

**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 Wednesday**

3rd October 2018 at 7pm

Constitute

The meeting was constituted by a reading from Ephesians chapter 4, followed by a prayer by the Rev. Lynne Mack.

Sederunt

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

Minutes

The minutes of meetings of the Kirk Session held on Wednesday 15th August and Sunday 9th September 2018 were approved.

Matters Arising

Lynne Mack advised that someone was considering the position of Session Clerk and that the person, Lynne Mack and Sally Forshaw would meet to discuss.

Finance

The treasurer Edward Morton advised that the Bank balance as at 3rd October is £27,945.82. The balance is comprised of unrestricted funds of £17,855.77 and restricted £10,090.05.

Edward Morton advised that there has been an anonymous donor who has committed to donating £1,000 per month for 6 months. The first instalment has been received and in addition is eligible for tax relief.

Sally Forshaw advised that the letter to church members has been completed ready to be sent out.

Jim Steel asked for clarity around the treasury team and whether the team are required to have a treasury convenor. The team feel that they are working well without one at present and if this is required sometime in the future then the group would nominate someone for kirk session approval. This was agreed.

Two signatories are now required for payments over £250.

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Income Comparison
Date Range 4th October 2017– 3rd October 2018

INCOME TYPE	2016/2017	2017/2018	VALUE +/-	% +/-
Gift Aid	£28,794.10	£24,997.80	-£3,796.30	-13.18%
Freewill Offerings	£2,045.25	£1,816.18	-£229.07	-11.20%
Open Plate	£4,171.17	£4,057.66	-£113.51	-2.72%
Mission and Renewal	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Hire of Premises	£11,018.00	£11,345.00	£327.00	2.97%
Sundry Income	£1,626.32	£1,312.24	-£314.08	-19.31%
TOTALS	£47,654.84	£43,528.88	-£4,125.96	-8.66%

Administration

Jane Harris advised that there is ongoing challenge with administration duties. A discussion about hall hire charges resulted in an agreement to a change from 1st January 2019 to hourly charge rates of:
£15 for a charity booking
£15 minimum for a regular booking and
£20 for a one off booking.

Property Report

David Boyd property convener advised that the new toilet has been fitted but that some of the tiles at the back of the toilet still need sorting. Andrew has nearly finished the painting and will be finished by the end of the week. Smoke detectors need to be fitted. David Boyd will enquire if we can do this or if they need to be professionally fitted.

Sally agreed to organise a carpet cleaner and the cleaning of all the carpets.

Safeguarding

Nothing to report.

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Arthur McDonald Presbytery elder advised that the Rev Ruth Halley gave a tribute to the Rev Iren Gillespie who died on Thursday 2nd August and the Rev Ian Goring gave a tribute to the Rev Ernest Sangster who died on Thursday 16th August. Arthur advised that the Ad Hoc Committee convenor reported that a series of meetings with the City Centre Churches of Stirling has begun. These would be facilitated by the Rev Valerie Allen and the Rev Ian Goring. A feasibility study of the buildings in question will take place.

A training programme for worship leaders should be developed.

The Vacancy Procedure Committee of the Presbytery of Stirling has agreed a Basis of Guardianship for the congregation of Stirling Allan Park South in the following terms:

The Congregation shall remain under Guardianship of Presbytery until either:

- a) A Union is effected with the congregation of Stirling St Columba's or
- b) The Presbytery approves an alternative status or adjustment as a result of any revision of the current Presbytery Plan.

The Presbytery shall review the Basis of Guardianship no later than three years from the date of its approval by Presbytery and Congregation.

No objections were raised.

The Rev Graham Nash, Interim Moderator of Killearn Parish Church advised that the Rev Stuart Sharp (Camelon) had preached as Sole Nominee and the resulting vote had been 103 votes for and none against.

Roll Keeper

Hugh Buchanan advised that

Susan McCreadie has transferred her lines to the Free Church.

Hugh agreed to review the congregational role.

Hugh advised that adherents can vote.

Worship and Music

Jim Steel advised that he has an outline proposal going forward for October, November and December and that it is working well. Requests for songs are welcome.

Correspondence

Lynne Mack advised that there will be a series of meetings to discuss the way ahead following the town centre meetings.

We have received a request from the Stirling Guide Hut to borrow some tables for a craft fair they are having. It was agreed that this was possible.

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We have had a request from Sustrans Scotland to hold a conference in the hall with teas, coffees and lunch provided. A lengthy discussion was held and it was agreed to offer them a hall hire with teas and coffee's included.

AOB

The Kirk Session would like to thank Jennifer McMillan and Kristin Johnstone for their many years of service to the Sunday school.

The Agape Church are keen to take forward a long-term let with ourselves for the large hall. A discussion followed with agreement that Lynne Mack would find out a bit more about the Church and Sally Forshaw to ask Logie Kirk for a reference for them.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 15th November 2018.

MODERATOR

CLERK