

Minutes of Session meeting held in Kingussie Parish Church On Thursday 7th March 2019 at 7pm

Constitution. Rev Gordon Strang constituted the meeting talking about a poster 'Be an encourager the world has plenty of critics already' followed by a prayer.

Sederunt and apologies. As per sederunt book.

Minutes. The minutes of meeting on 3/6/18, 22/1/19 and 17/2/19 were all approved and signed.

Matters arising. From the meeting of 22/1/19, it was agreed that there would be a visit to the Patchett's to talk about remaining adherents or becoming members. Mary Ellen had been to visit them and they will remain as adherents at present.

Fundraising and Social group. As per attached report. Further to the report a quiz will take place shortly.

Organ working group. As per attached report. The visit to the primary school took place on Monday 4th March and was very well attended and received.

Pastoral care. As per attached report.

World Mission. As per attached report. Further to the report, the total for Souper Sunday is now £100. The Session agreed to sell off the remaining Fair-trade items but not replenish the stock. We will continue to purchase Fair-trade items for use in the church. There will be an HIV walk in Perth if anyone wishes to attend.

Safeguarding. As per attached report. Further to the report, Dr Mary Anderson and Mrs Ginny Fenton have both agreed to be on the safeguarding panel with Mrs Gilly Howarth. Further training will be arranged through Barbara Black at Presbytery. Mrs Jean Munro and Mr Alan Simpson agreed to carry out an annual audit of safeguarding.

Worship group. As per attached report. Further to the report, the session were asked to consider who could be added to the group to further enhance the work they already do. Additional services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday were agreed by the Session.

Finance. As per attached reports. Discussions ensued but no changes were to be made. A question arose about council tax for the empty manse. Mrs Jean Munro has written to the Council and is awaiting a response. Mrs Jean Munro asked if the organist's fee could be increased by £5 per week and this was agreed. Gordon Strang thanked Mrs Munro for all her work.

Property group. No work has been carried out since the last report. The boiler is the biggest expenditure planned soon. Mr Mike Munro is still waiting for quotes. A discussion about the funding ensued with an agreement to have a further meeting of property and fundraising to progress. The manse, although still empty, is safe for the winter and is checked regularly.

Electoral roll. After the edict on 3/3/19, no changes to the roll were requested or made. The roll was copied and signed by the Interim moderator and the session clerk. One copy to remain in the church for the linkage vote on 17/3/19 and one copy sent to Presbytery.

Linkage. The newsletter sent out last week with more detail on the linkage was well received with much positive feedback from members of the congregation. There will be no proxy votes. At the service on 17/3/19, Gordon Strang will further explain the linkage and hand out voting papers. There will be two questions on the papers. Firstly, do you want the linkage. Secondly, do you wish it to be immediate. If yes to the second question this is an acceptance of the incumbent minister.

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Gordon Strang is to check if the vote will be tallied and announced on the day. The votes of both Kingussie and Laggan and Newtonmore will go to Presbytery. This will be looked at on the 30/3/19 with a possible date of 23/4/19 for a service for the linkage held at Kingussie.

Date of next meeting. This will be on 2/4/19. This is after Presbytery meets to discuss the linkage. This meeting will include the attestation of the records

AOCB. Mary Stewart, convener of Presbytery local church and community, has been in contact to enquire if Kingussie would host an evening service in the Summer months. It was agreed to defer this until the linkage has been settled. This will be intimated to Mary.

Presbytery report. Rev Charles Finnie has preached as sole nominee for Aviemore, Rothiemurchus linked with Insh and Alvie and has been accepted. Abernethy linked with Boat of Garden and Carrbridge received permission to call. Tomintoul, Glenlivet and Inveravon in guardianship. There will be a joint meeting with Lochaber and Abernethy presbytery on 30/3/19 at Laggan hall.

A baptism of the third child of Mr and Mrs Mutch will be on Easter Sunday.

An Ecumenical coffee morning will be held at Kingussie Parish church on 9/3/19 10:30 to 12:00. The Roman Catholic and Free churches will be attending. An invitation to the fellowship group was extended.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with the saying of the Grace.

..... Minister

..... Session Clerk