

## **KIRK SESSION OF CAMBUSLANG PARISH CHURCH MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

### **SEDERUNT:**

Rev. Derek Hughes (Moderator), Seun Adediran, Jeanette Alexander, Isobel Allison, David Black, Hedley Connell, Robert Dickie, Colin Fell, Archie Fotheringham, Ishbel Gow, Scott Hamilton, Karen Hamilton DCS, Graham Macgregor, Bob McDougall, Carol Menzies, Lorna Morrison, Helen Nisbet, James Nixon, Hazel Robb, Anne Scott, Janet Stewart, Fiona Tennent, Alison Thomson, Linda Wunsch, Susan Young.

### **APOLOGIES:**

Rev. Peter Nimmo, Charlie Burns, Kenny Finnie, Fiona Hamilton, Elizabeth Harbinson, Jan Ladd, Iain McAllister, Linda Neeson, Nicola O'Connor, Heather Reilly.

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

David Young.

### **CONSTITUTION:**

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

### **MINUTES:**

The Minute of the Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 was read and approved.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Extract minute from Presbytery of Glasgow (12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023) noted the appointment of Rev. Derek Hughes as Interim Moderator for Cambuslang Parish Church.
2. Email received from Rev. Hilary McDougall concerning out of date info on our website. *Session Clark and Communications Team indicated that there had been difficulty in obtaining full access passwords etc. from web master, Richard Black, in order to update the website. These had now been received Susan Young and Linda Wunsch agreed to, in the first instance remove outdated information before the end of the week, and thereafter speak with Richard Black as to best route forward (build complete new site, then rehost or change/ develop existing site to suite current requirements)*
3. Proposal received in the name of Jan Ritchie with regards to Meet & 2 Veg, provisioning a Christmas Lunch in our halls on Christmas Day. *The Kirk Session agreed this initiative in principal subject to appropriate Risk Assessment and approved Certification being received by our Health & Safety Officer.*
4. Christian Aid rep. *It was agreed that the church office email should be given as the contact for Christian Aid.*

### **NOTICE OF A.O.C.B.**

Request received from Bob McDougall that after the cancelation of previous 2 Team Conveners meetings by our minister that a meeting be rescheduled as a matter of urgency.

*Session Clark agreed to arrange a date with Team Conveners after the conclusion of the Session meeting. Rev. Derek Hughes agreed that this meeting should go ahead and can be held without a minister being in attendance, should they not be available.*

### **PASTORAL CONCERN:**

*Considerable discussion took place with concern for the adverse effects being felt and expressed to some of our Elders by our Congregation and members of the wider Cambuslang community regarding the health of our minister Rev. Peter Nimmo and the resulting associated absence. The*

*Kirk Session expressed concerns that our congregation and the work of our church may have been in some way constrained from moving forward as we await the full recovery of our Minister. The Rev Derek Hughes assured the Eldership that while as a Kirk Session we have a responsibility to support our minister we have a greater responsibility to our church and our community, to this end the Kirk Session agreed that while remaining sensitive to our Ministers absence we should forge ahead with the varied meetings etc. that had been planned and formulate a positive way forward for our congregation.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Report was received and accepted.

**SAFEGUARDING REPORT:**

Circulated in advance to Elders and the report was accepted.

Susan Young, our Safeguarding Coordinator, intimated that appropriate paperwork for Patricia Young has been approved. It was noted that a change to the understanding of the Girls Brigade safeguarding procedures now requires that they also complete Church of Scotland approved training. Susan will endeavor to ensure this is carried out ASAP.

Susan Young has been appointed by the Presbytery of Glasgow as a Coordinator Trainer for Safeguarding, Kirk Session expressed its congratulations on her appointment and appreciates the valuable resource that she can now provide for the wider church.

**FABRIC REPORT:**

Circulated in advance to Elders and the report was accepted.

**ROLL KEEPERS REPORT:**

Circulated in advance to Elders and the report was accepted.

It was agreed to update the roll regards the following:

**Admitted as a member, by Certificate of Transference:** - Mrs Cathie Jamieson.

**Removal by death:** - Mrs. Margaret McCall, Mrs. June Urquhart, Mrs. Jessie Ferguson, Mrs. Alice Leslie, Mrs. Violet McAlpine, Mrs. Mary Brown, Mrs. Helen McNeil.

**Removal by other reason:** - Mr Andrew Carruthers, Mr Alan Carruthers.

**Address Changes:** - Mrs. Georgie Thom, Mr. Robert McDonald, Mrs. Christine Merrylees, Mrs. Isabel Rattray, Mr. Russell Clearie, Mrs. Senga Robinson.

**HALLS CONVENER REPORT:**

Circulated in advance to Elders and the report was accepted.

As part of the report Mr. Bob McDougall confirmed his intention to resign as Convener. This was accepted by Session and Bob was thanked for his work in this capacity.

Following some prior discussion between Bob McDougall and Scott Hamilton (Session Clark) with regards to suitable candidates to fulfill the roll, Derek Burns and Stephen Dickson were proposed jointly to the position of Halls Convener, and this was agreed by Kirk Session.

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Circulated in advance to Elders and the report was accepted.

*As previously agreed by Finance and Session, the Fabric Team has been instructed to carry out the required works to install the Defibrillator.*

**FELLOWSHIP TEAM REPORT:** - No report received.

*It was agreed that the Team Conveners should consider a suitable candidate to lead this team following the resignation of Ohna Robertson and the retiral of Margaret Pringle and Shona Jenkins.*

**WORSHIP TEAM REPORT:**

Report was received and approved.

It was noted that the gift service on 10<sup>th</sup> December should be in aid of Barnardo's 16+ and The Camglen Family Hub. (not Women's Aid as contained in the report)

Scott Hamilton (Session Clerk) thanked Jim Nixon and Lorna Morrison for taking on the organization of the communion servers and set up rotas, and very much appreciates the time taken for these important tasks.

**PRESBYTERY REPORT:**

Report was received and approved.

**Dates of next regular meetings:**

to take place @7:30pm in the Morriston Room:

- a. 17th Oct 2023, 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023.
- b. 20th Feb 2024, 16th Apr 2024, 21st May 2024, 25th June 2024.

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

Moderator\_\_\_\_\_

Session Clerk\_\_\_\_\_