

KIRK SESSION OF CAMBUSLANG PARISH CHURCH MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21st March 2023

SEDERUNT:

Rev. Peter Nimmo (Moderator), Jeanette Alexander, David Black, Robert Dickie, Ishbel Gow, Scott Hamilton, Karen Hamilton DCS, Elizabeth Harbinson, Jan Ladd, Graham Macgregor, Iain McAllister, Bob McDougall, Lorna Morrison, Linda Neeson, Helen Nisbet, James Nixon, Heather Reilly, Hazel Robb, Janet Stewart, Linda Wunsch, Susan Young.

APOLOGIES:

Seun Adediran, Isobel Allison, Charlie Burns, Hedley Connell, Colin Fell, Kenny Finnie, Archie Fotheringham, Fiona Hamilton, Carol Menzies, Nicola O'Connor, Anne Scott, Fiona Tennent, Alison Thomson.

TRIBUTE:

Rev Peter W Nimmo led a tribute to Miss Jean Black Elder of Cambuslang Parish Church

IN ATTENDANCE:

David Young.

CONSTITUTION:

The Moderator welcomed everyone with short devotion and opened the meeting.

MINUTES:

The Minute of the Meetings of 21st February 2023 were read and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Resignation letters were received from Margaret Black, and Jan Ritchie, both of whom have served as Elders for over 20years. The Minister has met with both Elders, and it was agreed to accept their resignations and instruct the clerk to write to them both with our thanks for their long service.

MATTERS ARISING.

Communion Feedback

The Eldership felt that our first proper Communion since the end of restrictions was conducted with dignity and due respect. Those who served felt it was well organized and that the new guidelines in place were appropriate to the occasion. The Session Clerk thanked those who helped to set up and serve and suggested that in addition to the new arrangements in place that the Deacon and Session Clerk should symbolically carry the Bread and Wine into the Sanctuary and place them on the Communion Table at the start of the service, and remove them at the end of the service. The Kirk Session and the Minister thought that this would be an appropriate addition to the proceedings.

Feasibility Study

Bob McDougall informed us that a small group had met in the sanctuary to discuss the initial implications of pew removal. As a result of this Bob will contact 121 to speak with their environmental impact personnel, to pursue sustainable ideas as to how to best heat and ventilate the sanctuary without the existing radiator pipes. It is thought that a combination of air source heating and solar panels could be a way forward.

Initial indications are that a number of additional 'theatre style' lets could therefore be accommodated with existing lets being relocated to the new space, bringing in significant income. A fuller financial impact report will be put together with findings from 121 etc. to a later meeting.

Letter to Organizations

The Minister and Session Clerk will draft a letter to organizations as per previous meetings suggestion.

NOTICE OF A.O.B.

Request made that Statutory Reports be in first half of agenda. Agreed.

Request made regards photocopier provision. Added to end of meeting.

Request made by minister that were possible AOCB items should be given to Session Clerk and Himself by the Sunday proceeding the Kirk Session Meeting. Agreed recognizing that the nature of AOCB means this may not always be possible.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Received and approved.

Budget for year to 31st December 2023 approved.

Donation to 138 Scouts of £1000 approved.

Significant discussion took place around procedural issues in regards to the Quentin Muir Fund and potential funding requests or donations, this was not intended to stifle pro-active action. Any such future requests should in first instance be put to the Session Clerk who will pass them to the appropriate committee or persons.

ROLL KEEPERS REPORT:

Circulated in advance to Elders and the report was accepted.

It was agreed to update the roll regards the following:

Added by Special Resolution: -

Jane Smith, Elaine Sinfield, Mrs Margaret Crichton

Removal by death: -

Miss Jean Black, Mr. Andrew Robinson

Removed from roll by other reasons: -

Mrs Nessie Sheilds

AWAY DAY IMPLEMENTATION GROUP

No Report was received.

HALLS CONVENER REPORT:

No Report was received.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT:

No Report was received.

FELLOWSHIP TEAM REPORT:

No Report was received.

WORSHIP TEAM REPORT:

Circulated in advance to Elders and the report was accepted.

In addition it was felt that due to the welcome increase in numbers of the choir that the praise band should remain in the side chapel and that the associated cabling should be tidied up due to increased traffic in the chancel.

FABRIC REPORT:

Circulated in advance to Elders and the report was accepted.

In addition, it was felt that splash backs be fitted to the sink areas within the main church building where they do not already exist, it was also felt that for practical and aesthetic reasons that the manse bathroom should be fully updated. The addition of a handrail behind the lectern should be investigated.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT:

Circulated in advance to Elders and the report was accepted.

Additional verbal report

A potential safeguarding issue was raised concerning the evening of Monday 20th March, this has been dealt with appropriately but our safeguarding officer are lodged with 121 Concern was raised that the Meet and 2 veg group had gained access to the building before the allocated key holder for the evening had arrived and that persons wishing to access the service had been queuing from very early evening at the front of the church and not at the entrance to main street.

The Safeguarding training date for CPC and Flemington Kirk Sessions has been confirmed as Tuesday 2nd May a full attendance is required, if you cannot attend please contact Susan Young and Scott Hamilton so that alternative arrangements can be made. An email will be sent to all elders to remind them of this date.

PRESBYTERY REPORT:

Circulated in advance to Elders and the report was accepted.

A Special thank you was given to Liz Harbinson and her team for the provision of Tea etc. during the moderators Visit to Cambuslang.

The Kirk Session agreed that Mr. Robert Dickie continue as Presbytery Elder to represent Cambuslang Parish Church.

Citation from Glasgow presbytery for additional meeting on 25th March was read. It was agreed that in addition to our minister and presbytery elder, Susan Young would attend.

As our Session Clerk is unable to attend the Inspection of records on 27th March in person it was agreed that Janet Stewart would attend in his stead.

PHOTOCOPIER:

Linda Wunch informed us that our supplier had indicated a better deal regards to our photocopier provision. Linda was given permission to pursue this office contract.

Dates of next meetings:

Single Purpose Meeting TBC on a Sunday in April following Morning Worship

Tuesday 2nd May 2023 SAFEGUARDING TRAINING in the Sanctuary

Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7.30.pm in the Morrison Room

Tuesday 13th June 2023 at 7.30.pm in the Morrison Room

As this was all the business the meeting was closed with prayer.

Moderator_____

Session Clerk_____