

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 2011

At Lochgilphead and within the Parish Church Hall, there on Wednesday 29th June 2011, the meeting of the Congregational Board was held and was constituted with prayer.

Present

Rev Hilda C Smith (in the Chair) Messrs I Davidson, A Emslie, W Kennedy, F J Killean, J Kirk, R Morrison, T Stevenson, S Taylor, Mrs E Armstrong, Mrs J Cranston, Mrs M Davidson, Miss F Fleming, Mrs C Stevenson, and Mrs M MacDonald, Clerk.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were intimated from Mr J Morrison, Mrs J Barclay, Ms M Jacobsen, Mrs I MacArthur, Mrs R Morrison, Mrs H Samborek and Mrs M Taylor .

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 24th November 2010, having already been circulated were approved; proposed by Ian Davidson and seconded by Frances Fleming.

Matters Arising not listed below

Mrs E Armstrong advised the Board that Gift Aid to April 2011 still had to be claimed.

Finance

Mr R Morrison, Treasurer, presented the current balances as follows:

- *General Fund* £ 8,325.82
- *Fabric Fund* £ 938.65
- *Renewal Project* £ 81,637

The Board were advised that an insurance valuation has been completed by GAB Robins UK Ltd in May 2011, for the Church, Hall and Manse and the recommended value on the basis of reinstatement is now £3,260,000. Consequently the insurance premiums have been increased to £329 per month. The Board discussed the possibilities of getting alternative quotes and Ian Davidson is to investigate this as the Church of Scotland has their own appointed Insurance Company. Exclusions from this valuation were the Organ, Stained Glass Windows, Antiquities, loose furnishings and fittings.

Fabric

Mr Iain Davidson, Fabric Convener, presented the report as attached

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After some discussion regarding the chiming mechanism of the clock, all agreed that it would be good to hear the clock chiming before services and other appropriate times and to this end, the Board agreed that Ian should go ahead and get quotes for the relocation of the chiming control unit to make it accessible to use, when necessary.

Presbytery

Mr Jim Kirk gave his last report as Presbytery Clerk and told the Board that the standing £4 annual surcharge for insurance inspections has now been reduced to £3. The Chairman very warmly thanked Mr Kirk for his 10 years of devoted service to the Presbytery and wished him well.

Hall Report

Mr W Kennedy presented the report as follows:

*Guild Coffee Mornings – Fri 15th, Sat 16th, Fri 22nd and Sat 23rd July
Art Exhibition from Friday 29th July to Sunday 7th August inclusive.
Church Flower Festival from Wednesday 14th September to Saturday 17th September inclusive.*

Social Committee

Mrs Margaret Davidson presented the report as attached.

Due to the possibility of hall renovations being in progress in December, Margaret advised that it was unlikely that there would be a Christmas Lunch this year. However, suggestions were made that we could use a different venue this one time as it was an important social occasion in the life of the church for fellowship. The MS Centre and the Drill Hall were mentioned as two possible alternatives. A decision will be made later in the year depending on the outcome of renovations being started.

Fundraising Committee

There was no report. Tom Stevenson advised the Board that they no longer met formally as a Fundraising Committee and were now merged with the Project Group. He therefore proposed that this be omitted from future Board Meeting Agendas and this was unanimously agreed.

LPC Renewal Project

Mr Ian Davidson, Convener, presented the report, as attached.

Fundraising for the Project

The Mugs are still selling well locally in the Butcher's shop and The Archway with another £400+ raised from their sale.

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There is still money to come in from the sale of the Jolomo Prints at the Archway. 27 have already been sold and we get £50 from each sale.

The stall at the recent Armed Forces Day raised £348.

The Tasty Traybakes Book, compiled and published by Malcolm and Lorraine Dougall is a great success and they are selling like hotcakes, far and wide. Our sincere thanks to the Dougalls is acknowledged and recorded.

Joy Dunlop's recent Concert in Church was organised by MAAA and after fees and expenses, the remaining balance was gifted to the Project funds and although this was only £38, this was gratefully received. It was an excellent evening.

The regular Coffee Mornings will be ongoing from September.

There will be a stall at the Mid Argyll Show on Saturday 13th August.

The Summer Fete will take place on Saturday 20th August.

The Flower Festival will take place from Wednesday 14th to Saturday 17th September.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

AOCB

There was no other business.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will take place on Wednesday, 28th September, 2011 at 7.00pm.

Benediction

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

_____Chairman

_____Clerk