

The Church of Scotland

The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy

Kirkcaldy: St Bryce Kirk

4 September 2012

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

Sederunt:-

23 Ministers, 37 Elders and 7 Corresponding Members as per the attendance sheets.

Apologies:-

Apologies for absence were received from 4 Ministers and 5 other Presbyters as recorded.

Minutes of Meetings

The Minutes of the meetings held on 26 June and 28 June 2012 (pages 2472 - 2479) were approved.

New Members

The Moderator welcomed the new members of Presbytery, wished them well and encouraged them in the work they would undertake in Presbytery.

Agenda

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

Appointment of Moderator

In accordance with the Notice of Motion submitted at the ordinary meeting of Presbytery on 26th June 2012, Presbytery having elected unanimously the Rev. Anthony J.R. Fowler, BSc BD confirmed his appointment as Moderator for the ensuing year.

Mr. Fowler was welcomed by the outgoing Moderator, who thanked Presbytery for all the support and assistance she had received during her term in office.

The Moderator led Presbytery in prayer and asked Mr. Fowler to take the Chair.

The Moderator thanked Presbytery for electing him to the post and expressed the thanks of Presbytery to Miss Cairns for her devoted service as Moderator during the past year.

Presbytery Website

The Moderator invited the Rev. Alex Forsyth and Mr. Ken Wilkie to address Presbytery. For information and action by all concerned detailed below is the text from Mr. Forsyth's presentation :-

The Presbytery website is designed to answer three straightforward questions.

1. Who are we? 2. Where are we? and 3. What do we do?

It's a working website and is therefore always going to be a work in progress.

The **Home Page** makes it clear, from the colour scheme, the logo and the statement that we are the 'Presbytery of Kirkcaldy' and as such, part of the Church of Scotland. The home page has six '**Featured Posts**' with accompanying photographs. These will change automatically as a new featured post is added.

There is also a 'Daily Devotional' and a 'Search the Site' slot; a Diary Events List and the list of recent 'Posts,' and the date of the next Presbytery meeting.

The Drop Down Menus.

- **About Us – our three questions are now three categories.** 'Who? Where? What?

Who is the opening statement about us that needs to be developed.

Where takes you to the map of the Presbytery. Click on the blue pin to identify the church. The map allows you to search for local features and can be used to provide directions to your church from anywhere in the UK. We need to confirm addresses and postcodes.

What we do is waiting for Mission Statements from the Presbytery Committees.

There is also a 'Contact Us' short cut in this menu.

The 'Who's Who' drop-down menu has 'Safeguarding' issues to be resolved. Our intention was to provide the Presbytery Year Book, Presbytery Directory, and to list the Presbytery Committees. *We need to establish if these should be made available or not - and/or password protected.*

- **Congregations** gives your church's address and contact details, photographs and a Mission Statement of no more than 300 words. *Postcode required*

If your church isn't there it means we may not have yet received your photos and statement.

- **The 'Documents'** menu is straightforward enough. Presbytery Standing Orders, Presbytery Agenda, Minutes, Précis, Prayer Call and E-news. *Any password protection required?*

- **News** gives the latest presbytery news, the next presbytery meeting and there is a section for vacant charges to use in their search for a minister.

- **Links** gives shortcuts to useful sites e.g.

[The Church of Scotland](#)

[Life and Work](#)

[Christian Aid](#)



Plus any more that you may want to suggest

- **The Diary** is designed so that you can see at a glance Presbytery events, other church events and social events. There is also a 'Search Feature on this page.

This is very much a work in progress. After tonight the website will be administered by Rosie Frew, our Presbytery Clerk, and George Luke. Ken Wilkie and I will be on hand to help as required.

I need you to check your details and send Rosie any amendments.

I need you to add the Presbytery Website to your 'Bookmarks' section and to type in 'Presbytery of Kirkcaldy' to your 'Search Engine(s). This will familiarise the 'Search Engines' with our site and make it easier for folk to find us on the web.

I need you to send copies of anything you might send to the local press to Rosie.

The software, the Idiot's Guide, and the two year rental of the domain came to around £120.

The Moderator, on behalf of Presbytery, thanked Mr. Forsyth and Mr. Wilkie for their clear, concise and highly significant presentation and urged Presbytery to ensure that this vital project was actively and comprehensively supported by Presbytery, Kirk Sessions, congregations and individuals.

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 for 2012/13

Presbytery appoints the Rev. Tony Fowler Moderator of Presbytery for the year 2012/13.

2. Presbytery Accounts 2011/12

- a) Presbytery approves the accounts for 2011/12, submitted by the Treasurer and Business Committee
- b) Presbytery approves the proposed budget for 2012/13, showing estimated expenditure for the coming year of £19,348 with £2,928 to be taken from Reserves, leaving an estimated £16,420.60 to be met by congregations within the bounds.
- c) Presbytery assesses congregations within the bounds at the rate of £1.85 per member on the rolls as at 31st December 2011 as declared in the Returns of Persons and Agencies, and instructs that payment be made by cheque to the Treasurer on or before 1st November 2012.
- d) Presbytery thanks in anticipation Messrs. Andrew Duncan and William Aitken for their independent examination of the accounts and approves their appointment for 2012/13.
- e) 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.

3. Service of Union at Dysart St. Clair

Presbytery resolves to hold a Service of Union for the charge of Dysart St. Clair on Thursday 4th October at 7.00pm in Dysart Kirk, the service to be conducted by the Moderator and the preacher to be the Rev. Gillian Paterson. Presbytery will convene at 6.45pm.

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 Robin McAlpine. There were no deliverances.

Vacancy Procedure Committee

The Moderator called for the report of the Vacancy Procedure Committee which was given by the Vice-Convener, Rev Ken Froude.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

1. Leslie: Trinity

- (a) Presbytery receives the resignation due to ill health of Rev Mitchell Collins from the position of Interim Moderator at Leslie: Trinity. Presbytery records its gratitude for his service there and its good wishes for a full recovery.
- (b) Presbytery appoints Rev Alistair McLeod as Interim Moderator at Leslie: Trinity, effective from 1st August 2012

2. Thornton

Presbytery appoints Mr. Ian Biernat, Reader, as Interim Moderator at Thornton Parish Church commencing 4th October 2012.

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. There were no deliverances.

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 has approved under delegated authority the following items:-

(i) Glenrothes:St. Columba's

Approval in principle to proposed maintenance works to the Bell Tower and the Canopy to the Church building at an estimated cost of £28,000 (including VAT).

(ii) Kirkcaldy:Bennoch

Approval to the release of £3,331-12 from the monies held by the General Trustees in the capital account of the Consolidated Fabric Fund to reimburse the cost of maintenance works to the church buildings.

(iii) Kinghorn

Approval to the refurbishment of the "Glory Hole" shop at a cost of £19,556 (including VAT and professional fees).

(iv) Auchtertool

Approval to the proposed Pathways Project at an estimated cost of £29,935-20 (including VAT).

2. Conference on Thursday 25th October 2012

Presbytery commends to congregations the Conference to be held on Thursday 25th October at 7.00 pm in Kirkcaldy: St Bryce Kirk for Treasurers, Finance Conveners and others interested in the calculation of Ministry and Mission Allocations and in questions of Insurance. Names of delegates should be submitted to the Fabric and Finance Co-Convener (h6afm@yahoo.co.uk) by 13th October.

3. Applications for Reduction in Ministry and Mission Allocations

(a) Presbytery endorses the preparation by the Fabric and Finance Committee of the guidance notes and application form for Reduction in Ministry and Mission Allocations.

(b) Presbytery thanks the Committee and in particular the sub committee of Sam Dryburgh, Derrick Brown, Brian Lumsden and John Thomson for their work in producing the notes and application form.

Ministries Committee

The Moderator called for the report of the Ministries Committee to continue being given by the Convener, Rev Andrew Donald.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

1. Union of Dysart and Kirkcaldy: Viewforth

(a) Presbytery notes with approval a service of Union between the congregations of Dysart and Kirkcaldy: Viewforth taking place at Dysart Kirk on Thursday 4th October 2012 at 7pm, and agrees that the united charge of Dysart St. Clair shall be on the basis of Unrestricted Tenure.

(b) Presbytery further notes that the Basis of Union for the united charge has received the concurrence of the Ministries Council Planning Task Group.

2. Wellesley: Basis of Union

Presbytery notes that the Basis of Union for the united charge of Wellesley Parish Church of Scotland, Methil has received the concurrence of the Ministries Council Planning Task Group.

3. Thornton: Guardianship

Presbytery notes the appointment of Mr Ian Biernat (Reader) on 4th October 2012, to serve as Interim Moderator at Thornton Parish Church, providing Pulpit Supply and Locum cover for one day per week.

4. Glenrothes: St. Columba's

Presbytery approves the renewal of two days' Locum cover per week for the Rev. Christine Houghton at Glenrothes: St. Columba's for a further six months.

5. Presbytery Retreat

Presbytery notes that a Day Retreat will be held on Wednesday 26th September 2012 at Dunnikier House Hotel and this will be by invitation from the Ministries Committee.

6. Presbytery Pulpit Interchange

Presbytery notes that the next annual interchange will be on Sunday 10 February 2013 and urges all ministers and churches to keep the date free of other special services.

Correspondence

Forwarded

- 28 Jun Info re school chaplains' conference
- 3 Jul Mission and Discipleship Council E-news for July
- 9 Jul Church and Society Council General Assembly follow up
- 9 Jul Recruitment ad, World Mission
- 12 Jul E-mail re chaplaincy in the Royal Navy
- 23 Jul Info re Back to School with God and Pray for Schools
- 31 Jul Info from Rt Rev Albert Bogle re Fringe events
- 1 Aug Letter from CARTA – need to involve in church renovations
- 1 Aug Info from Glasgow Presbytery re Helping the Heroes
- 9 Aug Info re part time chaplaincy in the Royal Navy
- 9 Aug Mission and Discipleship Council E-news for August
- 10 Aug Info re the Go For It Fund
- 16 Aug Request from Choral Society of Freidstadt
- 17 Aug Recruitment ad, Mission and Discipleship
- 19 Aug Info re All in Fife Community Spirit Project
- 23 Aug Church and Society Council E-news for September
- 23 Aug Info from Principal Clerk re Crossreach Service
- 23 Aug Info re Scottish Church History Conference
- 24 Aug Request for support from Fife Society for the Blind
- 27 Aug Info re Scottish Association for Pastoral Care and Counselling Conference

Business Committee / Clerk

- 4 Jul Letter from General Trustees confirming approval of release of funds (Viewforth)
- 5 Jul E-mail from Ros Milne requesting details of Ecumenical Rep
- 20 Jul Letter from Derrick Brown, Buckhaven and Wemyss
- 20 Jul Confirmation from OSCR of proposed change of name (Dysart St Clair)
- 22 Jul E-mail from May Russell – proposed date of union (4 October)
- 3 Aug Sick note, Jacqueline Thomson (1 Aug for 8 weeks)

Church and Society

- 28 Jun E-mail re the work of SRT

Fabric and Finance

- 28 Jun E-mail from Session Clerk of Glenrothes: St Columba's re letting out manse
- 5 Jul Letter from General Trustees re let of Glenrothes: St Columba's manse
- 26 Jul Gen Trustees approval of work to the Glory Hole, Kinghorn
- 23 Aug Letter from Stewardship and Finance re Ministries and Mission contributions

Ministries

- 26 Jul Copy of the Rite Lines Newsletter (to Presbytery Chaplains)
- 15 Aug Copy of PPTG draft minutes
- 24 Aug Request for second day locum funding from Glenrothes: St Columba's

Mission and Discipleship

- 1 Aug Request for info from Mission and Discipleship Council re Local Church Review

Vacancy Procedures

- 11 Jul Letter from Mitchell Collins resigning as Interim Moderator at Leslie: Trinity

Other

- 23 Aug Phone call from Allan Prentice re Tour des Fermes charity fundraiser
- 30 Aug Letter from Archie McDowell re 2013 Mission & Ministries Allocations
- 31 Aug Letter from Mark Evans re Moderator's Visit to the Victoria Hospital on 5 September
- 3 Sept M & D e-news for September

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 2 October 2012 at 7.00pm in the St Bryce Kirk Centre for the transaction of ordinary business.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

_____(Moderator)

_____(Clerk)