

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 2010

At Lochgilphead and within the Parish Church Hall, there on Wednesday 10th February 2010, the meeting of the Congregational Board was held and was constituted with prayer.

Present

Rev Hilda Smith (in the Chair), Messrs I Davidson and J Kirk, Mrs E Armstrong, Mrs M Davidson, Miss F Fleming and Mr S Taylor, Clerk pro tem.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were intimated from Messrs W Kennedy, M MacFadyen, R Morrison, T Stevenson, Mrs J Cranston, Mrs I MacArthur, Mrs M MacDonald, Mrs C Stevenson and Mrs M Taylor.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 7th October 2009, having already been circulated were approved; proposed by Miss F Fleming and seconded by Mrs M Davidson.

Matters Arising not listed below

Hilda took the opportunity to highlight the need for good communication between the Fundraising Committee and Project Group and for clarity, in terms of the purpose and budget benefitting from the funds raised by coffee mornings and other fundraising events.

Finance

Mrs E Armstrong presented the current balances as follows:

- *General Fund* £ 5,986.74
- *Fabric Fund* £ 3,124.00
- *Renewal Project* £57,750.00

Speaking to decisions made in respect of financial management, Edna reported that she had set up a standing order for the sum of £300 per month to Scottish and Southern Energy. Although this figure might be perceived to be greater than required, Edna reported that we are, as yet, unaware of the cost of the power consumer for the Christmas Tree Festival. Edna expressed her confidence that the figure would reflect our costs in the year ahead. The Board recognised the wisdom of committing to a standing order and the beneficial reduction in tariff, from more than fifteen pence, to eleven pence per unit.

Fabric.....

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Ian Davidson presented his report on the management of church property. Ian spoke of the impact of the recent spell of bad weather which had seen frozen pipes in the Manse, the Hall and the Church (standpipe outside the church).

Ian reported that he had spoken to John Crawford, Painter, about required painter work, however, this would not be undertaken until the prevailing weather improved.

Ian reported on a deliverance received from the Presbytery, which followed on from their consideration of Martin Stewart's survey report on property throughout the presbytery area. Ian undertook to provide a report for Presbytery which provided desired information on the scheduling of planned maintenance and repairs and the funding of this work.

Presbytery

There was no Report.

Hall Report

Sandy reported on the following bookings on behalf of Mr Kennedy:

*Saturday 27th February- Coffee Morning
Saturday 13th March - St Margaret's Church
Wednesday 17th March - Homelessness Starter Pack Group
Saturday 17th April - St Margaret's Church*

Social Committee

Mrs Margaret Davidson, Social Committee Convenor, reported on the success of both the Christmas Lunch and the Burns Supper, both of which had been well attended and enjoyed by all. On the Burns Supper, Margaret reported on the quality of the speakers and the hard work of the catering staff.

Although primarily social events, Margaret was pleased to report a healthy surplus of £500, which would be passed to the Renewal Project. Margaret set out some key dates and events planned by the Social Committee as follows:

*Sundays 23rd May Pentecost Lunch
30th May Sponsored Walk and Lunch
20th June Church Picnic
October Harvest Lunch
5th December Christmas Lunch*

Fundraising Committee

Sandy reported on behalf of Tom Stevenson, Fundraising Convener, that the next fundraising event would be the Coffee Morning planned for Saturday 27th February 2010.....

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LPC Renewal Project

Ian reported on the growing Project funds (as reported by the Treasurer) and reflected on the very successful Christmas Tree Festival, Frances' work in producing and selling her calendars and the work of Rhona Logie in producing a fine piece of patchwork needlecraft. The Board offered a special thanks to Frances for all her work.

Ian reported on the Group's survey of potential users of the improved Hall and progress made in the completion of the survey. Ian reported on the early responses, the greater majority of which had proven very positive and supportive, confirming their wish to use the premises.

Following a recent meeting with the Architects, Campbell Morris Associates, Ian was able to confirm that they have now started discussions with the local authority and other statutory agencies, such as Historic Scotland, to obtain the necessary approvals in advance of the commencement of the planned work.

A small group has been established to make applications to trusts and other funding bodies.

The following programme has been "worked up" for the year ahead:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
<i>27th February</i>	<i>Coffee Morning</i>
<i>6th March</i>	<i>Jumble Sale</i>
<i>27th March</i>	<i>Coffee Morning</i>
<i>31st March</i>	<i>Youth Chorus Concert</i>
<i>24th April</i>	<i>Coffee Morning</i>
<i>22nd May</i>	<i>Spring Fayre</i>
<i>30th May</i>	<i>Sponsored Walk & BBQ</i>
<i>20th June</i>	<i>Church Picnic</i>
<i>26th June</i>	<i>Coffee Morning</i>

Correspondence

There was no correspondence, beyond the Presbytery deliverance reported under the Fabric Report.

Other Business

Sandy reported on the planned, but subsequently postponed Food Safety presentation to the Parish and Baptist Church congregation groups. There was no other business.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will take place on Wednesday, 21st April 2010 at 7.30pm.....

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Benediction

There being no further business, the meeting closed with the Benediction.

_____Chairman

_____Clerk