

KIRK SESSION OF CAMBUSLANG PARISH CHURCH MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17th October 2023

SEDERUNT:

Rev. Derek Hughes (Interim Moderator), Seun Adediran, David Black, Robert Dickie, Colin Fell, Archie Fotheringham, Scott Hamilton, Graham Macgregor, Bob McDougall, Lorna Morrison, Linda Neeson, Helen Nisbet, James Nixon, Heather Reilly, Anne Scott, Janet Stewart, Fiona Tennent, Alison Thomson, Linda Wunsch, Susan Young.

APOLOGIES:

Rev. Peter Nimmo, Jeanette Alexander, Isobel Allison, Charlie Burns, Hedley Connell, Kenny Finnie, Ishbel Gow, Fiona Hamilton, Karen Hamilton DCS, Elizabeth Harbinson, Jan Ladd, Iain McAllister, Carol Menzies, Nicola O'Connor, Hazel Robb.

IN ATTENDANCE:

David Young.

CONSTITUTION:

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

MINUTES:

The Minute of the Meeting of 19th September 2023 was read and a number of amendments suggested a new minute would be produced and approved at next meeting.

NOTICE OF A.O.C.B.

Update on Rev. Peter Nimmo:

Notification of a 'fit note' had been received by the interim moderator, (IM) covering Rev. Peter Nimmo absence until 23rd October 2023. IM indicated that after some communication with the Presbytery Clerk and with Peter it was expected that Peters absence was expected to continue in the short to medium term. To this end the IM has arranged the following cover for Sunday Worship

22nd October Rev. Susan Miller

29th October Graham MacGregor, Reader CofS

5th October Karen Hamilton DCS

12th November Rev. Hilary MacDougall (Remembrance Sunday)

Retiring offering to Erskine Hospital, proceeds of poppy sales etc. to poppy Scotland.

19th November Rev. Grant Barclay (Presbytery Clerk)

The Kirk Session agreed that should it be helpful they would be willing to conduct worship.

The question was raised given the current circumstance would it be permissible to reclaim pulpit fees. It was suggested that this should be asked to the Presbytery Clerk at a future meeting that he has agreed to Moderate.

Fellowship Team:

Ohna Robertson (former convener of the Fellowship Team) expressed her thanks to IM for his approach but stands by her decision to Resign.

Congregational Website:

Our website has been updated with all out-of-date information removed. A meeting with webmaster Richard Black has taken place and information streamlined. Administration Access has been granted to Susan Young and Stephen Dickson who will look at other sites and give feedback on any further improvements or addition that we require. When a suitable facility is available past approved Kirk Session Minutes will be archived and uploaded to the site.

Christmas Lunch

Risk assessments have to be updated and completed and full support of kirk session should be evident as this is a very important outreach to our community.

Pew Removal Feasibility Study

A Report from Andrew McEwan has been received and the group will now be looking to other churches for their experiences in carrying out similar projects.

Meeting of Conveners/ Team Leaders

A meeting took place to begin to look at how our church teams can function more effectively and efficiently for our community.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A Communication was received from Rev Muriel Pearson who is posted in Jerusalem this was commended to the congregation.

A request was made from Flemington Hallside Parish Church to contribute £50 towards the cost of a praise night being held on 3rd November. After some considerable discussion a one off donation was agreed. It was also noted that should the intention be for this event to become a regular 'Cluster' event then further discussion and agreement should be had with the 'Cluster'.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Report was received and accepted.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT:

Report was received and accepted.

Susan Young asked that she be allowed the use of the church printer/copier to print various training materials for use in her role as a Safeguarding trainer. *This was agreed.*

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:

Removal by death: - Mrs Myra Kennedy

Removal by other reason: - P Kamenya (adherent)

HALLS CONVENER REPORT:

Derek Burns provided a handwritten report indicating that a new fortnightly Zumba let will start 24th October, there is a lot of interest in our 'theatre style' facilities with new bookings for a dance show 21st January, theatre guild show in March and the Dance group who held a show on 7th October rebooking for next year.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Fundraising Committee continue to execute their duties raising funds for our church through social activities that outreach to our cluster groups and the wider community. For many people who attended these events It's their first time in the building, and hopefully not the last. It is encouraging to witness the fellowship and friendship generated at these events, it's as important to the wellbeing of our church as the fundraising itself.

WORSHIP TEAM REPORT:

No Report as next due to meet on 24th October.

Dates of services noted earlier in the minutes.

Communion arrangements for 3rd December; It is hoped that our minister will be back for this however IM would continue to monitor and arrange cover if required. Retiring offering should be for Christian Aid in relation to Israel / Palestine

Lorna spoke about the outreach to organisations as a result of the poppy project, making contact on behalf of session to Girls' Brigade, 138 Scouts and 150 Scouts, Rutherglen Community Carers, with a plan to see Boys' Brigade, Voluntary Care club, and Sunday Club in the next week. Lorna suggested that since visits to organisations had fallen by the wayside since Covid days, a connection had been made with these groups until named elder visits can resume.

PRESBYTERY REPORT:

Report was received and approved.

Funeral Request:

A request had been made for a funeral to take place on Saturday 11th November at 930am

It was agreed that this could go ahead as remembrance observance will be held on Sunday 12th

Dates of next regular meetings:

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

a. 5th Dec 2023

b. 20th Feb 2024, 16th Apr 2024, 18th June 2024.

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

Moderator_____

Session Clerk_____

