

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Minutes of Meeting of Kirk Session of Lochgilphead Parish Church held on 29th October 2019 in the Church Hall

Sederunt

Present:

Rev. Hilda Smith, Elma Munro, Ian Davidson, Margaret Davidson, Margaret Jacobsen, Mary MacDonald, May Taylor, Malcolm MacFadyen

Apologies:

Edna Armstrong, Frances Fleming, Jessie Cranston, Sandy Taylor

Hilda opened the meeting by reading Dallas Willard's paraphrase of Psalm 23. The session then each thought about which words spoke especially to them. After a short discussion Hilda constituted the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of 20th August were approved; proposed by Elma Munro and seconded by Mary MacDonald.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September were approved, proposed by Mary MacDonald seconded by Margaret Jacobsen subject to Margaret and Ian Davidsons names being included under apologies.

Matters Arising :

A letter proposing "Friends of LPC" has been circulated to the Session and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Correspondence:

An ecumenical Civic Prayer Breakfast is being held in the Stag Hotel on Tues 3d December, 7.15am for 7.30am. The speakers will be from the emergency services.

Mid Argyll Planning Group:

Ian reported on the last meeting of the group which David Carruthers has agreed to Chair in future. The majority of people attending the planning meeting were happy with the view presented of a possible future and happy with the proposed steps to be taken to move towards that.

The Session discussed the paper presented by Ian and agreed with the main proposals accepting that decisions will only be taken following discussion with each congregation, the two Ministers, and Presbytery. A further meeting of the planning group is to be held on 5th November.

There was a wide ranging discussion covering what mattered to people, some talked about the importance of a Minister some felt strong ties to a building. The group recognised the disappointment of GKF in understanding that they may not be able to call a Minister and wondered if they could be allowed to call on a fixed term renewable tenure till the two Ministers retire. North Knappdale (linked with GKF) are however happy with the proposals.

The conclusion of the Session was that while they would prefer things to remain as they are currently they recognise that realistically that is not possible and they accepted the view proposed by the planning group.

At the next meeting of the planning group they will draft an outline of job responsibilities for the third person to be appointed to work across the Mid Argyll Churches, this could be a lay or ordained person. Some views were expressed strongly that this role should be a general role covering mission and not specifically targeted at one group but aimed at the unchurched and finding ways to share faith with them.

Lochgilphead Parish Church 5 year plan

Session deferred consideration of this to the next meeting. Ian will recirculate his report to all Session members. At the next meeting the two plans from Ian and Sandy will be discussed, everyone should bring both to the meeting.

Finance

Mary's report had been circulated. She informed the Session that spikes in income were largely due to Gift Aid. Freewill offering has increased and September was a good month with much income from a variety of fund raising efforts.

Session was reminded that when purchasing online using easyfundingraising.com will give the Church extra income.

Property

Ian's report had been circulated. He is waiting on responses from a number of funders, currently has in excess of £60k but not yet enough to cover the necessary work. It was agreed that to raise the money necessary for the window we would crowd fund, Ian will set in place and talk to the Squeak about publicity.

It was agreed in principal that the Church would be open during the day subject to what the insurers say.

Presbytery report – was tabled.

Social committee – a full report had been circulated.

Worship

Communion – 3d Nov., arrangements made to collect silver and set up Church.

Remembrance Day, 10th Nov., Father Simon will lead worship at War Memorial. Malcolm and Elma/Ian/May will lay the wreath for LPC.

Hilda will be on annual leave 11th – 27th Nov, John Morrison will lead worship on 17th Nov and Jim Malcolm on 24th Nov.

Date of next meeting - 3d December at 7.00pm. Reports should be sent to Hilda by 1st Dec.

Hilda closed the meeting with the Benediction.

Moderator

Session Clerk

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