

The Church of Scotland

The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy

Kirkcaldy

5 March 2013

The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy met and was constituted in prayer by the Moderator, Rev Tony Fowler, for the transaction of ordinary business

Sederunt:-

25 Ministers, 1 Deacon, 32 Elders and 7 Corresponding Members as per the attendance sheets.

Apologies:-

Apologies for absence were received from 4 Ministers and 8 other Presbyters as recorded.

The Moderator welcomed the Rev. Alan Kimmitt, Glenrothes: St. Columba's, and looked forward to his contribution in the service and fellowship of Presbytery.

Mr. Kimmitt thanked the Moderator for his welcome and thanked Presbytery for their support on the occasion of his Service of Ordination and Induction.

Minutes of Meetings

The Minutes of the meetings held on 5 February 2013 (pages 2502 - 2506) and 21 February 2013 (pages 2507 - 2508) 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.

Report of the 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. Alex Forsyth, Tony Fowler, Gilbert Nisbet, Marc Prowe, Jim Reid, Alexandra Rosener, Mrs Jacqueline Thomson, Deacon, and Mrs Mary Cook, Mr Norman Cooper, Mr Bryan Gould, Miss Isabel Ireland, Miss Dorothy Murray and Mrs Wilma Page, Elders, as its Commissioners to the General Assembly of 2013.

2. Inspection of Congregational Accounts

(a) Presbytery appoints a committee for the inspection and attestation of the Accounts of all congregations within the bounds for 2012 with the following membership: Richard Baxter (convener), Olive Gardner, Sam Dryburgh, Bert Simpson, and Steve Pimentil.

(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.

3. Fellowship Meal

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

4. Inspection of Presbytery Minute Book

Presbytery notes that the Presbytery Minute Book has been inspected and was found to be in order.

5. Congregational Statistics

Presbytery notes the Congregational Statistics for 2012.

The Convener reminded Presbytery that the annual Inspection and Attestation of Congregational Records will take place in Kirkcaldy: St. Bryce Kirk Centre on Wednesday 17th April 2013. The appropriate timetable will be issued by the Clerk in due course

Intimations

Relevant intimations were made to Presbytery including details of Parish Boundaries which are now held and can be accessed electronically - section 8 of the Business Committee deliverance of 5 February 2013 refers.

It was agreed that details be forwarded to local Funeral Directors in due course.

Presbytery thanked Mr. George Luke for his diligence in the preparation of this important work of reference.

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. PPW/MDS – Timeframe for Changes to Terms and Conditions

Presbytery notes the proposed time frame for the changes to the terms and conditions of PPW/MDS posts.

2. Enquiry and Assessment Review Group

Presbytery notes the proposed changes to the Enquiry and Assessment Scheme, which has been circulated with the Presbytery Papers. An interim report will be brought to the General Assembly of 2013.

3. Guardianships, Sisting of Vacancies and Continued Vacancies

Presbytery notes the updated guidelines on Guardianships, Sisting of Vacancies and Continued Vacancies issued by the Ministries Council which has been circulated with the Presbytery Papers.

4. Part Time Ministries

Presbytery notes the updated guidelines on Part Time Ministries issued by the Ministries Council which has been circulated with the Presbytery Papers.

5. Presbytery Retreat

Presbytery notes the intention of the Ministries Committee to hold the Annual Retreat Day on Thursday 3 October 2013, with Rev Dr Francis Bridges as the guest speaker.

6. Study Leave

Presbytery approves the Study Leave application from the Rev Jim Reid from Wednesday 5th June 2013 to Wednesday 12th June 2013 to read and reflect on issues surrounding the topic of Dementia.

7. Presbytery Interchange

Presbytery thanks everyone involved for their co-operation in annual Pulpit Interchange.

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. Worship and Mission

(a) Presbytery notes the date for the Praise Service to conclude the Presbytery wide 'Prayer and Banner Pilgrimage', to be held on Sunday 12 May, at 7 pm in St Columba's Church, Glenrothes.

(b) Presbytery notes the date for “*Celebrate and Discover 2*” to be held in Kirkcaldy High School on Saturday the 22 March 2014

2. Safeguarding

Presbytery instructs Kirk Sessions to ensure that all those who work with vulnerable groups attend a volunteers’ safeguarding training course.

3. General Assembly Youth Rep

Presbytery appoints Craig Higgins from Glenrothes: St Ninian’s as its Youth Representative to the 2013 General Assembly.

Church and Society Committee

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

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

1. Congregational Twinning

Presbytery encourages Kirk Sessions and Ministers to make use of available resources to help setting up congregational twinings.

Fabric and Finance Committee

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

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

1. Fabric Matters

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

(i) Methilhill and Denbeath

Fabric and Finance Committee supports a grant application to the General Trustees to enable repairs (£12,800) to the church roof to proceed.

(ii) Leven

Fabric and Finance Committee support a grant/loan application to the General Trustees in the sum of £20,000 to meet the cost of repairs to the Church (boilers and plasterwork) and Hall (drainage).

(iii) Buckhaven and Wemyss

Fabric and Finance Committee approves the release of £10,130 from the monies held by the General Trustee in the capital account of the Consolidated Fabric Fund to meet the cost of various maintenance works to the Buckhaven Theatre building .

2. Applications for Reduction in Ministry and Mission Allocations for 2014

Presbytery notes that the Fabric and Finance Committee will distribute in August of this year application forms and notes on the submission of applications for reduction in the Ministry and Mission Allocations for 2014. Priority will be given to Mission projects in considering such reductions. In the cases of KART, GROW and Street Pastors the congregational committees responsible for these mission projects will be encouraged to submit applications through one of the member Churches.

Correspondence

Forwarded

6 Feb Mission and Discipleship Council E-news

9 Feb Info re Go For It Fund training courses

13 Feb Info re New College conference on Mission and the Church

15 Feb Info re Different Voices National Music Event

- 15 Feb Newsletter from Fife Elderly Forum
- 15 Feb Info from Martin Scott re UK Border Agency sponsorship guidelines
- 15 Feb Info re School chaplains and teachers conference – 28 August
- 18 Feb Law circular on minibuses
- 19 Feb Info re Work Place Chaplaincy Introduction Day
- 22 Feb Academic survey of ministers (From Rev Alan Vint)
- 23 Feb COSY contacts reminder

Business Committee

- 22 Feb Info re Presbytery flags (bases and 2 people to carry)
- 25 Feb Reminder from Ministries Council re annual inspection of log books
- 25 Feb Reminder from Lin McMillan re Housing and Loan Survey sent to ministers
- 25 Feb E-mail of concern re Ordination practice
- 26 Feb Intimation of retirement from Rev John McLean – 7 July 2013

Fabric and Finance

- 8 Feb Copy of letter from General Trustees to Glenrothes: Christ's Kirk
- 8 Feb Copy of letter from General Trustees to Auchtertool

Ministries

- 12 Feb Comments from PPTG re Kirkcaldy Presbytery Plan
- 18 Feb Study Leave application from Jim Reid

Vacancy Procedure

- 14 Feb Info re dates for training Elders as Interim Moderators

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 7 May 2013 within Kirkcaldy: St Bryce Kirk at 19.00 hrs for the transaction of ordinary business.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

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