:-

Apologies for absence were received from 10 Ministers and 3 other Presbyters as recorded.

Minutes of Meetings

The Minute of the meeting held on 2 December 2014 (pages 2581 - 2585) 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.

Scottish Pilgrim Routes Forum

The Moderator introduced Mr. Nick Cooke of the Scottish Pilgrim Routes Forum, a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and invited him to address Presbytery.

Mr Cooke explained that the Forum included a network of organisations and individuals committed to developing routes for off-road pilgrimage travel throughout Scotland. Specifically Mr. Cooke referred to The Fife Pilgrim Way, a seventy mile long distance walk, currently under construction, which follows the route taken by medieval pilgrims through Fife from Culross to St. Andrews.

Forum literature was made available and the speaker responded to a number of questions.

The Moderator thanked Mr. Cooke for his address and wished his 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.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

1. Commissioners to the General Assembly

Presbytery appoints Revs Wilma Cairns, Elisabeth Cranfield, Ken Froude, Robin McAlpine, Allistair Roy, Alan Sharp, Mrs Jacqueline Thomson DCS, Mrs Sheena Briggs [St. Ninian's], Mrs Fiona Cunningham [Torbain], Mr Graham Harrower [Bennoch], Mrs Jean Levack

[Buckhaven & Wemyss], Mrs May Russell [Methilhill and Denbeath] and Mrs Mary Tulloch [Kinghorn] as its Commissioners to the 2015 General Assembly.

2. Congregational Statistics

Presbytery thanks congregations for their timeous submission of Congregational Statistics. Presbytery notes the same and thanks George Luke for their collation as well as his efforts in establishing the PIMS system for Presbytery.

3. Annual Inspection of Records

Presbytery agrees to advise congregations that the annual inspection of records will take place in St. Bryce Kirk Centre, Kirkcaldy on Monday 20 April from 9.30 am. onwards.

4. Inspection of Congregational Accounts

(a) Presbytery appoints a committee for the inspection and attestation of the Accounts of all congregations within the bounds for 2014 with the following membership: Geoff Miller (convener), Richard Baxter and Steve Pimentil, with the right to co-opt another suitably qualified person if necessary.

(b) Presbytery further instructs the committee to examine all congregational accounts, ensure that any major errors are corrected, and to report to Presbytery at its September meeting.

5. Fellowship Meal

Presbytery supports the proposal to hold a fellowship meal prior to its meeting on 30 June.

6. Inspection of Presbytery Minute Book

Presbytery notes that the Presbytery Minute Book has been inspected and was found to be in order. Presbytery further records its thanks to Jean Webster for carrying out this task.

7. Representative Elders and Additional Elders

Presbytery notes that congregations are asked to submit names of representative elders and additional elders to serve on Presbytery for the year 2015/2016 to the Clerk by 19 June 2015. Those elders proposed should be willing to serve on the committees of Presbytery and play a full part in the work of this court of the Church.

8. Conveners of Standing Committees

Presbytery appoints Rev Robin McAlpine as Convener of the Business Committee and Rev James Reid as Convener of the Ministries Committee for the session 2015/16.

9. Methil: Wellesley

Presbytery appoints Rev. Ken Froude as Interim Moderator at Wellesley Church during the minister's period of absence.

10. Notice of Motion

Notice is given that the Convener of the Business Committee will bring the name of Rev. Rosemary Frew to the next meeting of Presbytery to serve as Moderator for the ensuing year.

Intimations

Relevant intimations were made to Presbytery.

The Moderator paid tribute to Mrs. Betty Scott who was attending her last Presbytery meeting prior to moving from the district. Mrs Scott was thanked for her long and devoted service to Presbytery which included the posts of Precentor and Presbytery World Mission contact, as well as representative elder for Kinglassie Parish Church.

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

a) Kinghorn Church

Presbytery homologates the approval given under delegated authority, to proceed with the essential repairs to the Bell Cradle and Bell Tower at a cost of £18,390 + VAT. The costs will be borne from the Congregational funds.

b) Kirkcaldy: Bennochy

Presbytery notes that the Fabric & Finance Committee approves, under delegated authority, the work of structural engineers to investigate fault cracks in the buildings at a cost of £4,932 including VAT, to be taken from the Consolidated Fabric Fund.

c) Glenrothes: St Columba's

Presbytery notes that the Fabric & Finance Committee supports the application to restore the Bell, Bell Tower and entrance canopy at a cost of £90,450 inc of VAT and the professional fees. This will be funded by grants and a congregational contribution of £25,000. Approval to proceed is subject to full grant funding being obtained.

d) Kirkcaldy: St Bryce

Presbytery notes that the Fabric & Finance Committee supports the application to replace the central heating boiler system and other necessary works to facilitate the changes at a cost of £86,430 inc of VAT. This will be funded by grants and a congregational contribution of £30,000. Approval to proceed is subject to full grant funding being obtained.

Ministries Committee

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

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

1. Presbytery Interchange

Presbytery thanks all those who participated in the Presbytery Interchange on Sunday 8 February 2015.

2. Study Leave applications

(a) Presbytery approves in principle the Study Leave application of Rev. Robin McAlpine subject to concurrence from Ministries Council.

(b) Presbytery approves in principle the Study Leave application of Rev. Rosie Frew subject to concurrence from Ministries Council.

[N.B. Where study leave lasts for two weeks or more, Presbyteries are asked to consult with the Kirk Session or Sessions following approval. Presbyteries will be notified of approval following the meeting which deals with applications.]

3. Fewer Ministers, More Ministries - Report and Questionnaire

(a) Presbytery grants approval for the "*Fewer Ministers, More Ministries*" Report and Questionnaire to be sent to Ministries Council for consideration.

(b) Presbytery agrees to refer the question of offering practical training to help congregations deal with the anticipated reduction in Ministry Posts to the Mission and Discipleship Committee.

4. Central Presbytery Planning Task Group

Presbytery notes the following communication from the Central Presbytery Planning Task Group: "Updated Plan, November 2014. The Task Group thanked Presbytery for the updated Plan and concurred."

Mission and Discipleship Committee

The Moderator called for the report of the Mission and Discipleship Committee which was given by the Vice Convener, Mr Ian Biernat.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

1. Presbytery thanks the members of congregations who attended the recent 'The God Question' presentation, and encourages congregations to make good use of these resources in the future.

Vacancy Procedure Committee

The Moderator called for the report of the Vacancy Procedure Committee which was given by the Convener, Mrs Jacqueline Thomson DCS. There were no deliverances.

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. **Support for Coptic Church**

Presbytery expresses deep concern at the killing of innocent Copts in Libya and expresses support to our Christian brothers and sisters at St Mark's Coptic Orthodox in Kirkcaldy.

2. **Mutual Credit Union**

Presbytery encourages ministers, congregational trustees, employees and household members of people in any of these groups to consider joining the Churches' Mutual Credit Union.

Following approval of the deliverance the Moderator offered a prayer of support for the Coptic Church in Libya, and specifically the members of St. Mark's Coptic Church in Kirkcaldy.

Correspondence

Forwarded

- 15 Dec Info re changes to food labelling laws
- 17 Dec Church and Society e-news
- 23 Dec Go For It learning opportunities in 2015
- 5 Jan Info from Janette Wilson re Small Organisations Water Exemption Scheme
- 6 Jan Info re Pastoral Supervision Conference, in Edinburgh, March.
- 9 Jan Workplace Chaplaincy Winter Newsletter
- 9 Jan Info re Workplace Chaplaincy Introduction Day
- 12 Jan Mission and Discipleship Council e-news
- 13 Jan Invitation to Living Wage meeting
- 14 Jan Info re changes in death certification
- 19 Jan Request for stewards for the General Assembly
- 19 Jan Reminder about The God Question
- 20 Jan Info re training Elders as Interim Moderators
- 21 Jan Church and Society Council e-news

- 21 Jan Info re Media training event
- 22 Jan Powerpoint slides from Janette Wilson from Elders' Briefing night
- 23 Jan Contact details for young organist
- 26 Jan Crossreach Presbytery Information Sheet
- 26 Jan Info re concert in Methil: Wellesley
- 28 Jan Vision Day Fliers from Fresh Expressions Team
- 29 Jan Law Dept advising of increase in period of notice required re marriage
- 29 Jan Info re Go For It workshops
 - 2 Feb Info re Jesus: The Evidence
 - 3 Feb Info re Launchpad training events
 - 3 Feb Change of address for C of S Insurance Services
 - 3 Feb Info re Fife Pilgrim Way – Church and Community Engagement
- 4 Feb Mission and Discipleship Council E-news
- 5 Feb Info re new MDS posts
- 9 Feb Info re visit by Osiligi Maasai Warriors
- 9 Feb Study Leave Opportunity – Managing Effective Change
- 16 Feb Reminder re Presbytery Youth Reps to GA 2015
- 18 Feb Info re re-scheduled Living Wage Meeting
- 18 Feb Church and Society e-news
- 18 Feb Info re Lent Reflections
- 23 Feb Info re Kirkcaldy Deaf Group meetings
- 23 Feb Info to Jenny Featherstone's partner congregations
- 23 Feb Info re EMMS Cycle Pilgrimage to Iona
- 24 Feb Message from Rt Rev John Chalmers re Lent reflections

Clerk / Business Committee

- 4 Dec Info from Ministries Council re log books etc
- 10 Dec E-mail from Martin Scott re new Ministries E-mail system
- 14 Jan Info re calculation of Commissioners for 2015 General Assembly
- 19 Jan Request from Lord Lieutenant for nominations for Royal Garden Party
- 18 Feb Request from Committee on Chaplains to HM Forces to address Presbytery
- 20 Feb Advice re annual inspection of log books
- 23 Feb E-mail from Bryan Tomlinson re visit to Coptic Orthodox Church
- 23 Feb Renewal confirmation for Data Protection registration for 2015

Church and Society

- 26 Jan Expression of interest in CoS Fife Council Rep from Dunfermline Presbytery
- 27 Jan ER Newsletter
 - 2 Feb SCPO Newsletter

Fabric and Finance

- 14 Jan Copy of letter from General Trustees to Dysart St Clair
- 22 Jan Info re funds held on behalf of congregations by General Trustees
- 23 Jan Letter from General Trustees re Auchterderran Kinglassie
- 11 Feb Copy of letter sent to Kinghorn Church
- 13 Feb Copy of letter sent regarding Auchterderran Kinglassie Manse

Ministries

- 14 Dec Request from Markinch and Thornton to be considered for services of OLM
- 19 Dec Copy of PPTG Draft Minute 18 November 2014
- 19 Dec Info re Ministries Council Conference 28-29 January
- 5 Feb Copy of PPTG Draft Minute 13 January 2015
- 11 Feb Study Leave application – Rev R Frew

Mission and Discipleship

- 19 Dec Info re next gathering of Mission and Discipleship Presbytery reps

Additional

- March Reprint of the ‘Learn – Eldership’ book received and lodged in the Presbytery Office for interested parties to borrow.

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet at 7.15 p.m. on Tuesday 30 June 2015 in St Bryce Kirk Centre for the transaction of ordinary business. This will follow the Fellowship Meal at 6 p.m.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

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