

The Church of Scotland

The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy

Kirkcaldy: St Bryce Kirk

30 June 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, 3 Others, 28 Elders and 6 Corresponding Members as per the attendance sheets.

Apologies:-

Apologies for absence were received from 9 Ministers and 8 other Presbyters as recorded.

The Moderator, on behalf of Presbytery welcomed Ms. Jennifer Stark, Mission Development Staff, who is providing temporary maternity leave cover at Glenrothes: St. Margaret's and Glenrothes: Christ's Kirk

Minutes of Meetings

The Minute of the meeting held on 3 March 2015 (pages 2586 - 2591) 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.

Report from the General Assembly

Rev Ken Froude reported diligence on behalf of the Commissioners to the 2015 General Assembly'

Annual Report of the Presbyterial Council of the Guild

The Moderator called on Mrs. Alison Davidson to report to Presbytery. Mrs Davidson gave a comprehensive and detailed report on the work of the Presbyterial Council and the Guilds within our Presbytery.

The Moderator, recognising the initiatives promoted by the Guild, thanked Mrs Davidson and asked her to convey the best wishes of Presbytery to her Council and Guild members.

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. Appointment of Moderator of Presbytery

Presbytery appoints Rev Rosemary Frew Moderator of the Presbytery of Kirkcaldy for the year 2015/2016.

2. Practising Certificates

Presbytery approves the issue of Practising Certificates to the following ministers: Revs David Adams, Alex Forsyth, Dr Douglas Galbraith, Jack Gisbey, Christine Houghton, George Nicol, Maureen Paterson, Ben Pieterse, Alexandra Rosener, James Templeton, and Tilly Wilson.

3. Presbytery Retreat

Presbytery agrees to hold a Retreat, organised by the Ministries Committee for those invited by them to attend, on 24 September 2015.

4. Presbytery Meetings 2015/16

Presbytery resolves to hold ordinary meetings on the first Tuesday of September and December 2015, the first Tuesday of March 2016 and the last Tuesday of June 2016. In addition the Presbytery Communion service, together with a conference session or other business, will be held on the first Tuesday of November 2015. Other meetings may be called where and when appropriate.

5. Commission of Assembly

Presbytery appoints Rev Robin McAlpine along with Mr Stuart Lynch to serve on the Commission of Assembly for 2015/16.

6. Summer Services

Presbytery grants permission for joint services to be held in Glenrothes as follows: 5 July at Christ's Kirk; 12 July at Leslie: Trinity; 19 July at St. Columba's; 26 July at St. Margaret's [services at 10.30am.]; and for joint services to be held in Kirkcaldy as follows: 5 July at Bennoch; 12 July at Abbotshall; 19 July at St. Bryce; and 26 July at Linktown [services at 11.00am.].

7. Kirkcaldy: Bennoch

Presbytery agrees to appoint Rev Catriona Morrison as Interim Moderator of Kirkcaldy: Bennoch during Rev Robin McAlpine's forthcoming period of study leave.

The Moderator, on behalf of Presbytery, thanked the Rev Gilbert Nisbet, the retiring Convener for his diligent service during his six year term in office.

Intimations

Relevant intimations were made to Presbytery.

Ministries Committee

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

Included in the report, the Rev Marc Prowe outlined the circumstances concerning the homologation of an application for funding through the Ministries Council to the Pioneer Ministry Project for a 'Music Ministry' within Presbytery.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

1. Music Ministry Project

Presbytery homologates the application to Ministries Council for the Pioneer Music Ministry Project proposed by the Rev Marc Prowe.

2. Candidate for Ministry

Presbytery notes with approval that Miss Dawn Laing has been accepted as a candidate for full-time ministry.

3. MDS St Margaret's and Christ's Kirk

Presbytery welcomes the temporary appointment of Ms Jennifer Stark to Glenrothes: St. Margaret's and Glenrothes: Christ's Kirk, during the maternity leave of Ellie Morrocco.

4. Vacancy Procedures

Presbytery notes the new procedures required during a vacancy as described in the Ministers and Deacons in Civil Partnerships Act (ACT I: 2015)

The Moderator, on behalf of Presbytery, presented to Miss Laing a book grant to the value of £250 and wished her well in her future studies as a candidate for the Ministry.

The Moderator then conveyed the thanks of Presbytery to the Rev Andrew Donald for his conscientious four years of service as Ministries Committee Convener, making specific reference to the formulation and presentation of the Presbytery Plan.

Mission and Discipleship Committee

The Moderator called for the report of the Mission and Discipleship Committee which was given by Mrs Myra Deas and included a presentation by the Presbytery Prayer Co-ordinator, Mr. George Luke, on the 'Community Bible Experience' explaining the intention of this project to get us reading the Bible in community using a text with no chapter and verse numbers.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

This section was taken in private.

1. Superintendence

A - Local Church Review, Kirkcaldy: Abbotshall

1. Presbytery receives the Local Church Review Report for Kirkcaldy: Abbotshall
2. Presbytery thanks the Minister, Kirk Session, Office-bearers and Congregation for their acceptance of the visit.
3. Presbytery thanks the Dedicated Team members, Jacqueline Thomson (team leader), Elisabeth Cranfield, Alec Redpath and Graham Harrower.
4. Presbytery notes the 3 year plan agreed by the Kirk Session.
5. Presbytery notes that Graham Harrower will support and encourage the congregation for the next three years.
6. Presbytery finds Kirkcaldy: Abbotshall in a satisfactory state.

B - Local Church Review, Kirkcaldy: Bennoch

1. Presbytery receives the Local Church Review Report for Kirkcaldy: Bennoch.
2. Presbytery thanks the Minister, Kirk Session, Office-bearers and Congregation for their acceptance of the visit.
3. Presbytery thanks the Dedicated Team members, Alistair McLeod (team leader), Dorothy Murray, Carol Gibson and Margaret Cunningham.
4. Presbytery notes the 3 year plan agreed by the Kirk Session.
5. Presbytery notes that Dorothy Murray will support and encourage the congregation for the next three years.
6. Presbytery finds Kirkcaldy: Bennoch in a satisfactory state.

C - Local Church Review, Glenrothes: St Ninian's

1. Presbytery receives the Local Church Review Report for Glenrothes: St Ninian's.

2. Presbytery thanks the Minister, Kirk Session, Office-bearers and Congregation for their acceptance of the visit
3. Presbytery thanks the Dedicated Team members, Jean Webster (team leader), May Russell, Christine Whitelaw and Finlay Ferguson.
4. Presbytery notes the 3 year plan agreed by the Kirk Session.
5. Presbytery notes that Christine Whitelaw will support and encourage the congregation for the next three years.
6. Presbytery finds Glenrothes: St Ninian's in a satisfactory state.

Presbytery resumed in open court.

2. Prayer Co-ordinator

Presbytery notes the "Community Bible Experience" Programme will be promoted in the autumn.

Vacancy Procedure Committee

There was no report, nor any 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. Prayer Vigil

Presbytery encourages participation in the Prayer Vigil for Palestine and Israel on 24 August starting at 7pm in Abbotshall Church hall.

2. Pilgrim Way Challenge

Presbytery encourages participation in the Pilgrim Way Challenge on Saturday 19 September raising awareness of EMMS projects.

3. World Mission Representative

Presbytery appoints Stuart Lynch as the World Mission Representative for the next year.

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

Presbytery notes that the Fabric and Finance Committee has approved under delegated authority the following items:

a) Kirkcaldy: Bennoch

The Fabric and Finance committee approves the request from Kirkcaldy: Bennoch for a draw down from the Consolidated Fabric Fund of £1767.80 inc of VAT for the replacement of doors and water heater.

b) Buckhaven and Wemyss

The Fabric and Finance committee approves the request from Buckhaven and Wemyss for a draw down from the Consolidated Fabric Fund of £4,980 inc VAT for the an upgrade of the fire alarm system and fire retardant treatment of timbers in the St Andrews halls; and a

further sum from the Consolidated Fabric Fund of £4,725 excl VAT for the repointing of brickwork at Buckhaven Church.

Correspondence

Forwarded

- 4 Mar Mission and Discipleship Council e-news
- 6 Mar Study Leave Opportunity – Aberdeen Summer School
- 10 Mar Info re Argyll Convention 2015
- 12 Mar Info re Workplace Chaplaincy introduction evening
- 12 Mar PVG Scheme – Ministers in Kirkcaldy Presbytery to respond!
- 12 Mar Info re performance of The Easter Story
- 13 Mar Info re Bonhoeffer for Pastors
- 16 Mar Info re Supporting Ministry Roadshow – Bo’ness
- 18 Mar Final request for GA Youth Reps
- 19 Mar Info from Janette Wilson re Budget – Matters of interest for churches
- 20 Mar Study Leave Opportunity – Clergy retreat at Corrymeela
- 25 Mar Church and Society e-news
- 27 Mar Crossreach Monthly Presbytery Information Sheet
- 30 Mar Info re Pioneer Ministry Pilot Scheme
- 31 Mar Info from the Sailors Society
- 7 Apr Mission and Discipleship Council e-news
- 8 Apr Info re Clergy Wellbeing Conference
- 14 Apr Info re Go For It training events
- 14 Apr Info re The Abbey Summer School
- 15 Apr Info from the Centre for Ministry Studies
- 15 Apr Panel on Review and Reform Path of Renewal Pilot Project
- 15 Apr Info re CMS Annual Lecture and Seminar
- 17 Apr Communications Event for Commissioners at General Assembly
- 22 Apr Intimation re Glasgow Phoenix Choir at Methil: Wellesley
- 22 Apr Nitekirk Job Advert
- 22 Apr Church and Society e-news
- 24 Apr Invitation to join in VE Day celebration
- 29 Apr May information sheet from Crossreach
- 30 Apr Info re Go For It training
- 1 May Info re Training Course in Spiritual Accompaniment
- 4 May Info re Edinburgh Dogmatics Conference
- 4 May Info re Memorial Service for Dr David Goodbourn
- 5 May Info re Amazing Love concert in Burntisland
- 6 May Info re Workplace Chaplaincy Information Evening
- 6 May Invite to / reminder about Heart and Soul
- 12 May Info re The Big Debate (Humanism and Christianity)
- 14 May Info re new Water and Waste Water Exemption Scheme
- 14 May Info re Launch of a Decade for Ministry
- 18 May Info re Fife International Carnival
- 22 May Info re Culross Concert by Kinghorn Singers
- 26 May Job description and advert for Path of Renewal post
- 26 May Assembly Future survey
- 28 May Info re Going for Growth Summer School

- 3 Jun Crossreach information sheet for June
- 3 Jun Church and Society e-news
- 4 Jun Mission and Discipleship e-news
- 8 Jun Church and Society Education e-news
- 10 Jun Centre for Ministry Studies newsletter
- 16 Jun Info from EMMS re Fife Pilgrim Way Challenge
- 16 Jun Info re Climate Reality talk
- 17 Jun Info re Go For It training
- 23 Jun Info re SAPCC Annual Day Conference
- 23 Jun Invite from Christian Aid to service of prayer and reflection on Israel and occupied Palestinian territory
- 23 Jun Info re All Saints and All Souls worship conference
- 23 Jun Info re Eco-Congregation event

Clerk/Business Committee

- 4 Mar Info for Commissioners to the General Assembly from Acting Principal Clerk
- 2 Apr Info re offer of locum from Aug 2015
- 15 Apr Request for info and updates from the Year Book Editor
- 5 May Copy of financial statistics for 2014 for PIMS
- 12 May Intimation re Ellie Morrocco's maternity leave, covered by Jennifer Stark
- 1 Jun Updated guidelines for Interim Moderators
- 2 Jun Final collated deliverance from the General Assembly
- 19 Jun E-mail from Convener of Assembly Arrangements re attendance and voting (in response to queries in regard to the discrepancies between numbers attending and numbers voting)

Church and Society

- 15 Apr Groundswell Newsletter
- 5 May SCPO newsletter
- 4 Jun SCPO newsletter

Fabric and Finance

- 29 Mar Application from St Bryce for £5000 grant from General Trustees
- 4 May Copy of letter from General Trustees to Burntisland
- 20 May Copy of Letter from General Trustees to St Bryce
- 22 May Checklist and forms for attestation of accounts

Ministries

- 12 Mar Info re East Regional Interim Ministry meeting – 23 April
- 24 Mar Study Leave approval – Rev Rosemary Frew
- 17 Mar Decision of recent Local Review to allow candidate to proceed to Assessment Conference
- 7 Apr Study Leave approval – Rev Robin McAlpine
- 9 Apr PPTG draft minute – 24 Feb 2015
- 29 May PPTG draft minute – 28 April 2015
- 3 Jun Details of candidate for Full Time Ministry of Word and Sacrament seeking nomination
- 23 Jun Info re Gabrielle Dench, successor to Gavin Elliott, Ministries Council

Mission and Discipleship

- 16 Mar Request for items from Kirkcaldy Presbytery for Church Offices' Prayer Diary

Vacancy Procedures Committee

- 1 Jun Updated guidelines for Interim Moderators
- 10 Jun Details of new Locum Appointment Form

Retiring Members of Presbytery & Acknowledgement of Long Service

Prior to adjournment the Moderator thanked all those members of Presbytery who were retiring at the end of this current session for their attendance at meetings, their service on committees and in various posts and wished them well in the future.

The Moderator also offered the congratulations of Presbytery to the following ministers in recognition of their long service :-

- Twenty-five years – Rev Tilly Wilson
- Thirty years – Rev Jim Reid and Rev John Thomson
- Thirty-five years – Rev Alan Sharp
- Forty years – Rev Jamie Templeton.

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 1 September 2015 in St Bryce Kirk Centre for the transaction of ordinary business.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

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