

The Church of Scotland

The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy

Kirkcaldy: Templehall

6 November 2012

The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy met and was constituted in prayer by the Moderator, Rev Tony Fowler, for the Celebration of Holy Communion and for Conference.

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Moderator, having welcomed our guest speaker the Rev. Dr. Kathy Galloway, Head of Christian Aid Scotland, led Presbytery in the Celebration of Holy Communion.

Sederunt

16 Ministers, 21 Elders and 6 Corresponding members as per the attendance sheets.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from 6 Ministers and 13 other Presbyters as recorded.

Conference

Following Holy Communion, and a time of fellowship, Presbytery adjourned for Conference, prior to which the Moderator thanked the Elders for serving the Elements, the reader, the organist, the office-bearers and members of the Congregation for the arrangements made for the Service and Conference.

The Moderator invited the Rev. Marc Prowe, Convener, Church & Society Committee, to introduce our guest speaker.

Following her introduction Dr. Galloway addressed Presbytery on the subject of :-
‘A Right Relationship with Money – The Church of Scotland Special Commission on the Purposes of Economic Activity’.

Dr. Galloway explained the background to the establishment and membership of the Special Commission which had been under consideration for some time. The subject of economics had not been addressed since the ‘Big Bang’ in the financial markets. The Special Commission findings at that time had warned of the possible threat in the financial services industry due to the strategy and developments being adopted.

Four priorities had been identified by the 2012 Commission and had been drawn to the attention of the Church, the Holyrood and Westminster governments and to society in general:

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| 1. Reducing inequality | 2. Ending Poverty |
| 3. Ensuring sustainability | 4. Promoting mutuality. |

Dr. Galloway asked for and responded to questions and comments, after which some group discussion took place.

At the conclusion of her address, on behalf of Presbytery, the Rev. Marc Prowe thanked Dr. Galloway for her comprehensive contribution and assured her that Presbytery and its Standing Committees would bear in mind the facts and advice contained in the 2012 Special Commission Report acknowledging the far reaching implications to society at large.

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet ‘in hunc effectum’ (for this purpose) at 7 pm on Tuesday 20 November 2012 in Kirkcaldy: St. Bryce Kirk Centre to discuss and approve the Presbytery Plan; and thereafter on Tuesday 4 December 2012 in the same place at 7 pm for the transaction of ordinary business.

The Moderator closed the meeting with the Benediction.

_____ Moderator

_____ Clerk

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Presbytery of Kirkcaldy

Kirkcaldy: St. Bryce Kirk

20 November 2012

The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy met ‘in hunc effectum’ (for this purpose only) and was constituted in prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. Tony Fowler, to consider the Presbytery Plan as at November 2012 in accordance with Act VII 2003.

Sederunt

24 Ministers, 32 Elders and 8 Corresponding members as per the attendance sheets.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from 1 Minister and 4 other Presbyters as recorded.

Presbytery Plan

The Moderator invited the Rev. Andrew Donald, Convener, Ministries Committee and the Rev. Ken Froude, the Presbytery Planning Task Group Facilitator, to address Presbytery.

The background to the formulation of the Presbytery Plan along with the Ministries Council, National Guidelines concerning the deployment of Ministries was explained. Following questions and comments from both plenary and group sessions, the Moderator called for proposals in relation to the Presbytery Plan.

1. It was proposed and seconded –

The Presbytery Plan as at November 2012 be received and noted.

The Moderator called for questions and comments.

Following discussion the Moderator called Presbytery to proceed to a vote.

Presbytery voted by a clear majority to receive and note the Presbytery Plan.

2. It was proposed and seconded –

Option two and option four on page thirty of the Presbytery Plan be removed.

The Moderator called for questions and comments.

Following discussion the Moderator called Presbytery to proceed to a vote.

Presbytery voted by a clear majority to remove option two and option four on page thirty of the Presbytery Plan.

3. It was proposed and seconded –

Option three on page thirty of the Presbytery Plan be amended as follows –

Presbytery resolves to effect the remaining reduction of 1 FTE ministry in the Presbytery Plan by 31 December 2013 by reducing the PPW posts in the Glenrothes and Leslie area from four to three.

Presbytery remits the amended option three to the Ministries Committee and instructs that consultation be undertaken with the Glenrothes and Leslie congregations in order that the amended option three be accomplished equitably.

The Moderator called for questions and comments.

Following discussion the Moderator called Presbytery to proceed to a vote.

Presbytery voted by a clear majority to amend option three on page thirty of the Presbytery Plan as detailed above.

4. It was proposed and seconded –

The Presbytery Plan as at November 2012 as amended be accepted.

The Moderator called for questions and comments.

Following discussion the Moderator called Presbytery to proceed to a vote.

Presbytery voted by a clear majority, there being one vote against, to accept the Presbytery Plan as at November 2012 as amended, be accepted and submitted at the 5 February 2013 meeting of Presbytery for approval and subsequent implementation to which the appropriate congregations will be cited to appear for their interest.

The Moderator thanked the Ministries Committee Convener and the Presbytery Planning Task Group Facilitator for their presentations, and Presbytery for the way business was conducted.

The Ministries Committee Convener thanked all those involved or associated with the formulation of the Presbytery Plan, mentioning specifically the Rev. John McLean for his past services on the Ministries Committee and in particular for his contributions in relation to the Presbytery Plan.

The business of the meeting having been concluded, the Moderator led Presbyters in the saying of The Grace.

Moderator

Clerk