

**Allan Park South Church of Scotland, Stirling**  
**Registered Charity No. SC001414**  
**Minute of a meeting of Allan Park South Church Session**  
**Held in the Church Office on Monday 30th May 2016 at 7pm**

**Constitute**

The meeting was constituted by reading Psalm 30, followed by a prayer by the Rev. Alistair Cowper.

**Sederunt**

The Rev. Alistair Cowper and a number of Trustees as recorded in attendance book. Apologies for absence were received.

**Minutes**

The minutes of a meeting of the Kirk Session held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April were approved with the following additions.

On Page 397 under future, four options were discussed and voted on.

	1	To not consider the proposed union with St Columba's at all prior to 28 March 2018, in the hope that somehow circumstances will have changed to allow the congregation to continue in some shape or form, with or without the support of Presbytery
	2	To not consider the union at this time but rather continue on as we are, putting all our time and energy into fulfilling the mandate given to APS in 2011, to be a missional ecclesial community in the city centre, where the status quo is not an option. Petition the Presbytery to have the Plan changed as regards the union
	3	To consider the union immediately and begin to make a conscious effort to come together for mission and worship
	4	To consider the union 12 months before it's date of effect, that is, in 28 March 2017. Use the year, to 28 March 2018, to plan our coming together so that the union is as successful as possible.

The result of the vote was:

Option 1	1
Option 2	16
Option 3	0
Option 4	1

An additional vote was held on:

If the doors closed at APS at end March 2018 would you worship at St Columba's the Sunday after?

The overwhelming majority said no. One person said that they would worship at St Columbus and one did not know.

### **Matters Arising**

Ed Morton advised that we have received 118 signed data protection forms back and there are still 56 forms outstanding. It was agreed that we would follow up with a further letter and that Ed and Hugh would work together on this.

The Minister advised that the Strategy Committee were not coming tonight and that the Moderator of the General Assembly had been invited to our 150 year celebration and that we would hear in November 2016 if he is able to attend.

### **Finance**

The treasurer Edward Morton advised that the current bank account balance as at 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016 is £74,428.79.

### **Income Comparison**

**Range 31<sup>st</sup> May – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

<b>INCOME TYPE</b>	<b>2014/2015</b>	<b>2015/2016</b>	<b>VALUE +/-</b>	<b>% +/-</b>
Gift Aid	£27,452.20	£35,284.30	£7,832.10	28.53%
Freewill Offerings	£1,027.00	£1,397.00	£370.00	36.03%
Open Plate	£3,987.40	£3,900.87	-£86.53	-2.17%
Mission and Renewal	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Hire of Premises	£10,323.00	£11,769.00	£1,446.00	14.01%
Sundry Income	£1,679.31	£1,585.52	-£93.79	-5.59%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£44,468.91</b>	<b>£53,936.69</b>	<b>£9,467.78</b>	<b>21.29%</b>

### **Administration**

Edward Morton advised that there has been a Boy's Brigade Diamond Jubilee Casket donated to the Church. Ed to speak to Ian McCallum to agree a suitable place that this could be displayed with a plaque.

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### **Property**

In the absence of the property convener David Boyd, Ed advised that there has been a new timer fitted to the heating zone.

### **Safeguarding**

Lorna Shaw advised that PVG's have now been issued for Rosella McLaughlin and Julie Christie. She is still waiting for a date for Safeguarding training.

### **Presbytery**

Arthur McDonald advised that the HIV Programme Co-Coordinator, Elena Sarra was concerned at the lack of response from Stirling Presbytery with regard to Souper Sunday.

Thirty one Presbyteries have responded to the challenge of Let Us Build a House with twenty nine already raising more than the £500 requested.

This year marks the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Scottish Mission in Budapest – 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016.

The Strategy Committee will meet next in June.

### **Roll Keeper**

Huge Buchanan advised that there were no changes to the roll since the last meeting.

### **CYF Worker**

Sally Forshaw advised that Bible Alive Scripture Union group in the Allan's Primary has been completed and that the school are keen for us to deliver the programme as part of the Curriculum every year for P4/5.

Sally and Jane Harris will be meeting with the Chinese families to do a session on an introduction to Christianity.

### **Minister's Report**

The Minister advised that the highlight of the month was his trip to Bethlehem and he gained further insight into the Middle East situation. He is thinking about ways that we can follow up as a Church.

The Boy's Brigade display night was well attended. Angela, Megan and Philip have stepped down from their duties and they are looking for new leaders. It was agreed that we should acknowledge the work and the time that they have given to the Boy's Brigade. Maybe flowers or a gift token with a card could be purchased.

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Amy is employed to lead the Wellbeing Choir until the end of June costing £75 per evening. It is proposed that the Choir should continue up to Christmas due to the huge success.

Julie Christie has been employed for 12 hours per week to run the Lunch Club and to do some outreach work with the elderly in the area.

It is proposed to employ Karen McSorely for 6 hours per week to run a Creative Arts type of group.

This Sunday is Communion with the Wellbeing Choir singing and a bring and share lunch. The week after Lucy one of the Bairns' Rock children will be baptised.

The Minister is officiating at a wedding in the Holy Rude Church on 20<sup>th</sup> August.

It is proposed that we would host a Faith Missions training and outreach event jointly with YWAM at the end of August.

### **AOB**

The Minister advised that the website has not been in a functioning condition since February and that no-one has been able to log on.

Ed, Kristen and Bill asked to negotiate with Karl for a solution to this problem.

The Minister asked us to consider how we can support the Boy's Brigade leadership problem and advised that Ian McCallum was prepared to be Captain short term.

We have had a letter from the Gideon organisation thanking us for hosting their annual lunch.

The Minister advised that he is waiting for a confirmation of a date that the Strategy Committee will meet with us. This would take place in June.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm.

**MODERATOR**

**CLERK**