LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

The Kirk Session met in the church hall on 16 February 2020. The Rev. Hilda Smith opened the meeting with a short reading and prayer.

Sederunt

Rev. Hilda Smith (Moderator), Jessie Cranston, Malcolm MacFadyen, Jim Morrison, Margaret Jacobsen, Mary MacDonald May Taylor and Sandy Taylor.

Apologies for Absence:

Edna Armstrong, Ian Davidson and Margaret Davidson.

Annual Accounts – Lochgilphead Parish Church 2019

Having tabled copies of the final Accounts, Mary took members through the accounts page by page, explaining important aspects of their presentation to aid their comprehension, before taking questions.

Mary highlighted, amongst other things:

- the reduced income from funerals,
- the transfer of £2000 into the General Account from the Project Account, necessary to address cash flow issues. (Mary stated that it was her intention to pay this sum back into the Project account later in the year.)
- an increase in the free will offering and the receipt of 4 new covenants. (Mary advised that even although attendance was down the 'giving' was up a small amount).
- In response to a question about Gift Aid, Mary advised that not all giving is open to benefit from Gift Aid, and
- Clarified the descriptors, Restricted and Unrestricted.

Mary spoke to the overall position:

- We are 'just about keeping our head above water'
- The café is very successful
- The Path of Renewal Fee is a big sum of money

There being no further questions.

Decision: The Kirk Session approved the Annual Accounts and agreed to present them to the congregation at the Annual Stated Meeting, 15 March 2020.

Moderator **Session Clerk**

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