

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

At Lochgilphead and within the Church the Kirk Session met on the 29th June 2011. Following a few words of reflection and a reading from Ephesians Chapter 3 (Verses 14-21; *A Prayer for the Ephesians*), the Rev. Hilda Smith constituted the meeting with a prayer.

Sederunt

Rev. Hilda Smith (Moderator), Alex Emslie, Bill Kennedy, Chris Stevenson, Edna Armstrong, Frances Fleming, Frank Killeen, Ian Davidson, Jessie Cranston, Jim Kirk, Malcolm MacFadyen, Margaret Davidson, Mary MacDonald, Roddy Morrison, Tom Stevenson and Sandy Taylor (Session Clerk).

Apologies for Absence

The Session Clerk reported the apologies for absence tendered by: Jim Morrison, Margaret Jacobsen and May Taylor.

1. MINUTES etc.

- i. Minutes of meeting of Kirk Session – 22 May 2011 and 1st December 2010
The minutes were approved; proposed by Tom Stevenson and Edna Armstrong, and Jim Kirk and Roddy Morrison, respectively.
- ii Matters Arising
 - a. There were no matters arising from the approved Minutes, however, Sandy reminded the Session of their earlier decision to recognise the support of those ministers and readers who led the worship, during the Moderator's extended absence though ill-health. Although it had been suggested that this be in the form of a social event, the Session decided that the Session Clerk should write formally expressing the thanks of the Kirk Session.
Decision: Session Clerk to write to all Ministers and Readers who helped, thanking them for their much appreciated support
 - b. The Kirk Session agreed to recognise the recent retiral of the Rev. Dr. Roddy MacLeod and the imminent departure of Father William, of St Margaret's Church, expressed in the form of book tokens.
Decision: Session Clerk to write to both wishing them all the best in their future

2. CORRESPONDENCE

The Session Clerk reports receipt of the following correspondence

- i. Church of Scotland Review 2011
Decision: Session Clerk to ensure that copies of Review are made available on window sill and "advertised" in future issues of Order of Service.
- ii. Letter from the Presbytery Clerk requesting information as to the Church Roll and the name of the elected Presbytery Elder.
Decision: The Kirk Session proposed Margaret Jacobsen as the Presbytery Elder, subject to her acceptance. The Session Clerk to advise the Presbytery Clerk and forward the required Congregational Roll information.
Before concluding their consideration of this matter, the Moderator expressed her personal gratitude to Jim Kirk for what was 10 years as a faithful presbytery elder" during which time he had attended almost all meetings, worked on the Fabric Committee and participated in quinquennial inspection visits etc.

The Kirk Session echoed Hilda's gratitude, when they in turn thanked Jim for his years of service on their behalf.

3. Substantive Business

i. **Safeguarding**

Sandy reported, on behalf of Jim Morrison, that as yet he had been unable to attend a planned Church of Scotland training course on the changes to the Safeguarding legislation and the Church's response. Sandy spoke generally about the changes, as they would apply to someone working with children and vulnerable people.

ii. **Malawi Partnership**

Mary and Roddy provided an update on the progress made. Four members of the Kasamba congregation are to visit Mid Argyll with a view to a "faith sharing" experience. Visas are currently being sought for the visit in September. A programme of events is under preparation. The visitors will be staying in the homes of their hosts (... not to be Ministers). Roddy's contact is named Desiree Mango.

iii. **Homelessness in Argyll and Bute**

Sandy advised that MO-MA had now issued some 25 starter packs. Sandy reported that the group will amend what it seeks as donations, given their experience which sees no demand for curtains and cups and saucers, for example.

iv. **Kirk Session Work Plan**

The Session agreed the need to "work-up" a new Plan.

v. **Membership**

No report.

5. Forthcoming Meetings of the Kirk Session

i. **2011-12 Kirk Session Programme**

Decision: The Session Clerk, Clerk to the Congregational Board and Minister will agree a new programme of meetings, which will see both meetings on one evening, starting at 7.00 pm. The first two planned dates are 28th September, 2011 and 23rd November 2011.

ii. **Items for consideration at next/future meetings**

The Minister reminded Members to consider any items of business which they feel should be raised at our next meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed with the Benediction

Moderator

Clerk

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