



# The Church of Scotland

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## Presbytery of Lanark

**The Presbytery will meet in Cairngryffe Parish Church (School Road, Carmichael, ML12 6PQ) on Tuesday 4 September 2018 at 7pm for the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion and thereafter, the following and other competent business.**

*Rev Bryan Kerr, Presbytery Clerk*

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### **Order of Business – 4 September 2018**

1. Constitution
2. Welcome to Visitors
3. Approval of the Order of Business
4. Minutes
5. Decisions under Summer Powers
6. Decisions under Delegated Powers
7. Roll of Presbytery
8. Correspondence
9. Good News Stories
10. Report of the Presbytery Support Committee
11. Report of the Relationships and Context Committee
12. Report of the Worship and Discipleship Committee
13. Intimations
14. Adjournment:

The Presbytery adjourns to meet for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 2 October 2017 at 7 pm in Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark.

## Intimations

### 2018 Ministry and Mission Allocations

Members of Presbytery should inform Clerks to Financial Courts and Treasurers to review the initial proposed figures for Ministry and Mission in 2019 recently emailed to the Clerks. Any appeals from financial courts should be in the hands of the Presbytery Clerk no later than Monday 15 October 2018.

### Youth Praise Night

There will be a Youth Praise Night at St. John's Church, Carluke, which is suitable for SI and above on Saturday 15 September from 6pm until 9.30pm. For more details contact Rev Dr Elijah Obinna.

## Decisions under summer powers

The Clerk has been informed that the following decisions have been made under Delegated Powers.

### Deliverance

The Presbytery:

1. Agreed in respect of Covington Glebe to grant authorisation for the sale of the Covington Glebe subject to a suitable price being agreed by the General Trustees to allow a sufficient return on stipend greater than the rental currently being achieved.
2. Agreed in respect of Douglas Glebe to grant authorisation for extend the rental of the part of the Douglas Glebe currently provide to South Lanarkshire Council for the provision of a play park for the community for a further period of 20 years subject to a suitable rent being negotiated by the General Trustees.
3. Agreed in respect of Lesmahagow: Old Church to approve the plans submitted by Coalburn and Lesmahagow: Old to alter the interior of Lesmahagow: Old Parish Church by removing four pew ends to make accessible spaces, remove three short pews to create a prayer space and remove three short pews to create a storage area for temporary staging. Instruct the Clerk to send the completed permission form to the General Trustees and inform the General Trustees of the urgency of the situation in regard to having a worshipper who requires to make use of spaces designed for a mobility scooter.
4. Agreed in respect of Crossford lw Kirkfieldbank to email the Kirk Sessions and Congregational Boards of informing them that due to a lack of response from correspondence seeking dates for visits to look at issue raised in the Property Survey Reports, including a lack of progress from the previous report, a date has been chosen for visits by Presbytery and instructing local parties to be in attendance.
5. Agreed in respect of Carstairs Parish Church to
  - a. Approve the application of the Congregational Board and Kirk Session of a Stage 2 application to Heritage Lottery Fund for works within Carstairs Parish Church.
  - b. Approve the plans presented to upgrade the internal staircase, install an accessible WC, install a pantry, and redesign the chancel area of Carstairs Parish Church.
  - c. Instruct the Kirk Session and Congregational Board to provide an extract minute on their willingness to fund the shortfall within the project along with their plan to raise the funds.
  - d. Instruct the Kirk Session and Congregational Board to bring forward a timescale for agreeing proposals for removing the pews and replacing flooring within Carstairs Parish Church in the knowledge that it may be easier to find shortfall funding for the project if the congregation was providing a multi-purpose space for community use.
  - e. Instruct the Kirk Session and Congregational Board to remember that no work should begin on site until Presbytery have issued final approval after all funding is in place.
  - f. Commend the Minister, Kirk Session and Congregational Board for their vision and work in regard to this major building project.
6. Agreed in respect of Coalburn and Lesmahagow: Old to grant permission to lease the manse of the charge of Coalburn and Lesmahagow Old for an initial period of six months on standard Church of Scotland leading terms where, should a minister be called or the manse is required for Church business a notice period of one month is in operation. It was further agreed to express

disappointment that the Kirk Session and letting company have negotiated terms prior to permission being granted by Presbytery and with no recourse to the General Trustees; and instruct the Kirk Session to ensure that any decisions taken about the buildings within the charge are discussed with the Presbytery at an early stage.

7. Agreed in respect of the Presbytery Attestation of Congregational Accounts for 2017
  - a. The Clerk be instructed to issue attestation reports prepared by IA Stewart to congregational treasurers and session clerks
  - b. Where a set of accounts has 'minor' issues noted by IA Stewart these ought to be changed prior to the congregation submitting accounts to OSCR.
  - c. Where a set of accounts has one or more 'significant' issues noted by IA Stewart these must be actioned and changes made, with the updated annual report and accounts being presented to a properly called and constituted meeting of the congregational trustees in order to be reapproved with a updated date, and thereafter presented to the Independent Examiner for examination and resigning.
  - d. When updated accounts have been signed by two charity Trustees and the independent examiner a signed hard copy should be sent to the Presbytery Clerk (with the examiner signing on the same date, or date after the congregational trustees have signed).
  - e. Every Kirk Session (with either minor or significant points raised) should present the attestation report on their accounts prepared by IA Stewart to their Kirk Session and the independent examiner who carried out the examination. An extract minute of the Kirk Session which details this action should be sent to the Presbytery Clerk no later than 30 September 2018.
  - f. Should Congregational Trustees feel that they unable to undertake this process they should contact the Depute Presbytery Treasurer, Mr John Lumsden as soon as possible.
  - g. For the avoidance of doubt, any congregation with one or more 'significant' points raised by IA Stewart during the attestation must not submit their accounts to OSCR until the Presbytery has acknowledged receipt and satisfaction of changes made to the revised accounts.
8. Agreed in respect of Upper Clyde to appoint Mrs Anne Cochrane (Carnwath), Mrs Caroline Deerin (Biggar), Mr Tom McCallum (Lanark: St. Nicholas) and Mr Denham MacDougall (Cairngryffe) as Assessor Elders in Upper Clyde as of 1 August 2018 and instruct the Assessor Elders to provide a report on the situation to the Presbytery Support Committee no later than 30 April 2019. For the avoidance of doubt the Assessor Elders shall be given voting powers and shall be full charity trustees.
9. Agreed in respect of Committee Membership to approve membership of Presbytery Committees for the session 2018/2019 as follows:
  - a. Relationships and Context Committee: Rev Dr Elijah Obinna (Convener), Mr John Austin, Mr Sandy Boag, Rev David Carmichael, Mr Tom Chalmers, Mrs Anne Cochrane, Mr William Coulter, Mrs Sue Crofton, Rev Henry Findlay, Rev Michael Fucella, Rev Helen Jamieson, Rev Dr Nikki Macdonald, Rev Maudeen MacDougall, Mr Willie MacSween, Mr Alex McPhee, Mr Robert Mitchell, Mrs Christine O'Neill and Mr Hugh Stewart; *plus one member co-opted from Guild Presbyterial Council*
  - b. Worship & Discipleship Committee: Rev Elspeth MacLean (Convener), Mrs Elizabeth Bradley, Mr Robert Carson, Mrs Helen Chekansky, Rev Elizabeth Clelland, Mrs Lynn Cochrane, Rev Iain Cunningham, Rev James Cutler, Mr George Forbes, Mr Alan Grant, Rev Paul Grant, Mr William Love, Rev Louise Mackay, Mrs Mabel Morris, Mrs Anne Reid, Rev Steven Reid, Mr Sandy Russell, Mr Jim Sinclair, Mr David Waters, Mr Kenneth Watson, Mr James Watt and Rev David Young; *plus one member co-opted from Guild Presbyterial Council*
  - c. Presbytery Support Committee: Mr Scott Paget (Convener), Rev Bryan Kerr (Presbytery Clerk), Rev George Shand (Depute Presbytery Clerk), Mr Alan Grant (Moderator – member to 4/9/18), Mr Jim Watt (Moderator Designate – member from 4/9/18), Mrs Elizabeth Bradley (1 year), Rev Paul Grant (1 year), Rev Maudeen MacDougall (1 year), Mr Jim Sinclair (1 year), Mr David Waters (1 year) *with Advisors Caroline Deerin, Ewan Easton, John Lumsden and Mary McGillivray.*

- d. Complaints Committee: Rev Elizabeth Clelland (Convener), Mrs Anne Cochrane, Rev Harry Findlay, Mr William Love, Rev Maudeen MacDougall and Mrs Anne Reid

## Report of the Presbytery Support Committee

### Deliverance

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report.
2. Urge all ministers, Session Clerks, Safeguarding Co-ordinators and panels to familiarise themselves with the Safeguarding Act (Act 16, 2018) and ensure that Kirk Sessions are aware of their responsibilities under the act.
3. In respect of Ministry and Mission Variance
  - a. Grant an award of £1,000 to Lanark: Greyfriars towards the costs for a Christmas Activity Day in two local primary schools
  - b. In Year of Young Person, commend all congregations undertaking imaginative mission amongst children and young people and award £500 each to the congregations of Biggar, Crossford, Carstairs, Carluke: Kirkton, Carluke: St. John's, Carluke: St. Andrew's, Forth: St. Paul's, Kirkmuirhill, Lanark: Greyfriars, Lesmahagow: Abbeygreen, Symington & Tinto Parishes (via Symington) to go towards said mission activities.
4. Note that IA Stewart have completed the attestation of congregational accounts for 2017, thank treasurers for their diligence in producing the accounts and remind congregations of the requirement to submit amended accounts to the Clerk for approval prior to submission to OSCR.
5. Note that any appeals to the proposed ministry and mission allocations for 2019 must be presented to the committee no later than Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and that appeals can only be made on the incorrect calculation of an income base figure.
6. Grant permission to Carstairs to remove pews and install flexible seating as part of the ongoing property project and support and application to CARTA for the same.
7. Grant permission to Kirkmuirhill to make use of toughened glass in the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary artistic installation.
8. Grant permission to Biggar to carry out repairs in the Gillespie Centre namely, urgent and essential roof repairs at a cost of £13,000, internal works identified in the inspection report at a cost of £19,990 and to improve the heating and lighting in the upper hall at a cost of £10,500 and support the applications to the General Trustees for these works.
9. In respect of Carluke St: Andrews in deferred union with Carluke: St. John's and Carluke Parish Grouping:
  - a. Thank all who have contributed to the discussion with the committee in respect of the situation.
  - b. Acknowledge the pain that has been caused by the decisions made by the Presbytery, Kirk Sessions and congregations in this matter for ministers and individuals within the two congregations.
  - c. Instruct the committee to formally invite Place for Hope to begin a process of facilitated discussion with the Kirk Sessions of Carluke: St. Andrew's and Carluke: St. John's in order to enable both parties to reach a consensus on the situation and how they might begin to work closer together as congregations.
  - d. Instruct the committee to formally invite Place for Hope to begin a process of facilitated discussion between the minister of Carluke: St. Andrew's and the minister of Carluke: St. Andrew's in deferred union with Carluke: St. John's in order to help them further develop their working relationship within the Church of Scotland and within the town of Carluke, whilst acknowledging the difficulty of the situation in respect of the Deferred Union.
  - e. Express an earnest hope that all will be willing to allow this process to move forward and develop in a way that will to allow conversations to take place that may help to strengthen the relationships between the two congregations.

- f. Agree to delay the start of the facilitated discussion process within the Carluke Parish Grouping until the facilitated discussions between Carluke: St. Andrew's and Carluke: St. John's have concluded, reminding the congregations that the work of the Parish Grouping should not stop in the interim.
10. Appoint, as Vacancy Procedure Committee
    - a. for Coalburn and Lesmahagow: Old: Mr Scott Paget (Convener), Rev Bryan Kerr (Presbytery Clerk), Rev George Shand (Depute Presbytery Clerk), Mr Willie Macsween and Mrs Mabel Morris;
    - b. for Douglas Valley, Mr Scott Paget (Convener), Rev Bryan Kerr (Presbytery Clerk), Rev George Shand (Depute Presbytery Clerk), Mrs Anne Cochrane and Rev Paul Grant; and
    - c. for Kirkmuirhill, Mr Scott Paget (Convener), Rev Bryan Kerr (Presbytery Clerk), Rev George Shand (Depute Presbytery Clerk), Mr Ewan Easton and Rev Helen Jamieson
  11. Appoint, as Vacancy Advisory Committee
    - a. to Coalburn and Lesmahagow: Old, Mr Willie Macsween (Convener), Rev Iain Cunningham and Mrs Mabel Morris;
    - b. to Douglas Valley, Mrs Anne Cochrane (Convener), Rev Mike Fucella and Rev Paul Grant; and
    - c. to Kirkmuirhill, Rev Helen Jamieson (Convener), Mrs Sue Crofton and Mr Ewan Easton
  12. Approve the Presbytery Plan with 2018 revisions (Appendix 1) and note that during 2019 a process of review will require to begin in light of the advisory numbers for planning set by the General Assembly and the forthcoming 'radical' plan to be presented to General Assembly 2019.
  13. Agree to appoint Rev Louise MacKay (Convener) and Mr Robert Mitchell and Rev Mike Fucella (Convener) & Mr David Waters as team members, along with Catch the Light to the charges of the Tinto Parishes and Carnwath linked with Carstairs respectively to complete the Local Church Reviews.
  14. Approve the Data Protection Policy (Appendix 2), Data Retention Policy (Appendix 3) and Privacy Notice (Appendix 4).
  15. Note that the Clerk has signed a data processing agreement with Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark on behalf of the Presbytery of Lanark to allow our data to be held on their internal servers and cloud services, and for the Presbytery to make use of the facilities within Greyfriars.

## Report

### Safeguarding

The committee draw Presbyters attention to Act 16, 2018 of the General Assembly. This is the new Safeguarding Act that encompasses all of the decisions made in safeguarding in the last 20 years. It is highly recommended that ministers, Session Clerks and Safeguarding Co-ordinators make themselves familiar with the act and the responsibilities it continues to place upon Kirk Sessions and congregations. The Presbytery Safeguarding Co-ordinator is currently arranging a series of trainings for volunteers and, with regular meetings and briefings for co-ordinators, will ensure that as many people as possible are aware of their responsibilities under the act.

### Finance

#### Ministry and Mission Variance

The Committee recommend that Presbytery award a grant of £1,000 to Lanark: Greyfriars towards the £1,600 costs of running a Christmas Activity Day for 450 pupils in two local primary schools. The committee commended the congregation on its innovative mission within the parish.

The committee further recommends that in the Year of Young Person it is fitting that Presbytery celebrate the work being undertaken by many congregations to reach out to children and young people. Following an audit of current mission activities (outwith normal Sunday School and Uniformed organisations) the committee heard exciting news of a number of holiday clubs, youth groups, discussion groups, innovative

chaplancy, drop in cafes, art projects, cinemas, story-telling sessions and more. The committee recommend that an award of £500 from the variance go to each congregation undertaking such mission work to aid its development. The congregations awarded the sum are Biggar, Crossford, Carstairs, Carluke: Kirkton, Carluke: St. John's, Carluke: St. Andrew's, Forth: St. Paul's, Kirkmuirhill, Lanark: Greyfriars, Lesmahagow: Abbeygreen, Symington & Tinto Parishes (via Symington).

### **Congregational Attestation of Accounts**

The committee has received the first round report from IA Stewart and have issued each financial court with the comments made. Where there are significant alterations to be made financial courts are reminded of the requirement to represent the accounts to the trustees and independent examiner for approval. Thereafter all congregations that have been instructed to make changes to the accounts should submit them to the Clerk for a final check. When the final check has been completed the Clerk will inform the congregation of permission to submit the accounts to OSCR. The committee thank all treasurers for their support in ensuring the accounts of our congregations are as accurate as they can be.

### **Ministry and Mission 2019 Calculations**

The committee has received the calculations for Ministry and Mission payments for 2019 and will be sending them directly to clerks of financial courts. Any appeals which financial courts feel necessary to make should be in the hands of the committee no later than Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Congregations are reminded that appeals can only be made on the grounds of an incorrect calculation of the Income Base as laid out in Regulation 1, 2012 (as amended).

### **Property**

**Carstairs** – Permission is sought by the Congregational Board to remove the pews within the sanctuary and replace them with flexible seating as part of the larger project currently being undertaken. The committee commend the congregation for their vision and determination and support the proposal and application to CARTA.

**Kirkmuirhill** – Permission has been granted for the installation of a large artistic structure in the grounds of the church. This will consist of windows hanging from chains anchored on a steel structure. After discussion with the congregation the committee recommend permission be granted for the use of toughened glass within the installation.

**Biggar** – The Kirk Session of Biggar seek permission to undertake some necessary work in the Gillespie Centre following both the property inspection by Mike Nisbet and the handback of the building from the Gillespie Centre Association. The committee invite Presbytery to grant permission for urgent and essential roof repairs at a cost of £13,000, internal works identified in the inspection report at a cost of £19,990 and to improve the heating and lighting in the upper hall at a cost of £10,500 and support the applications to the General Trustees for these works. Funds are in place for these works.

### **Planning and Deployment**

#### **Carluke St: Andrews in deferred union with Carluke: St. John's and Carluke Parish Grouping**

In recent months, the Presbytery has received a letter from the Kirk Session of Carluke: St. John's in regard to the Deferred Union between Carluke: St. Andrew's and Carluke: St. John's. The Kirk Session of St. John's Church expressed their misgivings concerning the viability of the Deferred Union and expressed the view that the Deferred Union is not working and do not foresee a prospect of improvement.

The committee was mindful that, in order to understand the situation fully they needed to listen to both Kirk Sessions and both ministers. The committee therefore sought discussion on the Deferred Union and how all parties viewed the way forward within the Deferred Union. The Presbytery Support Committee called meetings with the individual Kirk Sessions without the ministers being present, and then separately, the ministers, to discuss the adjustment in terms of Section 13 (1) of Act 7, 2003 as amended.

The committee wish to place on record their thanks and appreciation for all who shared views with them and acknowledge that for many, not least the two ministers, the discussions were challenging and uncomfortable. In the discussions some spoke of the need for the Deferred Union to be dissolved and a two charge solution to be reinstated. The committee heard expressed by many, an understanding that unification would provide the best way to achieve the mission of God in Carlisle. The union between Carlisle: St John's and Carlisle: St. Andrew's was voted for overwhelmingly by the members of the two congregations. There was expressed a genuine sadness at the present reality where the two congregations do not appear to be in a position where they can talk to each other about the future and that relationships have broken down. The committee appreciate that many who voiced their thoughts at the meeting also spoke warmly of individual relationships between members of the two churches.

The committee has investigated all possibilities for the future of the Deferred Union. With a minister having been called to the charge, the minister is currently placed within Carlisle: St. John's, it is impossible to dissolve the union without removing the minister. Even if Presbytery was of that mind and wished make this change, the Presbytery Planning Task Group (PPTG) of the Ministries Council would only hold discussion over the matter of the dissolution of the Deferred Union if there was a realistic solution for the mission of the church in Carlisle. With the Church of Scotland agreeing that there needs to be a radical action plan to reduce the number of charges and buildings in the next few years, it is highly improbable that dissolving the Deferred Union and reinstating to a two charge situation would be realistic.

Having listened to the voices of many individuals within the two congregations the committee recognises the pain that has been caused by the decisions made by the Presbytery, Kirk Sessions and congregations in this matter. However, the committee also feel that there is a need to facilitate a process whereby the two congregations, initially through the Kirk Sessions, begin to speak with one another. The committee also feels that a process of mediation to allow the two ministers to develop their working relationship within the town, outwith the deferred union is crucial to God's mission in Carlisle.

To that end the committee has held a discussion with Place for Hope in an effort to devise a process that allows all concerned to achieve a consensus on the situation rather than decisions to be reached. The Kirk Sessions, congregations and Presbytery have all voted for a Deferred Union. The decision to unite the two congregations has already been made and, by calling a minister to the unified charge, the Deferred Union has already been put in place. The committee seek a process whereby all can come to a mind on how to make that adjustment move forward.

The committee is aware that the only outstanding decision to be taken in the matter of the Deferred Union is the question of the use of buildings. The committee, and PPTG agree that before any further discussions can be held in respect of the future of the buildings, the Kirk Sessions first have to come together to talk, and begin to repair some of the relationships between the congregations.

Presbytery is invited to instruct the committee to formally invite Place for Hope to begin a process of facilitated discussion with the Kirk Sessions of Carlisle: St. Andrew's and Carlisle: St. John's in order to enable both parties to reach a consensus on the situation and how they might begin to work closer together as congregations. The committee further invite Presbytery to formally invite Place for Hope to begin a process of facilitated discussion between the ministers of Carlisle: St. Andrew's and the minister of Carlisle: St. Andrew's in deferred union with Carlisle: St. John's to help them further develop their working relationship within the Church of Scotland and within the town of Carlisle, whilst acknowledging the difficulty of the situation in respect of the Deferred Union.

Within the process of facilitated discussion with Place for Hope, it is likely that the facilitators will wish to gather different groups of people together at different times, and it may be that they wish to meet with the Kirk Session both with and without the minister being present. The committee expresses an earnest hope that all will be willing to allow this process to move forward and develop in a way that allows conversations to take place in order to help strengthen the relationships between the two congregations.

The committee still see much value in the Carluke Parish Grouping. The Presbytery has previously sought to involve Place for Hope in a facilitated discussion between the three Carluke congregations to restore certain relationships within the grouping, and for a number of reasons it has proven difficult to find dates that suit all parties in order to begin this process. The committee feels that whilst there is a need for such facilitated discussion, the matter of the Deferred Union requires more urgent attention. The committee therefore invite Presbytery to delay the start of the facilitated discussion process within the Parish Grouping but remind the congregations that the work of the Parish Grouping should not stop in the interim.

“May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 15:5-6

### **Vacancy Advisory Committees**

In accordance with Act 3, 2008 (as amended) the committee invite Presbytery to appoint the following as Vacancy Procedure Committees:

- Coalburn and Lesmahagow: Old: Mr Scott Paget (Convener), Rev Bryan Kerr (Presbytery Clerk), Rev George Shand (Depute Presbytery Clerk), Mr Willie Macsween and Mrs Mabel Morris;
- Douglas Valley: Mr Scott Paget (Convener), Rev Bryan Kerr (Presbytery Clerk), Rev George Shand (Depute Presbytery Clerk), Mrs Anne Cochrane and Rev Paul Grant;
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### **Presbytery Plan**

The General Assembly of 2018 instructed all Presbyteries to seek fresh concurrence of their Presbytery Plan no later than 31 December 2018. The committee have looked at, and revised the narrative within the plan. There are no changes to the plan in this year, however the Presbytery will need to grapple with issues around the advisory numbers for planning set by the General Assembly this year, and the 2019 ‘radical’ plan likely to be placed before Assembly. The committee invite Presbytery to approve the current plan as contained in Appendix I.

## **Superintendence**

### **Local Church Review Teams**

The committee invite Presbytery to appoint Rev Louise MacKay (Convener) & Mr Robert Mitchell and Rev Mike Fucella (Convener) & Mr David Waters as team members, along with Catch the Light to the charges of the Tinto Parishes and Carnwath linked with Carstairs respectively to complete the Local Church Reviews.

### **Future Planning**

The committee is currently considering the responses made during the table discussions at the Presbytery meeting in June 2018. Alongside those the remits from General Assembly have been received and distributed to committees to study. The committee will bring forward proposals for future plans to forthcoming meetings.

## GDPR Policies

With the advent of GDPR Presbytery is required to approve policies in respect of how data is handled. A Data Protection Policy (Appendix 2), Data Retention Policy (Appendix 3) and Privacy Notice (Appendix 4) is presented for approval.

In line with GDPR the Presbytery has signed a data processing agreement with Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark to allow our data to be held on their internal servers and cloud, and for the Presbytery to make use of the facilities within Greyfriars.

## Report of the Relationships and Context Committee

### Deliverance

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report.
2. Note and encourage all congregations to send representatives and participate in the Presbytery Mission conference proposed for Saturday, 2 February 2019 to be held in Greyfriars Church from 10:30-4:00pm.
3. Encourage the Presbytery and congregations to continue with its financial support for the work of St. Andrews Hospice.
4. Commend a wider circulation of the Mission Partner Newsletters from Rev Dr John McCulloch to all congregations to enable the congregations to engage better with John and family's life and work.
5. Encourage the Presbytery and all congregations to show more commitment in its engagements with local and international Health and Social Care Partnerships.
6. Invite the Presbytery Support committee to set a date in the near future for Rev Iain Cunningham to address the Presbytery on his time as Convenor of the World Mission Council.

### Report

#### Presbytery Mission Conference

The committee revisited the proposal to hold a Mission Conference. It had originally been planned to hold this in October but due to a lack of available dates, it has been decided that it will be held on Saturday, 2 February 2019. It was agreed that Greyfriars Church would be a suitable venue and availability has been confirmed. The conference should run from about 10.30am until about 4.00 pm with lunch and coffee breaks. There would perhaps be two main speakers in the morning and choices of smaller workshops in the afternoon and other projects could be displayed within the conference space. It was agreed that we could make the conference Ecumenical and invite representatives from all Churches in the area. It was decided that it will not be possible to determine the exact topics until we have the opportunity to study the feedback from the Congregational Consultation held in June and decide what issues congregations have indicated that they want to have addressed.

#### Support for St Andrews Hospice

Although the capital project is complete and they have moved back into their modernised building, it was confirmed that the Hospice continues to need financial support to continue with its work and projects.

#### Partner Newsletter

George asked if we were all receiving copies of John McCulloch's newsletters. A few are but most are not. There was a query about needing to ask for them first. However, it was suggested it could be passed on to all Ministers and Session Clerks with correspondence.

#### Ongoing issues in communities

The committee noted that the Community Justice co-ordinator from the South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership is organising a conference in early September. It was agreed that this notification should be passed to the Clerk for the next meeting of Presbytery. This also prompted some discussion about the roles of Churches within the Health and Social Care Partnership.

### **World Mission Convenor**

It was suggested that the Presbytery Support committee be requested to invite Iain Cunningham to give a short presentation to Presbytery on his time as World Mission Council's Convenor.

## **Report of the Worship and Discipleship Committee**

### **Deliverance**

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report.
2. Approve the Scheme for the Selection, Training and Authorisation of Funeral Celebrants (Church of Scotland) (Appendix 5) and approve the course 'When someone dies: Bereavement Care and conducting a funeral' (2017) as the standard to which Funeral Celebrants (Church of Scotland) shall be trained.
3. Invite ministers and Kirk Sessions to prayerfully consider those who may be suitable to be trained and authorised as Funeral celebrants (Church of Scotland), and advertise the course within their congregation.
4. Note that names for those nominated by Kirk Sessions to undertake the training for Funeral Celebrants (Church of Scotland) in November must be in the hands of the committee no later than Friday 19 October 2017, but interest should be registered with the convener as soon as possible.
5. Reaffirm the invitation to all congregations to participate in the National Prayer Day on Saturday 3rd November 2018 between 9am and 9pm.
6. Instruct all members of Presbytery to note the date of the Presbytery Retreat Day on 2nd March 2019, and prayerfully consider attending.

### **Report**

#### **Funeral Training**

The committee invites Presbytery to approve the Scheme for Selection, Training and Authorisation of Funeral Celebrants (Church of Scotland) (Appendix 5). This scheme is the result of further collaboration with Hamilton Presbytery. The scheme has been prepared to allow the running of a joint training course for lay people to lead funerals. It is proposed that once trained, individuals will be authorised and given the title "Funeral Celebrant (Church of Scotland)" and will be encouraged to introduce themselves as being from their particular church or parish. The course will consist of an initial evening on pastoral care followed by a day course to provide the necessary skills and confidence to be able to carry out a Christian funeral service

The course will cover the following areas:

1. Pastoral Care
  - a. What is Pastoral Care?
  - b. Reflection on a Bible passage to help inform pastoral practice
  - c. Consider and develop skills as an empathic listener
2. Bereavement Care
  - a. Reflect on a Bible passage dealing with loss and grief
  - b. Explore the stages of grief

- c. Increase confidence in working through issues of loss
3. Funeral Preparation
- a. Practical aspects of death and funerals
  - b. Liturgies and resources
  - c. What happens after the funeral?

After the course is completed each individual will work in a six month practical placement to gain the necessary skills for conducting a funeral and providing care to the bereaved. When an individual has successfully completed all parts of the training and authorisation process they will work with a parish minister. Only the parish minister can grant permission for the funeral celebrant to conduct a service on behalf of the Church. A funeral celebrant will not be entitled to accept an invitation to conduct a funeral without the permission of the minister of the congregation with whom they work.

The committee is aware that with the anticipated reduction in the number of ministers available within the Church of Scotland in the next decade new ways need to be found in order that our churches can still bring the ordinances of religion to all who request it. This scheme, alongside the scheme to authorise worship leaders is one way in which Lanark Presbytery can develop the gifts of all God's people and ensure that the Church of Scotland in our area continues to provide care and support for the communities we serve. The committee recommend the adoption of this scheme to Presbytery.

Should Presbytery approve the scheme the first course will take place in November 2018. All ministers and Kirk Sessions are encouraged to advertise this course with fliers which will be mailed to Session Clerks, and prayerfully consider every applicant according to the Scheme guidelines. There will be 16 places available, shared between Hamilton and Lanark Presbyteries.

### **National Day of Prayer**

The committee recommend to Presbytery the National Day of Prayer which is to be held on Saturday 3rd November. Resources are now available for download at

[http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/connect/together\\_we\\_pray/downloadable\\_resources](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/connect/together_we_pray/downloadable_resources)

As stated previously, the committee wish to encourage every church to participate, and the hope of the committee is to see Lanark Presbytery having continuous prayer from 9am to 9pm it is suggested that four geographical areas of Presbytery cover at least one section of the 12 hours as follows:

- Clydesdale East – Biggar I/w Black Mount, Carnwath I/w Carstairs, Tinto Parishes, Upper Clyde. 9.00 am -12 noon.
- Clydesdale West – Carluke: Kirkton, Carluke: St Andrews, Carluke St John's, Law. 12 noon -3.00pm.
- Clydesdale North – Crossford I/w Kirkfieldbank, Forth St Paul's, Lanark: Greyfriars, Lanark: St Nicholas. 3.00 -6.00 pm.
- Clydesdale South – Coalburn & Lesmahagow Old, Douglas Valley, Kirkmuirhill, Lesmahagow: Abbeygreen. 6.00-9.00pm.

The committee recommend that the churches in each area might work together to plan prayer activities. The committee also recognise that some churches serve smaller, more remote communities and may wish to plan for a section of the day, or sections throughout the day in their own community. Each church is of course free to plan and decide what type of prayer and what times suit them best, and the committee would be delighted if some churches choose to cover the whole 12 hours.

### **Presbytery Retreat**

The committee remind Presbytery of the planned retreat on Saturday 2nd March 2019, Braehead House, 10am – 4pm and invite all members of Presbytery to put the date in their diary. The morning session will have a speaker from the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, and the afternoon session will be led in house. The committee will be seeking to confirm numbers of those attending by the February Presbytery meeting.

Appendix 1

**Presbytery Plan 2018**

Appendix 2

**Data Protection Policy**

Appendix 3

**Data Retention Policy**

Appendix 4

**Privacy Policy**

It is recommended that members of Presbytery do not print out these attachments unless they really want to. They amount to around 35 pages. Copies can be obtained by contacting the Presbytery Clerk if you wish a paper copy.

**The Church of Scotland**  
**PRESBYTERY OF LANARK**

**Scheme for the Selection, Training and Authorisation  
of Funeral Celebrants (Church of Scotland)**

The Presbytery of Lanark agree to the provision of a Scheme for the Selection, Training and Authorisation of Funeral Celebrants (Church of Scotland).

The Scheme is intended to make provision for the Authorisation of Funeral Celebrants (Church of Scotland) who shall provide general and bereavement pastoral support and conduct funerals within the context of the congregation, (or linked charge, parish grouping or 'hub'), of which they are a member (or in limited instances a nearby congregation) always under the supervision of a minister.

1. With respect to Selection, the Presbytery shall, in the first instance, intimate the Scheme to all Kirk Sessions within its bounds and invite them to put forward names from within their congregation such persons as they believe to be eligible for selection, training and authorisation as a Funeral Celebrant (Church of Scotland) within their own congregation.
2. Members of congregations within the bounds of Presbytery can apply to the Kirk Session to have their name considered as someone eligible for selection, training and authorisation as a Funeral Celebrant (Church of Scotland).
3. The Kirk Session shall present the names of those individuals they believe should progress to training and authorisation as Funeral Celebrant (Church of Scotland)s to the minister of the charge.
4. The minister of the charge shall meet with any individuals whose names have been put forward by the Kirk Session and recommend suitability for nomination to the Kirk Session.
5. Upon the recommendation of the minister in terms of 4., a Kirk Session shall decide as to whether to nominate any individuals and shall, in all cases, intimate such nomination, in terms of 1., to the Presbytery Clerk by way of Extract Minute. In addition, the Kirk Session shall submit a letter of support with respect to each person nominated setting out the reasons for their nomination, along with an assurance that the minister of the charge has met with the individual and provided a positive recommendation for nomination.
6. The Presbytery shall submit the names of all persons nominated, in terms of 1. to 5. above, to the Presbytery for approval for Selection and Training.
7. For the avoidance of doubt, approval for Selection and Training should not be taken to imply subsequent Authorisation, with Authorisation dependent upon the satisfactory completion of Training and approval of Authorisation by Presbytery.
8. The Presbytery shall appoint a team of Supervisors who shall be responsible for the delivery of Training, the supervision of practical placements, in terms of 10., and; making recommendation to the Presbytery as whether a person should receive Authorisation in terms of this Scheme. The Presbytery may cooperate with neighbouring presbyteries offering the same training scheme to appoint Supervisors from other Presbyteries.
9. Each person approved for Selection and Training shall be appointed a Supervisor who shall be responsible (with others) for the delivery of Training. Supervisor shall be responsible for making recommendation to Presbytery as whether a person should receive Authorisation in terms of this Scheme.
10. Persons selected for Training shall be required (i) to complete a training course authorised by Presbytery; (ii) to work in a supervised practical placement with the minister of the congregation in which they are a member (or another minister appointed following consultation between the Supervisor and the minister of the congregation of which the individual is a member) for a period of six months to allow the development of skills and experience in conducting funerals and providing pastoral care; and (iii) to attend a review with the Supervisor and minister of the congregation of which they are a member to discuss the training, placement and skills developed in leading funerals and providing pastoral care.

11. At the point of nomination by the Kirk Session, the congregational Safeguarding Co-ordinator will ensure the applicant has Church of Scotland PVG Scheme Membership to do regulated work with protected adults and as the role of Funeral Celebrant (Church of Scotland) will include providing pastoral care/support/counselling to those under the age of 18 years old PVG Scheme Membership to do regulated work with children will also be required. For the avoidance of doubt no person shall proceed to a practical placement until approval is obtained from the Safeguarding Service.
12. No person shall be recommended for Authorisation who has not attended all training sessions; has not satisfactorily completed a period of supervised placement for a period of at least six months; and attended a review of their training, placement and skills development in leading funerals and providing pastoral care.
13. Should the Supervisor and minister of the charge feel a further period of supervised placement is necessary prior to Authorisation following the review this will be reported to the appropriate committee of Presbytery at the first available opportunity and arrangements made for a further period of supervised placement.
14. The Presbytery shall receive the name(s) of persons recommended for approval of Authorisation on the recommendation of their appointed Supervisor and minister of the congregation of which they are a member and, if so approved, shall maintain a Register of persons having received Authorisation as Funeral Celebrant (Church of Scotland)s.
15. In the event of Authorisation having been refused by Presbytery, a person shall have the right of Appeal in terms of Act I (2014).
16. Authorisation shall normally be for a period of three years in the first instance. The renewal of Authorisation shall be dependent on the submission of a request by the Kirk Session to the Presbytery Clerk by way of Extract Minute setting out the basis on which renewal of Authorisation is sought and the subsequent approval of renewal of Authorisation by Presbytery. The Presbytery shall, at its discretion, require any person whose Authorisation is to be renewed to attend further Training.
17. All Funeral Celebrant (Church of Scotland)s will work under the authority of the minister of the congregation of which they are a member. The minister of the charge will authorise and give consent for a Funeral Celebrant (Church of Scotland)s to conduct a funeral within the congregation or charge in which they are a member, or in a nearby parish at the request of the minister of the other charge. A minister may grant authorisation and consent to a Funeral Celebrant (Church of Scotland) to lead funerals and provide pastoral care during a period of absence, but shall ensure that another minister be appointed as a support to the Funeral Celebrant (Church of Scotland) for that period.
18. No Funeral Celebrant (Church of Scotland) will have the authority to conduct a funeral without receiving the authorisation and consent of the minister of the charge.
19. For the avoidance of doubt, it is recommended that a Funeral Celebrant (Church of Scotland) accept a gift of thanks from the family only up to the equivalent of the pulpit supply fee with the balance going to the relevant congregation. Should the gift of thanks from the family be less than the equivalent of the pulpit supply fee, the Funeral Celebrant (Church of Scotland) may claim the difference from the congregation. Travelling expenses should be claimed directly from the congregation at the normal rates.



# The Church of Scotland

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## Presbytery of Lanark

**The Presbytery will meet in Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark on Tuesday 2 October 2018 at 7pm for the following and other competent business.**

*Rev Bryan Kerr, Presbytery Clerk*

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### **Order of Business – 2 October 2018**

1. Constitution
2. Welcome to Visitors
3. Approval of the Order of Business
4. Minutes
5. Decisions under Delegated Powers
6. Roll of Presbytery
7. Correspondence
8. Good News Stories
9. Report of the Worship and Discipleship Committee
10. Report of the Relationships and Context Committee
11. Report of the Presbytery Support Committee
12. Young People and Decision Making in the Church
13. Intimations
14. Adjournment:

The Presbytery adjourns to meet for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 6 November 2018 at 7 pm in Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark.

## Intimations

### 2019 Ministry and Mission Allocations

Members of Presbytery should inform Clerks to Financial Courts and Treasurers to review the initial proposed figures for Ministry and Mission in 2019 recently emailed to the Clerks. Any appeals from financial courts should be in the hands of the Presbytery Clerk no later than Monday 15 October 2018.

### Decisions under delegated powers

The Clerk has been informed that the following decisions have been made under Delegated Powers.

#### Deliverance

The Presbytery:

##### **Kirkmuirhill Anniversary Structure (18<sup>th</sup> July 2018)**

1. grant permission for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sculpture in the grounds of Kirkmuirhill Parish Church on the understanding that the sculpture will not have a fence erected around it, and that serious consideration be given to using a toughened polycarbonate material rather than glass in the sculpture, and instruct the congregation to confer with Presbytery prior to a final decision on that specific material being made.

##### **Forth St Paul's Steeple Repairs (21<sup>st</sup> August 2018)**

1. grant permission for emergency works to be undertaken on the steeple of Forth: St. Paul's noting that all finance is in a place and a contractor has been appointed.

##### **Forth St Paul's Designed Window Panel (21<sup>st</sup> August 2018)**

1. grant permission for a non permanent installation of a designed panel to fit over a window in the church in memory of a former member and remind the congregation that in future any internal works, including furnishings and art must be approved by CARTA and Presbytery prior to installation.
2. instruct the clerk to forward the application to CARTA for information.

##### **Kaye Gilchrist, Candidate in Training (5<sup>th</sup> September 2018)**

1. note that Rev Bryan Kerr represented the Presbytery at the annual review of Kaye Gardiner, Candidate in Training and that the decision of the panel was to allow Ms Gardiner to proceed to the next year of training.

##### **Kirkmuirhill Roof Repairs (18<sup>th</sup> September 2018)**

1. grant permission for urgent roof repairs, identified by the congregational board of Kirkmuirhill, to be carried out at a cost of around £11,000.

## Report of the Worship and Discipleship Committee

#### Deliverance

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report
2. Urge all ministers and congregations to prayerfully consider the Funeral celebrant training scheme, and advertise the course within their congregation.

3. Commend all congregations who are participating in the National Day of Prayer on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, and encourage others to take part. Urge all prayer partners to email Rev E MacLean with details of their church's plans.
4. commend the weeWONDERBOX and other activities and resources produced by Wild Goose Resource Group and Publications (Reports to GA 2018, Iona Community).
5. encourage Kirk Session and Presbytery to explore ways in which they can offer practical support to Guild groups and Guild Presbyterial Council (Reports to GA 2018, Church of Scotland Guild)
6. encourage Kirk Sessions to study the report of the Mission and Discipleship Council to the General Assembly of 2018 paying particular attention to sections 3, 12 and 22 of the Deliverance.

## Report

### Funeral Training

It was noted that the planning of the training course is proceeding satisfactorily. Encouragement should be given to any who are considering this form of outreach, as only one name has been proposed so far from Lanark Presbytery, while Hamilton have about 8 possible names.

### Prayer Group

Every Prayer partner was given details of the National Day of Prayer on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018, and in Elizabeth Clelland's absence Rev Elspeth MacLean will be co-ordinating the different churches prayer times. Discussion on the Presbytery retreat day on March 2<sup>nd</sup> was deferred until Elizabeth Clelland returns.

### Presbytery Consultation in June 2018

Turning to the feedback from the consultation between congregations and Presbytery in June, a few things were highlighted.

1. **Web Site** It was noted that the Lanark Presbytery web site could, and should, be used by congregations to publicise their events. A "What's on in Lanark Presbytery" section will be developed, but this is not the remit of this committee.
2. **Transport** Some discussion took place regarding transport but it was agreed that this was not the remit of this committee but rather a local issue.
3. **SU Camp** Congregations should be made aware that 2CYTrust can sometimes offer financial support for some youngsters wishing to attend SU camps.
4. **Young people as leaders** It was suggested that there is a need to encourage young people to act as leaders in the church, and youth groups and that Presbytery organise a meeting for people who might be interested. (see further under Remits from GA)
5. **Messy Church** Since several Churches within Presbytery run a Messy Church and others might be interested, it was suggested that a meeting be arranged of those involved and those considering such an outreach. Our committee will email Churches to ascertain interest, before arranging a meeting.

### GA Remit

The committee highlighted a few areas from the remits.

1. (from Council of Assembly report 2) to engage with the National Day of prayer on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018. as a Presbytery we are engaging fully with this, which is to be commended.
2. (from Panel of Review and Reform report 2) The committee is participating with Hamilton Presbytery to deliver a training course in leading funerals, and have already done a joint training course for worship leaders.

3. (from Panel of Review and Reform report 6) The committee plan to organise some form of recognition for young leaders within our Presbytery to encourage them and thank them and encourage them to engage with other young folk in our churches.
4. (from Iona Community report 5) The committee commend the weeWONDERBOX and other activities and resources produced by Wild Goose Resource Group and Publications.
5. (From Guild 9, 10) The committee encourage Kirk Session and Presbytery to explore ways in which they can offer practical support to Guild groups and Guild Presbyterial Council.
6. (From Church and Society 23) The committee wish to invite Rev Helen Jamieson to speak our committee about her church's work with dementia care.
7. The committee commend all the instructions from Mission and Discipleship Council, especially
  - i) **section 3**, “Kirk Sessions are instructed to explore how a fresh vision for eldership, outlined in section 2.3 of the report, applies to their particular local context.”
  - ii) **section 12** “Commend the Weekend of Invitation to Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions and encourage congregations to think of ways of developing a culture of invitation.” See [weekendofinvitation.com](http://weekendofinvitation.com) for further information, despite this year's date of 15-17<sup>th</sup> June being past.
  - iii) **And section 22** “Urge Kirk Sessions to use the resources listed in Appendix VI of the report and to promote their usage in the wider congregation.”

This Appendix VI is attached to this report to make the resources easier to access.

## Report of the Relationships and Context Committee

### Deliverance

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report.
2. Note that Anne Cochran Christine O'Neill have been appointed the minutes secretary and deputy minutes secretary respectively.
3. Reaffirm the invitation to all congregations to participate in the forthcoming Presbytery Mission Conference on Saturday, 2 February 2019 between 10am and 3.30pm.
4. Note and encourage all congregations to engage with the Poverty Alliance “Challenge Poverty Week” 1-7 October 2018.
5. Encourage the Presbytery, congregations and individuals to respond to the consultation on the redevelopment of the University Hospital Monklands (UHM).
6. Invite the Presbytery Support committee, to revise and remit different aspects of the June consultation with congregations to committees for further considerations.

### Report

#### Appointments

Helen Chekansky, who was appointed the minute secretary of this committee earlier in the year, has now been transferred to another committee at the re-arrangement over the summer. The committee agreed to appointment:

Anne Cochran	Minutes Secretary
Christine O'Neill	Assistant Minutes Secretary

#### Presbytery Mission Conference

As agreed by the Presbytery in September, this conference is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 2 February 2019 in Greyfriars Church from 10 am to 3-30 pm. A draft programme for the day has been drawn. Carol

Finlay, the secretary, Local Development and Twinning in the World Mission Council has accepted to be the lead speaker and other facilitators have been contacted. Other arrangements are being put in place. It is hoped that congregations will be able to mobilise their members to attend the conference.

### **Challenge Poverty Week 1-7 October 2018 The Poverty Alliance**

This was drawn to the committee's attention. This organisation is inviting faith based organisations to challenge poverty on a local and global level. The main aims of the week are to: highlight the reality of poverty and challenge the stereotypes that exists about it; demonstrate what is being done across Scotland to address poverty and increase public support for more action to solve poverty. There is good information on their website to support potential activity.

[http://www.povertyalliance.org/challenge\\_poverty](http://www.povertyalliance.org/challenge_poverty)

### **Consultation on the Monklands Redevelopment Project**

This needs response by 15 October. It was agreed that although we are running out of time, it would be appropriate for the Presbytery to respond to this document and for congregations and individuals to engage with the consultation processes. The committee, observed that it does seem that a few crucial issues have not been sufficiently addressed in the current consultation: How many beds will the new hospital have as opposed to the current hospital? Will the new hospital provide all the services currently available in Monklands hospital? Will there be any impact on staffing numbers? The committees thoughts can be found at Appendix I.

<http://www.nhslanarkshire.org.uk/Involved/consultation/MRRP/Documents/MRRP-Consultation.pdf>

### **Presbytery Consultation with Congregations June 2018**

The group took some time to reflect on the output from the consultation. It was observed that there were mixed outcomes from congregations. It was observed that there did not always appear to be a direct correlation between the questionnaire issues and the questions asked on the night. There was quite a lot of information about what congregations are doing but maybe not so much about what they could be doing better. To make the outcome of the consultation more user friendly, it would be helpful for the Presbytery Support to revise the document in order to make it clearer what each committee is expected to accomplish. It was suggested that, despite our efforts, there may still be a perception of a 'policing' role in Presbytery while we are working towards a more caring and pastoral role.

## **Report of the Presbytery Support Committee**

### **Deliverance**

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report.
2. Instruct Congregations to advise the names and agreed contact details of their appointed Health and Safety Advisor to the Presbytery Support Committee and instruct those congregations who have not yet appointed a Health and Safety Advisor to do so in accordance with the requirements of the General Trustees.
3. Instruct the congregations of Crossford and Kirkfieldbank to provide and agree suitable dates to allow members of the Support Committee to carry out an internal and external inspection relating to works identified and completed and a timescale for the completion of any outstanding works.
4. Instruct all congregations that no works to upgrade or replace AV equipment is to take place without the consultation and agreement of CARTA, the General Trustees and the Support Committee of Lanark Presbytery.

5. Appoint Michael Nisbet, Architect to carry out inspections of all buildings in congregations of Kirkmuirhill, Upper Clyde and Douglas Valley will be inspected, as will the manse at Carstairs linked with Carnwath during the 2018/2019 session.
6. Note, for an initial period of six months, the appointment of the Reverend George Lind as locum tenens to the charge of Kirkmuirhill on a Sunday and two days per week from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 and instruct the Kirk Session to conduct a review of the appointment after six months.
7. Invite applications for the position of Presbytery Treasurer.

## Report

### Property

#### Health and Safety

On Saturday 1st September 2018, the Property Convener attended a health and safety seminar run by Brian Auld of the General Trustees in relation to their new Safe Buildings campaign.

Of the matters discussed the following are important from a Presbytery point of view:

The General Trustees requested that every congregation appoint formally a Health and Safety adviser. They would be the main contact for receiving health and safety information issued from 121. Presbytery are also to appoint a co-ordinator and for Lanark Presbytery this, at the present moment is Ewan Easton of Lanark Greyfriars. In order to allow Lanark Presbytery to co-ordinate it would be appreciated if those charges that had appointed an Advisor identify those persons and contact details to the Support Committee. In addition those congregations that have not yet appointed an Advisor should do so by return.

The Presbytery Co-ordinator is to co-ordinate any issues relating to health and safety. The red book issued by the General Trustees is the first point of call for information and it was noted that some updates to this information were to be issued electronically in the near future.

With regard to whether major works are to be covered under the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015, Brian Auld was clear that as the "Church" was a business then it did apply. This is a large topic to cover and further information will be provided under separate cover to all Health and Safety Advisors in due course, but in summary the CDM Regs place a legal onus on the Client i.e. the Kirk Session and Trustees to appoint competent designers to undertake design work taking into account risks and providing solutions that minimise these risks and also to ensure that any contractors appointed are competent, which will mean carrying out checks to ensure that they can undertake the works safely and have provisions in place to provide safe systems of work, including but not limited to Risk Assessments and Method Statements.

#### Crossford and Kirkfieldbank

Following repeated requests to provide a suitable date for the Support Committee to visit all buildings including the halls and manses this has not been provided. We require to undertake a visit to identify what works have been completed as identified on the survey reports provided by Michael Nisbet Architect and to identify a programme of works for going forward. This requires access to the external and interior of each property and includes the Manse. This is necessary to ensure that safe buildings are being provided and needs to be carried out forthwith.

#### AV Upgrades

Following correspondence from the General Trustees it is advised that any congregations considering the installation or upgrading of audio-visual equipment must contact CARTA in the first instance. This is due to the ongoing investigation into a serious issue elsewhere being investigated by the General Trustees. NO works are to be carried out to replace or upgrade AV equipment without the agreement of the General Trustees and the Support Committee of Lanark Presbytery.

#### Property Inspections 2018/2019

The committee invite Presbytery to appoint Michael Nisbet to conduct the necessary property inspections over the course of this session. All buildings in Kirkmuirhill, Upper Clyde and Douglas Valley will be inspected, as will the manse at Carstairs linked with Carnwath. The committee do not feel it is necessary to inspect the church building at Carstairs due to the current high level of work and architect involvement in the building.

## **Congregational Support**

### **Kirkmuirhill Locum**

The committee was delighted to hear from the Kirk Session of Kirkmuirhill to inform Presbytery that the Reverend George Lind has agreed to provide locum cover to the charge on a Sunday and two days per week from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018. The Presbytery is invited to note this appointment for an initial period of six months.

## **Finance**

### **Presbytery Treasurer**

Over the course of the last eighteen months Presbytery has invited applications for a Presbytery Treasurer to take over from Mary McGillivray. On three separate occasions there have been no applications and as such Mary kindly agreed to step back into the role on a temporary basis. The duties are not onerous and the individual need not be an accountant. This is a vital role within our Presbytery and applications are invited from any interested individuals. Should members of Presbytery have any recommendations of suitable candidates please speak to the Convener of Presbytery Support. A list of duties pertaining to the role is included in Appendix 2.

**Relationship and Context Committee Appendix to Report 18 September 2018**  
**University Hospital, Monklands (UHM) Redevelopment Consultation**

**Only 3 Consultation questions**

1. What are your views on the proposal?
2. What else should we take into consideration in planning to replace or refurbish the UHM?
3. Are you responding as an individual or as part of a group?

**Headline points from the report**

An earlier online survey as part of an Achieving Excellence consultation overwhelmingly supported the need to refurbish or redevelop UHM. The important factors were:

- Travel/transport
- Parking
- Potential for disruption
- Maintaining staffing and services throughout.

A wide range of staff groups, patient groups and Monklands resident groups were involved in the option appraisal.

**4 choices**

- Do nothing
- Full refurbishment
- Rebuild on current site
- Rebuild on new site

Do nothing was not viewed as an option. But to refurbish and redevelop on the existing site would result in massive disruption to services and staffing for prolonged periods as well as massive loss of parking capacity. 37 potential sites for a new build were considered and eventually narrowed down to one at Gartcosh. This option actually improves the drive time to hospital for many in the Monklands catchment area and is only slightly worse for most of those in the rest of Lanarkshire area. It is also close to rail links to Glasgow and to the M73 for staff and patient access.

The proposed hospital will have an aim for more out-patient/short stay work. With this in mind there will be an “Emergency and Assessment Village” on the ground floor. Hopefully fewer will go on from there to a main hospital bed. On the first floor, theatres, critical care wards, the coronary care and renal care wards will be closely positioned for good access. The planned hospital will be a centre of excellence for cancer care providing all therapies including new treatments. The Lanarkshire Beatson and Maggie’s Lanarkshire will be relocated with the new hospital (they are in currently less than ideal settings at Monklands)

Anticipated issues with the new build:

- Need to acquire the site
- Need to develop transport links
- Need to re-locate the Lanarkshire Beatson and Maggie’s Lanarkshire (as above)

The Gartcosh site is likely to be the least costly of all the re-build options.

## **The Presbytery Lanark**

### **TREASURER'S JOB DESCRIPTION**

The Treasurer will be expected to:

1. Issue cheques for payment of Invoices
2. Undertake lodgement of cheques with Bank. This is usually in November, December and January of the following year when cheques are received from Congregational Treasurers in respect of Presbytery Dues.
3. Keep cashbook up to date.
4. Serve as an adviser to the Presbytery Support Committee.

#### **Annually**

1. Prepare a Budget for the following year.
2. After approval by members of Presbytery, issue letters to the Congregational Treasurers advising them of the amount due to Presbytery for the payment of Dues.
3. Prepare Receipt & Payments Accounts for Audit and liaising with Accountant.
4. Liaise with Payroll department at 121 George Street in connection with the Presbytery Clerk's salary.

If not able to attend monthly Presbytery Support Committee meetings, the Treasurer will require to attend the October meeting of the Presbytery Support Committee to discuss finances for the following year e.g. salary and honoraria.



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## Presbytery of Lanark

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*Rev Bryan Kerr, Presbytery Clerk*

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### **Order of Business – 6 November 2018**

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8. Good News Stories
9. Report of the Presbytery Support Committee
10. Report of the Relationships and Context Committee
11. Report of the Worship and Discipleship Committee
12. Presbytery Engagement
13. Intimations
14. Adjournment:

The Presbytery adjourns to meet for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 4 December 2018 at 7 pm in Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark.

## Intimations

### 2019 Ministry and Mission Allocations

Members of Presbytery should inform Clerks to Financial Courts and Treasurers to review the initial proposed figures for Ministry and Mission in 2019 recently emailed to the Clerks. Any appeals from financial courts should be in the hands of the Presbytery Clerk no later than Monday 15 October 2018.

### Decisions under delegated powers

The Clerk has been informed that the following decisions have been made under Delegated Powers.

#### Deliverance

The Presbytery:

#### Kirkmuirhill Manse (24<sup>th</sup> October 2018)

1. Agree the findings of the visiting committee to Kirkmuirhill Manse that:
  - a. the present manse should not be approved as suitable for occupation for a new minister
  - b. the Kirk Session and Congregational Board of Kirkmuirhill explore the sale of the manse whether in conjunction with, or independently of, the proposed sale of the field.
  - c. the Kirk Session and Congregational Board of Kirkmuirhill begin discussions with local developers on the possibility of the provision of a suitable manse (in line with the General Assembly guidelines on manse provision [http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0009/3015/manse\\_guide.pdf](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/3015/manse_guide.pdf) and the building of a new manse [http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0010/3016/manse\\_new\\_build.pdf](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/3016/manse_new_build.pdf)) either as part of the planned development nearby or in the field as part of the negotiated sale.
  - d. the present manse should not be used temporary accommodation for a minister whilst a new manse is being provided and that should a temporary manse be necessary to sustain a call a property agreeable to Presbytery and local parties be rented.
2. Thank the Kirk Session and Congregational Board of Kirkmuirhill for the engagement in respect of the present manse of the charge.
3. Agree that the present manse in its current state is not suitable for a minister to occupy and with significant sums likely to be required to spend on the property approve the request of the Kirk Session and Congregational Board to sell the property.
4. Instruct the congregation to make use of the Church of Scotland Law Department in marketing the manse and field for sale.
5. Instruct the congregation to submit to the committee final plans for sale of both manse and field, in terms of access prior to any marketing commencing.
6. Instruct the Kirk Session and Congregational Board to include the Presbytery in the process of sourcing a temporary manse, and in developing plans for a new manse.

### Report of the Presbytery Support Committee

#### Deliverance

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report.
2. Approve the list of remitted matters following the June Consultation and invite committees of Presbytery to study the list and act upon it. (Appendix 1)
3. Remind Kirk Sessions of the General Assembly instruction to Kirk Sessions to meet in conference, to reflect on the state of decline of the national Church and in particular how that affects the Church locally and determine what their vision and mission is for the next three years

- in collaboration with Presbytery Planning teams, and instruct Kirk Sessions to send the Clerk and extract minute of the discussion and any outcomes no later than 31 January 2019.
4. Thank the Office Bearers within the congregations of Crossford and Kirkfieldbank for their diligence and commitment to the maintenance of their buildings.
  5. Appoint Michael Nisbet, Architect to carry out inspections of all buildings in congregations of Lesmahagow: Abbeygreen, Coalburn and Lesmahagow Old and Forth: St. Paul's to be completed by the end of 2019, and instruct the committee work with Mr Nisbet to ensure that reports are in the hands of the committee no later than two months following the visit made to the charge to allow the congregation(s) to plan the necessary work.
  6. Note that the Moderator of the General Assembly will visit the Presbytery in 2019-2020 and instruct the committee to make the necessary arrangements for hosting the Moderator during the visit.
  7. Instruct the Clerk to make arrangements for administrative assistance for 2 hours per week at a cost of £9 per hour and to appoint Helen Paget as said administrator on a self employed basis.
  8. In respect of salaries, honoraria and bursaries agree:
    - a. The Clerks Salary for 2019 continue to be 1/7<sup>th</sup> of the maximum stipend.
    - b. The Depute Clerk receive an honorarium of £1,000 for the duties undertaken during 2018
    - c. The Presbytery AV Technician receive an honorarium of £240 for the duties undertaken during 2018
    - d. Kaye Gardiner & George Sneddon (Candidates for Full time Ministry of Word and Sacrament) receive a bursary of £250 each for the current year of study.
    - e. Bill Forrest be given a token of thanks equivalent to £50 for setting up for Presbytery each month.
  9. In respect of the Presbytery Budget:
    - a. Approve the Presbytery Budget for 2019 (appendix 2)
    - b. Set congregational dues at a levy of £3.00 per member (a reduction from the previously indicated £3.50) and instruct congregational treasurers to remit payment to the Presbytery no later than Friday 7 December 2018
    - c. Encourage congregational treasurers to budget for a levy of £3.25 for payment in December 2019.
    - d. Thank Mary McGillivray for her work in preparing the budget.
  10. In respect of Ministry and Mission Allocations:
    - a. Approve the Ministry and Mission Allocations for 2019 (Appendix 3)
    - b. Reject the appeal from the Kirk Session of Biggar in relation to the allocation for 2019 and encourage the Kirk Session to continue to work with the Depute Treasurer of the Church of Scotland in relation to the Gillespie Centre finances in respect of further allocations
  11. Agree that the figures for Presbytery Planning should continue to be seen as advisory and instruct the clerk to forward the report as the approved comments of Presbytery.
  12. In respect of Local Church Reviews:
    - a. Approve the 'Report of the Visiting Team (Appendix 4) as the template for final reporting.
    - b. Appoint Catch the Light to undertake the Reviews for 2019.
    - c. Thank the Depute Clerk for his work throughout the year in developing the process for Local Church Review within the Presbytery.

## Report

### Remits

#### Congregational Consultation (June 2018)

Following the invitation of Presbytery at the October meeting the committee have looked at the ways in which the valuable feedback received from congregations in June might be better understood within the remits of the Presbytery committees. The committee, whilst offering this for consideration by Presbytery do not understand its remit as directing the work of others. However, the committee is pleased to offer the thoughts contained in appendix 1 for consideration by Presbytery.

#### Decline in the Church discussions

The General Assembly in May this year agreed to (Council of Assembly, section 7 of deliverance) “Instruct Kirk Sessions meantime to meet in conference, to reflect on the state of decline of the national Church and in particular how that affects the Church locally and determine what their vision and mission is for the next three years in collaboration with Presbytery Planning teams.” The committee remind all Kirk Sessions of this instruction and offer useful material prepared by the Presbytery of Falkirk as a basis for their discussion. This material can be accessed at <http://www.falkirkpresbytery.org.uk/resources/re-imagine>. As this is an instruction from the General Assembly, the committee ask that Kirk Sessions send an extract minute to indicate such a discussion has been held, along with any outcomes to the Presbytery Clerk no later than 31 January 2019.

### **Overture under the Barrier Act - Discipline Overture (remit books p3-30)**

The committee have studied the proposed Discipline Act sent down under the Barrier Act by the General Assembly. The committee recognise the value of having all of the acts relating to formal discipline within one process. It also notes that the complaints process and alternative dispute procedure will continue to play a large part in the life of the Church and the discipline act process is for the most serious cases, including cases where criminality has occurred. The committee expressed the hope that alongside the legal process required for discipline within the Church the importance of grace within relationships is still evident. The committee recommend approval of the overture.

## **Property**

### **Crossford & Kirkfieldbank**

Following a visitation it is clear to the committee that much of the work recommended within the last quinquennial report has in fact been completed. The committee thank the office bearers for their diligence and commitment to maintenance of their buildings. A valuable discussion was held in respect of future quinquennial inspections and dialogue between the report writer and the office bearers. The committee are in process of ensuring that congregational voices are heard as part of the inspection.

### **Property Inspections 2018/2019**

The committee invite Presbytery to appoint Michael Nisbet to conduct further necessary property inspections. Along with Kirkmuirhill, Upper Clyde, Douglas Valley and the manse at Carstairs, the buildings within the charges of Lesmahagow: Abbeygreen, Coalburn and Lesmahagow Old and Forth: St. Paul's will be inspected, with all inspections to be completed by the end of 2019. The committee invite Presbytery to instruct that reports should be with the committee no later than two months following the visit made to the charge to allow the congregation to plan the necessary work.

## **Presbytery Matters**

### **Moderators Visit 2019/2020**

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland for 2019-2020, Rev Colin Sinclair will be paying a ten day visit to the Presbytery of Lanark. A full programme of events will be established and the committee is requesting that congregations begin to think about what they would showcase to the Moderator within the church and community. Indicative prices for hosting the Moderator in New Lanark Mill Hotel have been sought and are extremely favourable, in the region of £699 for the nine night stay. The committee have allocated a budget to the visit and request permission to book the accommodation as soon as dates are given by the Moderator's office in order to secure the special rates.

### **Administrative Assistance**

The committee recommend the engagement of Administrative Assistance for the Clerk. Greyfriars administrator, Helen Paget, is willing to undertake this role for 2 hours a week at a cost of £9 per hour on a self employed basis. The hours would be added to the current office hours for Greyfriars to enable a point of contact for members of Presbytery and the work required to be spread over the course of a week.

### **Salaries & Honoraria**

The committee recommend the following:

- The Clerks Salary for 2019 continue to be 1/7<sup>th</sup> of the maximum stipend.

- The Depute Clerk receive an honorarium of £1,000 for the duties undertaken during 2018
- The Presbytery AV Technician receive an honorarium of £240 for the duties undertaken during 2018
- Kaye Gardiner & George Sneddon (Candidates for Full time Ministry of Word and Sacrament) receive a bursary of £250 each for the current year of study.
- Bill Forrest be given a token of thanks equivalent to £50 for setting up for Presbytery each month.

## **Finance**

### **Presbytery Budget**

The budget for 2019 is contained in Appendix 2. The committee present a budget with a reduced request for congregational dues. At the end of 2018 Presbytery were informed that congregations should budget for a figure of £3.50 per member. It has been possible, by making use of funds built up and held over a number of years, to reduce this request to £3.00 per member. The committee are grateful to the treasurer for good stewardship to allow this reduction to happen even in the year when the Presbytery will be hosting a 10 day visit from the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. The congregational dues require to be paid to Presbytery no later than Friday 7 December 2018. Presbytery should note that it is likely that a figure of £3.25 will be requested at this time in 2019 and congregational treasurers should budget for this figure.

### **Ministry and Mission Allocations 2019**

The committee present the allocations in Appendix 3. One appeal against the allocation was lodged by the Kirk Session at Biggar. Within the appeal submission the Kirk Session state that they do not cast doubt on the correctness of the calculation, rather a concern regarding the calculation method resulting in a high percentage increase due to the marginal difference in income over the three year period. As an appeal is only able to be made on an incorrect calculation the committee, following due consultation with the finance department of the Church of Scotland, recommend to Presbytery that the appeal is not upheld. That being said the following point are offered in general observation:

- The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland authorized an increase budget for Ministry and Mission which resulted in an extra £500,000 being necessary from congregations. Within over 50% of congregational income falling this put a larger burden on those whose income had increased, even marginally.
- The former congregational support committee visited the Kirk Session of Biggar in the autumn of 2017 when the Gillespie Centre was passing back to the congregation. At the meeting it was made very clear that the Kirk Session should understand that only certain expenditure could be allocated against income within the centre and this would mean an increase in the amount requested for ministry and mission each year. The inclusion of the Gillespie Centre for the three months operating in 2018 raises the allocation requested by £382.
- The Kirk Session have made it very clear that they see the Gillespie Centre as key to their mission within the community. If the Gillespie Centre is a missional endeavour then it follows that the finances of the centre must be seen as income which falls into the assessment criteria for Ministry and Mission as every other congregation are assessed.

The committee recognises this recommendation will not meet with the approval of the Kirk Session of Biggar but in the interests of fairness to all of the other congregations within the Presbytery, and the fact that the Kirk Session are not questioning the correctness of the calculation the appeal should not be upheld.

## **Presbytery Planning**

### **Advisory Numbers**

The General Assembly approved 'advisory numbers' for planning given the sharp reduction in the number of ministers of Word and Sacrament within the next five years. The numbers will reduce the current number of 12 (planned number of 15.7 in Presbytery Plan) ministers of Word and Sacrament to 8.2. There are a number of caviats to place on this figure, not least this does not include any additional Ministry Development Staff that would be available (youth workers, community workers etc) to the Presbytery within the national

plan. There is no doubt that the reduction in the number of ministers will lead to challenging conversations within the Presbytery however, having reduced the number of churches from 50 to 21 in living memory there comes a point where a creative look needs to be given as to how Presbytery provide ministry to these communities rather than continue to close buildings. The Ministries Council is requesting that Presbytery inform them whether these figures should be advisory or fixed. The committee recommend that Presbytery encourages the Ministries Council to continue to see these figures as advisory in order that local conversations can take place as to the right way to support and staff congregations. The committee feel it would be wrong to close more congregations which would not only affect the spirit within the church members and communities they serve, but would also have a potential drop in congregational income which would have the resultant negative effect on already creaking national funds.

## **Congregational Support**

### **Local Church Review Reporting**

The committee present a template for the 'Report of the Visiting Team' within the Local Church Review Process (Appendix 4). The committee is aware of the huge amount of work undertaken in LCR by the Depute Clerk and the continual dialogue that has taken place between the committee, Catch the Light and Congregations. The process embarked upon in 2017 has already changed considerably given the feedback from individuals and congregations and the committee is aware that further refinement will be necessary. The Presbytery has appointed Catch the Light for a period of five years, to be reviewed annually. The first congregations engaged in the process are nearing completion however for reasons outwith control these have taken longer than planned to reach a final report. The reports of these first congregations will be heard by Presbytery at the February meeting (a delay from the December meeting). The committee do not want this slight delay to further delay the commencement of the congregations to be reviewed in 2019. As a result the committee invite Presbytery to appoint Catch the Light to conduct the reviews for 2019, noting that the committee will be having a review meeting with the consultant prior to the start of the 2019 process.

## **Report of the Relationships and Context Committee**

### **Deliverance**

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report.
2. Re-affirm the invitation to all congregations to participate in the forthcoming Presbytery Mission Conference on Saturday, 2 February 2019 between 10am and 3.30pm.
3. Invite Presbytery to fund the cost of a light lunch for those attending the Presbytery Mission Conference, while the participants would be encouraged to make donations towards the lunch.
4. Encourage all congregations to continue with financial support for the work of St Andrews Hospice and request the Presbytery Support Committee to invite a speaker from the Hospice to address a Presbytery meeting.
5. Commend the work of the Clydesdale Foodbank and encourage congregations to continue to support it.
6. Invite Presbytery to give clarity on a new committee that has been set up to carry out yearly checks with congregations on the progress of their 5 Year Mission Plan following their Local Church Review.

### **Report**

#### **Presbytery Mission Conference**

The programme for the day has now been finalised. Flyers promoting the conference will be issued to all churches within the Presbytery for distribution to their congregations in December. It is suggested that we encourage a wider participation at the conference with at least two people from each congregation to attend. In order to attend people will need to register by email, information regarding which will be stated in the flyer. The committee's recommendation is that Presbytery should cover the cost of a light lunch which would

be provided by a local baker or tea room, while participants will be encouraged to make donations at the conference.

### **Support for St Andrews Hospice**

Although the now re-furbished unit has opened, funding is still required for the capital appeal as well as the day to day running of the Hospice. It was agreed that Presbytery needs to come up with practical ways to encourage congregations to continue to support the Hospice. A Gift Aid card is available for use in the St Andrews Hospice shop in Lanark and this can be used with both a monetary and clothing donation. The committee recommends that the Presbytery Support Committee invite a speaker from the Hospice to address a Presbytery Meeting.

### **Clydesdale Foodbank**

Congregations should be encouraged to continue their support of the Foodbank. Sadly, there has been about a 25% increase in referrals for the year to date in comparison with the same period last year.

### **The Presbytery of Lanark Planning Together for 2018 – 19**

Having gone through the document it was felt that a better way forward was to look at the Local Church Review for congregations where this had taken place and issues subsequently identified in their 5-year Mission Plan. It was felt that this would be a better way in which to provide support for congregations in achieving their aims. Douglas Valley has already prepared their 5-year plan and a committee has been appointed in order to check yearly on their progress. As there was no previous knowledge of this amongst the other Relationship and Context Committee members, clarity on this new committee is requested. Also it was felt that there should be a place for the Presbytery Committees to feed into subsidiary committees that have been appointed by Presbytery.

### **World Mission Presbytery Convener's Conference**

This took place in Edinburgh on 20 September 2018 and was attended by the Relationship and Context Convener. The focus this year is Living in a World of Religion. There are two upcoming visits to Israel and Palestine in 2019, one in March for people who have been on a previous visit and one in November for freshers. Application Forms and Draft Programmes can be requested at [wmoutreach@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:wmoutreach@churchofscotland.org.uk).

## **Report of the Worship and Discipleship Committee**

### **Deliverance**

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report
2. encourage any suggestions for improving communication between congregations and committees.

### **Report**

#### **Funeral celebrant training**

Arrangements for this training are moving forward. To date there are two applicants from Lanark Presbytery. One from Forth and one from Kirkton. This is disappointing in view of the pressure under which ministers and locums find themselves trying to cope with the ever increasing number of funerals and ever decreasing numbers of ministers. We agreed that there is a need to change the culture within our churches so these funeral celebrants, once they have been fully trained, are used and valued within our parishes.

**National Day of Prayer** - responses from congregations have been received.

Law - 1 hour of reflection in candlelight

Tinto Parishes - "Pray it with Flowers" combining prayer and flower festival from 9-12.

Carlisle Churches - combined effort being held in St John's following style used in past few years

Carstairs - church open for prayer from 9 - 12noon

Forth - 12 hours to include Christian meditation, Taizé service in evening and prayer walk.

### **Open Discussion**

The remainder of the meeting was taken up with an open discussion about the future of the Worship and Discipleship committee and how to communicate with congregations directly.

The comment was made that when congregations were invited to the June meeting of Presbytery they were unclear about the purpose of their attendance. The committee felt that this was an area that it could undertake to develop. To this end three members of the committee, Louise Mackay, Helen Chekansky and Anne Reid agreed to form a sub group to work together to formulate a plan for the June meeting of Presbytery. Initial thoughts involve holding a mini "Heart and Soul" event where congregations would be invited to display an activity that is both innovative and successful. In this way congregations would understand both the purpose of the meeting and their attendance. They would then be better prepared to share ideas and expertise across the Presbytery.

It was recognised that the new committee structure and the active seeking of information from congregations is a major change, so we have to accept that there will be teething problems, and it will take time for everyone to adjust.

<b>Worship and Discipleship committee provisional list</b>	
Celebration of Congregations Life	A working group to investigate, develop and resource this, as several churches this played a large part in their thinking this year or next year.
Development of Fellowship	A working group to investigate, develop and resource this, as several churches mentioned they was active in this area or work.
Development of Worship Styles and specific church services	A working group to investigate, develop and resource this, in particular there was a focus on intergenerational worship and work. There was a point on page 5 about specific services being developed in response to specific situations.
Development of Prayer	A working group to investigate, develop and resource prayer across the presbytery. <b>By encouraging participation in the National Day of Prayer the W&amp;Dc are currently doing this.</b>
Work on things that restrict churches	A working group to investigate, develop and resource local congregations as they seek to engage the working groups above. This was particular mentioned in relation to engaging with young people. <b>By encouraging participation in the Year of Young Person the W&amp;Dc are currently doing this.</b>
<b>Relationships and Context committee provisional list</b>	
School's work	A working group to investigate, develop and resource this, as several churches mentioned they was active in this area or work.
Welcoming the Community	A working group to investigate, develop and resource this aspect of church life.
Developing engagement on community Issues	A working group to investigate, develop and resource this ministry which each church can carry out. <b>By encouraging researching working with the farming community, encouraging participation in the consultation for University Hospital Monklands and engaging with health issues in their community the R&amp;Cc are currently doing this.</b>
Developing Church work in the Community	A working group to investigate, develop and resource what each church can do in the community
Developing Church Outreach events	A working group to investigate, develop and resource missional events that each church can carry out.
promoting the world church	A working group to investigate, develop and resource how the local church can engage with the international church. <b>By encouraging churches on Fair Trade issues and forming a working group specifically on World Issues the R&amp;Cc are currently doing this.</b>
Promoting Mission	A working group to investigate, develop and resource how Mission can be promoted in each congregation.
<b>Joint work existing in the middle of the two committees remits</b>	
1 -Youth Work Staff - recruitment and facilitating of them. 2 - Develop the churches Youth provision. 3 - Challenge the attitude to churches to young people.	A working group to investigate, develop and resource the youth work of congregations. This new group with have a wider remit that the response below and allow membership from each committee to contribute. <b>By encouraging participation in the Year of Young Person the W&amp;Dc are currently doing this.</b>
Children's Work	A working group to investigate, develop and resource the children's work of congregations.
Social Media Development	A working group to investigate, develop and resource the Social media development of each congregation and presbytery. This new group with have a wider remit that the response below and allow membership from each committee to contribute. <b>By encouraging churches to think about appropriate things to share on the presbytery website the R&amp;Cc are currently doing this.</b>

## Presbytery Budget 2019

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total
<b>Opening Balance as at 1/1/19</b>				
General Fund	25,289	0	0	25,289
Designated Survey Fund	0	0	10,447	10,447
Designated LCR Fund	0	0	1,780	1,780
Restricted Bertram & Somerville	0	6,007	0	6,007
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25,289</b>	<b>6,007</b>	<b>12,227</b>	<b>43,523</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Interest	118	0	0	118
2019 Dues (5233 @ £3.00) Decrease of 150	15,699	0	0	15,699
Local Church Review (M&M Variance)	0	0	8,000	8,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,817</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>23,817</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Clerk's salary	5,600	0	0	5,600
Clerk's expenses	500	0	0	500
Clerk's office	1850	0	0	1,850
Printing & postage	250	0	0	250
Insurance & copyright	325	0	0	325
Honoraria	1,000	0	0	1,000
Surveys	0	0	7,980	7,980
Local Church Reviews	0	0	8,780	8,780
Pulpit Supply	220	0	0	220
Attestation Fees	2,600	0	0	2,600
Youth Assembly	170	0	0	170
Hall rent	1,080	0	0	1,080
Grants & Bursaries	750	0	0	750
Sundry	500	0	0	500
Travel Expenses	100	0	0	100
Data Protection	35	0	0	35
Governance	290	0	0	290
Valuations	0	0	0	0
Moderator's Visit	3,500	0	0	3,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,770</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,760</b>	<b>35,530</b>
Transfers	-4,000	0	4,000	0
Surplus/ Deficit	-6,953	0	-4,760	-11,713
<b>Closing Balances as at 31/12/19</b>				
General Fund	18,336	0	0	18,336
Designated Survey Fund	0	0	6,467	6,467
Designated LCR Fund	0	0	1000	1000
Restricted Bertram & Somerville	0	6,007	0	6,007
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18,336</b>	<b>6,007</b>	<b>7,467</b>	<b>31,810</b>

### Ministry & Mission Contributions 2019

Congregation	Average Income 2014- 2016	Average Income 2015- 2017	2018 Contribution (Gross)	2019 Increase / (Decrease)	2019 Proposed Contribution (Gross)
Biggar	97,511	97,876	59,131	1,894	<b>61,025</b>
Carluke Kirkton	138,477	142,409	80,638	3,866	<b>84,504</b>
Carluke St Andrew's	54,670	55,078	32,588	1,012	<b>33,600</b>
Carluke St John's	93,274	95,852	56,631	3,180	<b>59,811</b>
Carnwath	21,763	23,284	11,528	1,383	<b>12,911</b>
Carstairs	55,489	52,916	33,112	(917)	<b>32,195</b>
Crossford	37,285	38,070	21,462	1,083	<b>22,545</b>
Douglas Valley	59,544	56,910	35,708	(917)	<b>34,791</b>
Black Mount	22,239	23,123	11,832	997	<b>12,829</b>
Forth St Pauls	61,911	65,434	37,222	3,109	<b>40,331</b>
Kirkfieldbank	20,176	21,199	10,398	1,181	<b>11,579</b>
Kirkmuirhill	77,073	80,836	46,926	3,417	<b>50,343</b>
Lanark St Nicholas	114,052	112,319	68,188	887	<b>69,075</b>
Law	48,546	49,169	28,009	1,750	<b>29,759</b>
Lesmahagow Abbeygreen	65,954	62,089	39,810	(1,653)	<b>38,157</b>
Libberton and Quothquan	21,359	20,557	11,249	(88)	<b>11,161</b>
Symington	39,604	38,662	22,946	(16)	<b>22,930</b>
Greyfriars	89,211	90,425	54,234	2,320	<b>56,554</b>
Cairngryffe	36,614	36,476	21,032	477	<b>21,509</b>
Upper Clyde	39,573	39,044	22,926	252	<b>23,178</b>
Coalburn and Lesmahagow Old	90,728	83,649	55,129	(2,958)	<b>52,171</b>

## Local Church Review Report of Visiting Team

Name of Congregation:

Names of Visiting Team Members:

*Please type your answers to the following questions in the boxes and when you have completed the answers, delete the examples provided ... boxes will expand when you type.*

*This report should outline the achievements of the congregation, any difficulties faced, and what Presbytery or the congregation itself can do to contribute to the welfare and development of the congregation.*

<p><b>Congregational Story</b> <i>e.g. Who are the congregation? Where have they been? What significant steps have led them to this point in time?</i></p>
<p><b>Congregational Leadership</b> <i>e.g. Reflections on comments from minister. Reflections on relationship between minister and church leadership. Have the congregation been involved in previous forward planning? Challenges facing Leadership? What changes are needed in attitudes, relationships, strategy or structure? What support is needed to resolve internal conflict/dysfuntion?</i></p>
<p><b>Congregational Life</b> <i>e.g. Reflections on discipleship, worship, pastoral care, mission etc. Where are things going well? What challenges exist for the congregation? Can the congregation continue to sustain this model of church life and engage in effective mission? If not, what other form of Christian presence might they consider? What resourcing might be required to equip the congregation for a new future?</i></p>
<p><b>Congregation &amp; Community</b> <i>e.g. Reflections on place of congregation within community, and partnerships that exist within the community (including with other churches). Is the church in sync with the needs of the community? What long term process is needed to help them reconnect? How will this process be facilitated and by whom?</i></p>
<p><b>Recommendations for Action and Support</b> <i>e.g. Reflections on Action Plan and priorities of congregation. What specific resources (including individuals) to meet the challenges facing the congregation - developing worship. Discipleship, practical skills in finance/ fabric, deepening spirituality? What resourcing might be required to equip the congregation for the future?</i></p>
<p><b>Timetable for subsequent superintendence and congregational action</b> <i>e.g. Comments on future follow-up by Presbytery and encouragement to the congregation to keep moving forward in planning and delivery.</i></p>

<b>Date report submitted to Kirk Session</b>	
<p><b>Any outstanding areas of disagreement between Kirk Session and Visiting Team?</b> <i>Please note any outstanding areas of disagreement after seeking resolution in this box.</i></p>	

**A copy of the congregational action plan expressing a vision of the local church for its mission over at least the next five years must be submitted with this report.**



# The Church of Scotland

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## Presbytery of Lanark

**The Presbytery will meet in Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark on Tuesday 4 December 2018 at 7pm for the following and other competent business.**

*Rev Bryan Kerr, Presbytery Clerk*

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### **Order of Business – 4 December 2018**

1. Constitution
2. Welcome to Visitors
3. Approval of the Order of Business
4. Minutes
5. Decisions under Delegated Powers
6. Roll of Presbytery
7. Correspondence
8. Good News Stories
9. Report of the Presbytery Support Committee
10. Report of the Relationships and Context Committee
11. Report of the Worship and Discipleship Committee
12. Developing Relationships
13. Intimations
14. Adjournment:

The Presbytery adjourns to meet for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 5 February 2019 at 7 pm in Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark.

## Intimations

**Meditative Chants by Candlelight – A Taize Experience** – Forth: St.Paul's Parish Church, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

## Decisions under delegated powers

The Clerk has not been informed of any decisions that have been made under Delegated Powers.

## Report of the Presbytery Support Committee

### Deliverance

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report.
2. Note that the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland will visit the Presbytery from 26 October – 4 November 2019.
3. Agree that a sum of £20,000 be made available for grants from the Ministry and Mission Variance for the first application window of 2019 in line with the guidelines approved in June 2018
4. Agree that a sum of £8,000 from the Minsitries and Mission Variance be used by Presbytery to fund Local Church Reviews in 2019.
5. Agree that the sum of £1,560 be grated to both Douglas Valley and Coalburn and Lesmahagow: Old in respect of the charges having a second act of worship on a Sunday morning that is not covered by the Vacancy Allowance due to their status as united charges with 2 places of worship.
6. Grant powers to the Moderator, Presbytery Clerk, Depute Presbytery Clerk and Presbytery Support Convener from 5 December 2018 until the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery on 5 February 2019

### Report

#### Presbytery Yearbook

It is planned to produce a new version of the Year Book in early January when the annual data check forms are completed by Session Clerks.

#### Moderators Visit 2019/2020

The dates for the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland for 2019-2020, Rev Colin Sinclair's visit have been set from 26<sup>th</sup> October – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The committee will be in touch with all congregations early in the New Year to discuss possible plans and ideas for the visit.

#### Ministry & Mission Variance 2019

In June 2018 new guidelines were approved for agreeing grants from the Ministry and Mission Variance. The committee recommend that the first application window for 2019 will consist of a total of £20,000. This allows for a sum to be left for the second application window of 2019, as well as paying for Local Church Review, and pulpit supply costs in vacant congregations who are united but have two places of worship. It is further recommended that a sum of £8,000 be approved for Local Church Reviews in 2019 and a sum of £1,560 for each charge of Douglas Valley and Coalburn and Lesmahagow: Old in respect of second service supply costs be approved. The committee will be in contact with the Tinto Parishes to bring forward recommendations to assist with third Sunday cover in due course.

#### Christmas Break Powers

As is customary, the committee invite Presbytery to approve powers to the Moderator, Presbytery Clerk, Depute Presbytery Clerk and Presbytery Support Convener from 5 December 2018 until the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery on 5 February 2019

## Report of the Relationships and Context Committee

### Deliverance

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report.
2. Note the flyer distributed regarding the Presbytery Mission Conference.
3. Agree that all congregations should send at least two representatives to the conference on Saturday 2 February 2019
4. Invite the Presbytery Support Committee to consider appointing one of the Presbytery Representatives in the LCR process to act as a “Champion” for the congregation when moving into the “What next” phase of Review, especially if the congregation is in vacancy.
5. Commend the flyer prepared to take forward the question of Farming Chaplaincy
6. Support the development of a working group to examine how Farming Chaplaincy might work locally.

### Report

**Presbytery Mission Conference** -Delegation of responsibilities for managing elements of the conference: It was confirmed the Presbytery Clerk had agreed to arrange for Flyers to be distributed regarding the conference and these are to be distributed at the December Presbytery meeting. We agreed that numbers should be provided to us by the date of the next Committee meeting (22 January) to enable confirmation of catering details. Congregations should each send at least two representatives. Duties and responsibilities on the day were agreed.

**Local Church Review** – a great deal was discussed about LCR in the course of earlier discussions and it was confirmed that there is a plan to round off the assessment process with a conference day to take forward the “What next” part of the review, and to look at how Presbytery can help and support congregations on the journey. The suggestion of presbyters who had been external participants in the reviews acting as “Champions” was welcomed. It was agreed that the R&C Committee could have an important role in this aspect of LCR. The Path of Renewal” being followed in the Tinto Parishes was also discussed and there was a suggestion that it should be good to learn more about this and to share it with Presbytery.

**Farming Chaplaincy** – The issues around the situation for many farmers and the need for chaplaincy was discussed. A draft Flyer has been prepared with the purpose order to seek a working group to take forward the question of Farming Chaplaincy for Presbytery. The Committee warmly supported the content of the flyer and welcomed advocating for the development of a working group to take this forward.  
Presbytery Mission Conference

## Report of the Worship and Discipleship Committee

### Deliverance

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report
2. encourage all congregations to engage with the committees list of ideas for training when this is circulated and to respond timeously.

### Report

#### Funeral celebrant training

The training course has now been completed, and the one candidate from Lanark Presbytery, Lesley Ewing

will begin her six month period of training, shadowing her minister, and learning from him. All the candidates from Hamilton Presbytery will do likewise.

### **National Day of Prayer**

There was some very positive feedback from the churches who took part in the National Day of Prayer. The general opinion was that people appreciated the churches being open.

### **Discussion about proposed remits.**

The discussion concentrated on Worship, and Discipleship, and what, as a committee, we could offer to support the congregations in the Presbytery. It was decided that dividing into working parties was not necessarily the best way forward. Rather we should identify themes of activity and concentrate on covering fewer areas but doing them well. It was agreed that we should prepare congregations for their attendance at the June Presbytery meeting. There would be a dual approach:

- Approach Kirk Sessions to find out what their church does well and is in some way innovative. Invite those who feel they could, to share, by way of display, at the June 2019 meeting.
- Approach sessions with a list, compiled by the committee, of ideas of areas where the committee could organise events to support congregations. Seek areas of interest and begin to plan in accordance of where priorities lay. The committee would test out the level of interest prior to holding any event.

### **IDEAS**

The initial ideas put forward were as follows:

- Training in public reading of Scripture
- Training in composing and reading prayers
- Training for session clerks, clerks to the board, roll keepers ( these may belong to the remit of the other committee and doesn't particularly fit into Worship and Discipleship)
- Messy Church
- Music in worship
- Leading worship training and follow up for those who have already completed initial training
- Discipleship programme.
- Conference on the emerging church. Bearing in mind the forecast of the reduction in the number of ordained ministers the mindset of one congregation, one minister will have to change. This should not be seen as a declining church but rather as a changing church.
- Pilgrimage – church walks
- Using social media.

It was agreed that if any of the above was to be productive and useful, activities must not be seen as a "chore" set by Presbytery. Congregations must be encouraged to look at the gifts and talents they possess and capitalise on those, share them where appropriate, and accept not all churches need or should **be** the same or **do** the same things.

The committee will think about these ideas, include others if appropriate and, come to our meeting ready to begin making concrete plans to further the work of the committee.



# The Church of Scotland

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## Presbytery of Lanark

**The Presbytery will meet in Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark on Tuesday 5 February 2019 at 7pm for the following and other competent business.**

*Rev Bryan Kerr, Presbytery Clerk*

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### **Order of Business – 5 February 2019**

1. Constitution
2. Welcome to Visitors
3. Approval of the Order of Business
4. Minutes
5. Decisions under Delegated Powers
6. Decisions under Delegated Powers (Christmas Break)
7. Roll of Presbytery
8. Correspondence
9. Good News Stories
10. Farewells to Rev Maureen MacDougall
11. Local Church Review – Upper Clyde
12. Local Church Review – Carluke: Kirkton
13. Report of the Presbytery Support Committee
14. The Context of the Presbytery of Lanark Presentation
15. Report of the Relationships and Context Committee
16. Intimations
17. Adjournment:

The Presbytery adjourns to meet for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 5 March 2019 at 7 pm in Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark.

## **Intimations**

**Presbytery Retreat** –Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 10am – 3:30pm - Braehead House, Crossford. Cost £15. To book a place contact the Presbytery Administrator, Helen Paget on 01555437050 or email [administrator@lanarkpresbytery.org](mailto:administrator@lanarkpresbytery.org)

## **Decisions under delegated powers**

The Clerk has been informed of the following decisions that have been made under Delegated Powers.

### **Property - Kirkmuirhill Manse (12<sup>th</sup> December)**

The Presbytery:

1. subject to the agreement of the General Trustees, agree to the sale of the field adjacent to Kirkmuirhill Parish Church, subject to successful planning application, for a sum of £135,000 recognizing this sum is less than market value but noting the developer is willing to grant access to the old Manse from a new road to be built from Carlisle Road and undertake the planning process.
2. agree to the purchase of 82 Vere Road, Kirkmuirhill as the new Manse of Kirkmuirhill Parish Church and authorise the General Trustees, in consultation with the Congregational Board of Kirkmuirhill to make appropriate offers on the property, noting that the property is on the market for offers over £175,000
3. Instruct the titles for a new Manse in Kirkmuirhill to be vested in the General Trustees
4. Urge the General Trustees to make available a short term loan for the purchase a new Manse for Kirkmuirhill in recognition of the prospective sale of old Manse and adjacent field.

### **Vacancy Procedure Committee (Kirkmuirhill) (5<sup>th</sup> January 2019)**

The Presbytery, having received all relevant papers relating to the vacancy in Kirkmuirhill Parish Church including:

- voting papers and a signed declaration of election result whereby 99 members voted for and I voted against electing Mr Andrew Rooney as minister of Kirkmuirhill Parish Church;
- a call to Mr Andrew Rooney subscribed by 83 members of Kirkmuirhill Parish Church as listed on the electoral register with 15 signing a paper of concurrence

agrees that, in respect of Kirkmuirhill Parish Church and in terms of Act VIII, 2003 (as amended), the call to Mr Andrew Rooney to the congregation of Kirkmuirhill Parish Church be sustained, with the ordination and induction of the said Mr Andrew Rooney to take place on date to be determined when an entry date for the new manse has been agreed by all parties.

### **Vacancy Procedure Committee (Carnwath linked with Carstairs) (8<sup>th</sup> January 2019)**

The Presbytery, in respect of Carnwath linked with Carstairs, and in terms of Act VIII, 2003 (as amended), agree to

1. Release Rev Maudeen MacDougall from the charge of Carnwath linked with Carstairs to translate to Scone and St Martin's from a date to yet be determined and instruct her to await the instructions of the Presbytery of Perth.
2. Appoint Rev Jim Cutler as Interim Moderator in the charge of Carnwath linked with Carstairs from the date of translation of Rev Maudeen MacDougall and with immediate effect for vacancy business.
3. Appoint Rev Elspeth MacLean (Convenor), Mr Robert Carson (replaced by Mr Scott Paget when Mr Carson is out of the country) and Mr Ian Ivison as Advisory Committee for Canwath linked with Carstairs.

4. Grant permission to the charge of Carnwath linked with Carstairs to call a minister on the basis of unrestricted tenure in accordance with the agreed Presbytery Plan of the Presbytery of Lanark.
5. That a Nominating Committee of nine people for the charge of Carnwath linked with Carstairs be appointed with five people from Carstairs and four from Carnwath.

### **Property – Carnwath linked with Carstairs (23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019)**

The Presbytery grant permission to Carnwath linked with Carstairs to let out the manse of the charge when it becomes vacant with all contracts being entered into through the Law Department of the Church of Scotland.

### **Vacancy Procedure Committee (Kirkmuirhill) (31<sup>st</sup> January 2019)**

The Presbytery, in respect of the vacancy at Kirkmuirhill, appoint Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7pm for the Ordination and Induction of Mr Andrew Rooney to be the minister of the charge.

### **Decisions under delegated powers (Christmas Break)**

The Clerk has been informed of the following decisions that have been made under Delegated Powers over the Christmas Break.

### **Presbytery Retreat (3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019)**

The Presbytery, in respect of the Presbytery Retreat to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019, agree to pay the £50 donation to the Ignatian centre and provide subsidy for a maximum of 10 spaces at a total cost of £150.

### **Local Church Review – Upper Clyde**

The Presbytery will hear a presentation for Upper Clyde in respect of the action plan they have agreed as part of the Local Church Review Process. The Presbytery are invited to commend the Kirk Session and congregation for engaging with the process during a period of significant change within the church family. The Action Plan belongs to the congregation and Presbytery are invited to approve the final report and express thanks to the minister, elders and congregation as well as the visiting team. The final report is included as Appendix 1

Should you wish to read the whole report you can download it here

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### **Local Church Review – Carluke: Kirkton**

The Presbytery will hear a presentation for Carluke: Kirkton in respect of the action plan they have agreed as part of the Local Church Review Process. The Presbytery are invited to commend the Kirk Session and congregation for their professionalism in using some of the material provided by the visiting team and running their own process of action planning. The Action Plan belongs to the congregation and Presbytery are invited to approve the final report and express thanks to the minister, elders and congregation as well as the visiting team. The final report is included as Appendix 2

Should you wish to read the whole report you can download it here

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/a41jxynmi596373/2017-18%20LCR%20Carluke%2C%20Kirkton%28reducedsize%29.pdf?dl=0> ...

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### **Report of the Presbytery Support Committee**

## Deliverance

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the Report
2. Note that the charges of Biggar lw Black Mount, Lanark: St. Nicholas, Coalburn and Lesmahagow: Old and Law must provide, no later than 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019, the name of the elder they wish Presbytery to commission to the General Assembly.
3. Thank the Rev. Elspeth MacLean for her term as convener of the Worship and Discipleship Committee.
4. Appoint the Rev. Louise Mackay as convener of the Worship and Discipleship committee with effect from 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019
5. Appoint Bill Love as Convener of the Presbytery Complaints Committee with immediate effect.
6. Instruct all Kirk Sessions and Congregational Boards to ensure that treasurers are aware that Presbytery dues must be paid in the year in which Presbytery call for them and not held over until the following financial year.
7. Note that no congregation has submitted a request seeking dispensation from paying 2019 Ministry and Mission Contributions by Standing Order.
8. Agree to designate the property at 82 Vere Road, Kirkmuirhill as the manse of Kirkmuirhill
9. Note the decision of Douglas Valley church's kirk session to see guardianship as a positive way forward and assure theme of presbytery's prayers and support.
10. Note that a positive meeting took place with the General Trustees in respect of the buildings in Biggar and that the outcome was that plans for work on the church building, particularly in respect of heating, should be an urgent priority for the Kirk Session
11. Note the date of ordination and induction of Mr Andrew Rooney to Kirkmuirhill has been set for 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 with the Moderator to conduct worship and give the charges and Rev Louise Mackay to preach.

## Report

### Presbytery Business

#### **Visit of Moderator of The General Assembly**

Presbytery will be pleased to hear that arrangements for the visit of the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland were being considered. A first draft of timetable for the visit will be ready soon. Presbytery is reminded that at this time all ideas for the visit can be shared with the presbytery clerk.

#### **Commissioners to the 2019 General Assembly.**

Presbytery has previously heard intimation that the charges asked to provide the name of an elder to be commissioned to the General Assembly 2019 are Biggar lw Black Mount, Lanark: St. Nicholas, Coalburn and Lesmahagow: Old and Law. Kirk Sessions were previously asked to inform the clerk by 22<sup>nd</sup> January if they would not be able to appoint an elder so to do. In the absence of any returns from Kirk Sessions it is assumed that all charges will be able to transmit the name of an elder to be commissioned to the General Assembly in May. Names of those put forward by a Kirk Session must be in the hands of the Presbytery Clerk no later than Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019. If a name is not received from a Kirk Session by that date the Presbytery Support Committee will seek to appoint other elders from across Presbytery in line with Standing Orders.

Ministers are reminded one extra ministerial commission is available for General Assembly 2019. Application can be made to the Presbytery Clerk by 19<sup>th</sup> of February.

#### **Worship & Discipleship Convener**

The committee heard that the Rev. Elspeth MacLean had come the end of the 1 year convenership of the Worship and Discipleship Committee. Presbytery are asked to express their thanks Rev. Elspeth MacLean for the work she has put in to establishing the committee. Although it does not always follow that a Vice Convener to any committee would be recommended for a convener position, the Committee recommends

that Presbytery appoints the Rev. Louise MacKay as Convener of the Worship and Discipleship Committee from 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 for a term of four years and four months.

### **Complaints Committee**

Presbytery are asked to appoint Bill Love as Convener of the Presbytery Complaints Committee with immediate effect.

### **Safeguarding**

The committee heard that retired ministers may not have been subject to a police (PVG) check in the same way that parish ministers are. This is an issue where a retired minister, or an elder, may be acting as locum or an Interim Moderator in a vacant church. Within a future where vacancies may become more of the norm, the presbytery of Lanark needs a system of ensuring police checks can happen in this situation. The presbytery clerk will continue pursue this with the safeguarding service of the church of Scotland, however all vacant charges are reminded that prior to a locum taking up a post a satisfactory PVG check must be obtained.

### **Finance**

#### **Presbytery Dues 2018**

The committee is grateful to congregational treasurers who have ensured that all Presbytery Dues are paid. However, as in previous years two congregations withheld payment until after the New Year. This creates significant extra work in terms of accounting for Presbytery and all Kirk Sessions and Congregational Boards are reminded that dues must be paid in the year in which Presbytery call for them.

#### **Ministry and Mission Payments**

No congregation has submitted a request seeking dispensation from paying 2019 Ministry and Mission Contributions by Standing Order.

### **Property**

#### **Kirkmuirhill**

The committee was pleased that Kirkmuirhill have found and purchased a new manse. This is a good move for the church and the new ministry of a minister in that charge. Presbytery are asked to designate the property at 82 Vere Road, Kirkmuirhill as the manse of the charge.

#### **General Trustees visit to Biggar**

As Biggar Kirk had expanded to three building (not including manse) the General Trustees recently undertook a visit to look at future plans and spending on the buildings which the Kirk anticipated. The General Trustees were clear during the visit that plans for work on the church building, particularly in respect of heating, should be an urgent priority for the Kirk.

### **Planning and Deployment**

#### **Carnwath linked with Carstairs**

We are thankful for the ministry of Rev. Maudeen MacDougall in her time at Carnwath linked with Carstairs, with her call being sustained to a church out with the bounds of Lanark presbytery the committees started to plan for the vacancy that will follow.

In terms of Act 8, 2003 (as amended) the Moderator and Clerk appointed a Vacancy Procedure Committee of Scott Paget (Convener), George Shand, Bryan Kerr, Elspeth MacLean and Robert Carson.

Although the committee is sad to see the Miss MacDougall move on, our prayers and best wishes travel with her in the next stage of her ministry.

#### **Douglas Valley**

The committee were approached by the Kirk Session of the Douglas Valley Church to speak to them about how they might move forward in a lengthy period of vacancy. During the meeting it was made clear that the congregation have grown tired of a fruitless search for a new minister but have found a new spirit and vision under the ministry of their current Interim Moderator and Locum, Bill Love. A number of options were explored and left with the Kirk Session to prayerfully consider. Presbytery are asked to note that the Kirk Session have unanimously agreed a Draft Basis of Guardianship which will be presented to the congregation and thereafter to Presbytery for approval. The committee recognise this is the Kirk session have thought about what is best for their church and its ministry and see guardianship as a positive way forward. As such the committee support the decision taken by the Kirk session and commend the charge to Presbytery as a model of how God can act and work in a people without a minister being in that charge, as well as assuring the charge of our prayers and support. This will mean a change to the Presbytery Plan within that area and formal citations will be sent to congregations concerned in due course.

### **Kirkmuirhill**

Presbytery will be pleased to hear that within Kirkmuirhill Parish Church a different stage in their church life has been realised. The committee are delighted that the call to Rev. Andrew Rooney has been sustained and an ordination and induction set for 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

## Local Church Review

### Report of Visiting Team

Name of Congregation: UPPER CLYDE PARISH CHURCH

Names of Visiting Team Members: Rev. Maudeen MacDougall, Hugh Stewart

<p><b>Congregational Story</b></p> <p>What has been since 2013 one congregation with a parish that spans 170 square miles was, sixty years ago, nine churches in nine villages and surrounding. The villages remain, and the challenges to ministry are many – disconnection, poor transport links, the changing nature of community and the additional time needed to do everything, because of travelling distances.</p> <p>A small creative and generous congregation seek to rise to the task of being church in such a dispersed and changing environment. The congregation has a small core group of dedicated Elders.</p>
<p><b>Congregational Leadership</b></p> <p>Rev. Nikki Macdonald has been in post since October 2014. This is her first parish, and she has established strong working relationships within the church and many of the communities, and particularly good working relationships with the 5 local primary schools (ranging between 13 and 35 pupils each).</p> <p>Unfortunately, during the period of the Local Church Review a number of key officers died, and individual and community grief being a significant issue over the end of 2017 and into early 2018. Since then it has been very difficult to fill key positions within the Kirk Session – so difficult in fact that Presbytery has introduced 4 Assessor Elders with skill and experience from other congregations in the Presbytery.</p> <p>The Local Church Review process was therefore, at times, necessarily held up because of lack of time and available human resources. However, the congregational workshops built on a very useful Kirk Session away day which had been held early in 2017 and provided a very valuable context for LCR.</p> <p>Like many small rural congregations of the Church of Scotland, ‘maintaining what we currently have’ is always a matter of concern, but there is also a continual enthusiasm for reaching out into the different communities that the church has physically retreated from over these last years. Resources for this, however, are rather thin.</p> <p>The ‘Blether and Biscuits’ initiative during the LCR did reveal a positive response within some communities for the Church reaching out.</p>
<p><b>Congregational Life</b></p> <p>Worship is creative and dynamic, and attractive, and takes account of the diversity of traditions that congregation members originate from. Links with the school also connect creatively with the church/congregation at major festivals.</p> <p>The challenge for the congregation always remains ‘being church’ in and for all the different communities. It is hard to see how the congregation can continue to sustain a model of church life where it appears to be only the Minister who is the link between differing communities. It is also hard to see how the congregation can continue to engage in effective mission without partnership and support.</p>
<p><b>Congregation &amp; Community</b></p> <p>The congregation is ‘the church’ in all these communities. The congregation is ecumenical in make-up as reflects the local worshipping community. There are no other churches or church meetings within the parish.</p>

The congregation is primarily elderly and as such has deep links with some long-standing aspects of community, but less links with the younger more mobile commuter community which is less engaged locally. There appear to be significant gaps, in most of the smaller communities, in community leadership and therefore in community planning.

**Recommendations for Action and Support**

During the period of Local Church Review, Presbytery attached four Assessor Elders to the Kirk Session to help UCPC through a difficult period following the death of some key elders

Partnerships out-with the parish should be encouraged, and the congregation should also be encouraged to make use of the presbytery's variance fund for outreach activities.

The next three years are perhaps crucial years not only for the broader direction of the whole Church of Scotland but also for how we can best be church, and experiment, in areas such as Upper Clyde with small dispersed communities.

**Timetable for subsequent superintendence and congregational action**

LCR will keep engaged with the Minister and Kirk Session so that 1 year and 3 year reviews can happen at times that are appropriate and helpful to the congregation.

Assessor Elders will, of course, report back to Presbytery on the ongoing needs of the congregation.

<b>Date report submitted to Kirk Session</b>	
<b>Any outstanding areas of disagreement between Kirk Session and Visiting Team?</b>	None

**A copy of the congregational action plan expressing a vision of the local church for its mission over at least the next five years must be submitted with this report.**

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## Local Church Review Report of Visiting Team

Name of Congregation: Kirkton Parish Church, Carluke

Names of Visiting Team Members: Rev Elspeth MacLean and Helen Chekansky

<p><b>Congregational Story</b></p> <p>Carluke Kirkton have been an active well-organised church for many years and are part of the Carluke parish grouping. Their minister Rev Iain Cunningham completed his years as Convenor of World Mission 8 months after this Review began.</p>
<p><b>Congregational Leadership</b></p> <p>In conversation with Iain Cunningham it was clear that he is fully aware that his absence due to World Mission work has had an impact on the church, and he was looking forward to being back in the parish and picking up the reins again. Forward planning has been an important part of the church's life over a number of years. Iain was very honest about the financial situation of the church, which received a substantial bequest making it look very well off, but whose regular givings only just cover the costs of the ministry.</p>
<p><b>Congregational Life</b></p> <p>The congregational life of Kirkton is impressive and their attention to detail can be seen in the attached five year plan. Iain's absence had an impact, but the presence of Rev Susan Cowell (locum), Lesley Ewing (Youth worker) and for a period of time Lorna MacDougall (Probationer) meant that a good team was in place. The forward planning which is detailed in the attached plan is good, although we did have some concerns that a large number of items were all to be tackled in the first year. However, we understand that it now becomes the responsibility of the various working groups to take this on board and produce more realistic timescales. We also were pleased to see that a Stewardship campaign is planned to improve and maintain finances.</p>
<p><b>Congregation &amp; Community</b></p> <p>Kirkton is part of Carluke parish grouping and it is hoped that this will be able to continue the good joint work done in the past. Kirkton has a very good presence in the community, with strong links to four schools, as well as sheltered housing complex and the Bakehouse Cafe.</p>
<p><b>Recommendations for Action and Support</b></p> <p>The minister and kirk session have worked diligently to produce a comprehensive action plan taking them forward in all areas in the next five years.</p>
<p><b>Timetable for subsequent superintendence and congregational action</b></p> <p>Kirkton have regular annual reviews programmed in and should be commended by Presbytery for their very thorough attention to all their planning. As with all congregations we assure Kirkton Kirk Session that Presbytery offer their full support if this is required at any time.</p>

The Local Church Review team have timetabled a return meeting with all congregations in year 1 and year 3. Because the congregation had robust planning systems, their link with the LCR was limited to initial meetings and the origination and analysis of an extensive congregational survey. The congregation are to be commended on their diligent approach towards this survey, and their use of the feedback in their planning. Otherwise they did not perceive any 'value added' from the LCR Team at this time.

However, as part of the LCR process is also about how congregations can contribute to/ require support from Presbytery, and this was not addressed, this is something the LCR Team will take up at their Year 1 visit (which can coincide, perhaps, with the congregation's annual review).

<b>Date report submitted to Kirk Session</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>
<b>Any outstanding areas of disagreement between Kirk Session and Visiting Team?</b>	
The only disagreement was the timing of this local church review, which failed initially to consider the minister's National Church commitments.	

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12. Reflections from Iain Cunningham on World Mission Convener
13. Preparation for visit of Moderator of General Assembly
14. Intimations
15. Adjournment:

The Presbytery adjourns to meet for the Ordination and Induction of Mr Andrew David Rooney as minister of the Parish of Kirkmuirhill on Tuesday 12 March 2019 at 6:45pm in Kirkmuirhill Parish Church and thereafter for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 7 May 2019 at 7 pm in Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark.

## Intimations

**Come and Sing John Stainer's "The Crucifixion"** - Saturday 13th April 2019 March at Cadzow Parish Church, Hamilton. Concert at 3:30pm, Rehearsal at 12:30pm. For more information and to register please visit <https://lanarkshireorganists.co.uk/the-crucifixion/> or call 01698 283805

## Decisions under delegated powers

The Clerk has not been informed of any decisions that have been made under Delegated Powers.

## Report of the Presbytery Support Committee

### Deliverance

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the Report
2. In respect of the General Assembly
  - a. Appoint Mike Fucella (Biggar lw Black Mount), Paul Grant (Law) Bryan Kerr (Presbytery Clerk), Louise MacKay (Lanark: St. Nicholas) and George Shand (Depute Presbytery Clerk) as ministerial commissioners to the General Assembly of 2019
  - b. Appoint Anna Aitken (Coalburn and Lesmahagow: Old), Alan Grant (Coalburn and Lesmahagow: Old), Janette Mason (Law), Robin Murdoch (Lanark: St. Nicholas) and Cameron Sutherland (Biggar) as elder commissioners to the General Assembly of 2019.
  - c. Note that a briefing meeting for all commissioners will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7pm in Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark
3. Note that the annual attestation of records will take place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April in Greyfriars Church and that Session Clerks & Clerks to Financial Courts, Roll Keepers, Safeguarding Co-ordinators and Property Conveners are urged to attend in person.
4. Remind ministers that mileage log books covering the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 must be presented to the Clerk and Depute Clerk on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at the attestation of records.
5. Grant permission to Lanark: Greyfriars to move the service of worship at 11am on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019 from the church to Beechgrove Care Home, Lanark, to offer a sense of community and lessen isolation within the residents.
6. Note that the Presbytery will be undertaking the pilot delivery of the new Safeguarding Panel Training developed by the Safeguarding Service.
7. In respect of the Annual Accounts
  - a. Approve the annual report and accounts for the Presbytery of Lanark for year ended 31 December 2018.
  - b. Thank Mary McGillivray, Helen Paget and the Clerk for their work in preparing the accounts and annual report.
8. In respect of the Accounting processes of Presbytery
  - a. Note the changes to accounting processes for the Presbytery.
  - b. Agree to amend the signatories on the bank account operated by and in the name of the Presbytery of Lanark to Rev. Bryan Kerr (Presbytery Clerk), John Lumsden (Depute Honorary Treasurer) Scott Paget (Presbytery Support Convener), Rev. George Shand (Depute Presbytery Clerk) and Mary McGillivray (Honorary Treasurer) with any two signatories being required to sign cheques and instructions.
9. In respect of the Ministry and Mission Discretionary Allowance
  - a. Approve an award of £4,000 to Carlisle: St. Andrews for the development of a Heart for Art project on the understanding that learning, resources and expertise be shared with other congregations and that there is no expectation of future funding in coming years.
  - b. Approve an award of £1,200 to Lanark: Greyfriars for the development of the Clearspace Movie Project Fresh Expression in line with the agreed aims and objectives submitted with the application.

- c. Approve an award of £1,400 to Lanark: Greyfriars for the development of the Wild Church Fresh Expression in line with the agreed aims and objectives submitted with the application.
10. In respect of Local Church Reviews
- a. Appoint the following visitation teams for 2019
    - i. Forth St. Paul's: Rev. Elijah Obinna (leader), Anne Cochrane (& Catch the Light)
    - ii. Crossford l/w Kirkfieldbank: Rev Paul Grant (leader), Anne Reid (& Catch the Light)
    - iii. Lanark St. Nicholas: Rev. Mike Fucella (leader), Liz Bradley (& Catch the Light)
    - iv. Kirkmuirhill: Rev. Helen Jamieson (leader) (& Catch the Light).
  - b. Grant powers to the Presbytery Support Committee to appoint an extra member for Crossford l/w Kirkfieldbank and Kirkmuirhill visitation teams, as well as powers to replace team members should that become necessary for any reason.
11. Urge all congregations to hold a retiring collection to support the candidates for Ministry of Word and Sacrament within the Presbytery, with such a collection to be intimated and uplifted following the Sunday worship on a Sunday before 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

## Report

### Presbytery Business

#### **Commissioners to the 2019 General Assembly.**

Following an invitation for applications for a spare ministerial commission no applications were submitted to the committee. The committee therefore propose that the Presbytery Clerk, who would have been attending as an observer on behalf of Presbytery, be appointed as a commissioner.

The committee invites Presbytery to commission the following individuals as commissioners to the General Assembly of 2019. Ministers: Mike Fucella (Biggar l/w Black Mount), Paul Grant (Law) Bryan Kerr (Presbytery Clerk), Louise MacKay (Lanark: St. Nicholas) and George Shand (Depute Presbytery Clerk). Elders: Anna Aitken (Coalburn and Lesmahagow: Old), Alan Grant (Coalburn and Lesmahagow: Old), Janette Mason (Law), Robin Murdoch (Lanark: St. Nicholas) and Cameron Sutherland (Biggar).

The Presbytery are asked to note that all commissioners have been invited to attend a briefing meeting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 at 7pm in Greyfriars Church, along with attending the Presbytery meeting in May for a prayer of commissioning.

#### **Year Book**

The committee intend to publish the most up to date information in a mid year Year Book following the delayed IT Department office bearer checking process now underway. All Session Clerks are urged to return information to the Presbytery Clerk as soon as possible.

#### **Attestation of Records**

The annual attestation of records will take place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April in Greyfriars Church. Once again congregations will be given a 30 minute time slot in which to appear to ensure that all records can be checked. Office Bearers (Session Clerks & Clerks to Financial Courts, Roll Keepers, Safeguarding Co-ordinators and Property Conveners) are urged to attend to present records to the committee and answer queries that may exist. Ministers are also reminded that mileage log books covering the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 must be presented on that night.

#### **Worship Service Change**

The Presbytery are asked to grant permission to Lanark: Greyfriars to move the service of worship at I lam on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019 from the church to Beechgrove Care Home, Lanark, to offer a sense of community and lessen isolation within the residents. Arrangements are in place to ensure that all members of the congregation are aware of this change and that transport is arranged for those who require it.

#### **Safeguarding**

The committee are pleased to inform presbytery that the Presbytery of Lanark will be undertaking the pilot delivery of the new Safeguarding Panel Training developed by the Safeguarding Service.

## **Finance**

### **Presbytery Accounts 2018**

The committee are grateful to Mary McGillivray, Helen Paget and the Presbytery Clerk for their work in producing the annual report and accounts for year ended 31 December 2018. The accounts are presented as an appendix for approval.

### **Presbytery Accounting Arrangements**

As Presbytery will be aware an appeal has been ongoing for some time to find a replacement treasurer. To date no appeal has brought forward a name for approval. As such the committee recommend that the day to day financial arrangements of the Presbytery be managed by the Presbytery Office operated out of Greyfriars Church. This would mean the Presbytery administrator undertaken the book keeping on a regular basis. Mary McGillivray has graciously agreed to continue in the role of Honorary Treasurer to advise and guide on aspects of financial management and reporting, as well advising the Presbytery where necessary on matters of congregational finance and attestation. Mrs McGillivray has accepted this role for a very temporary period until the end of 2019 at the latest. A search for a new Honorary Treasurer continues

As a result of the change in arrangements Presbytery are invited to amend the signatories on the bank accounts operated by and in the name of the Presbytery of Lanark to Rev. Bryan Kerr (Presbytery Clerk), John Lumsden (Depute Honorary Treasurer) Scott Paget (Presbytery Support Convener), Rev. George Shand (Depute Presbytery Clerk) and Mary McGillivray (Honorary Treasurer) with any two signatories being required to sign cheques and instructions.

### **Ministry and Mission Discretionary Allowance**

The committee considered three requests duly submitted for assistance from the Discretionary Allowance.

Heart for Art Dementia Project: Carluke: St. Andrew's Kirk Session seek funding to assist with a project to work with 15 individuals each week in a facilitated art project run by Crossreach. The total cost of running the project for one year is £13,094, of which the Kirk Session is funding £6,594. The committee recommend an award of £4,000 for the project on the understanding that learning, resources and expertise be shared with other congregations and that there is no expectation of future funding in coming years.

Clearspace Movie Project: Lanark: Greyfriars Kirk Session seek funding to assist with a project to explore a fresh expression of church based around spirituality and movie making. A group will be created where participants will study and explore different faith themes and create short movies based on the themes and their reflections. The project aims to develop a fresh expression of church, run four movie making groups of four sessions each by February 2020, develop a movie club to reduce isolation within the community, train four new leaders in running the movie making fresh expression and six new leaders for the movie club by February 2020 and develop and share resources and good practice with other congregations. The total budget for the project is £1,500 plus computer costs already covered by Greyfriars. The committee recommend an award of £1,200 for the project.

Wild Church: Lanark: Greyfriars Kirk Session seek funding to assist with a project to explore a fresh expression of church based around creation. With the rise of outdoor play initiatives, a group will be created where participants will experience a Messy Church style event in the wild. Each event would be based around exploration, craft, refreshments and worship. At the heart of Wild Church would be a group of individuals growing closer to one another and to God. The project aims to develop a fresh expression of church, run a monthly Wild Church event for all ages, train four new leaders in running Wild Church fresh expression by the end of 2019, develop links with other 'outdoor play' groups within the area and develop and share resources and good practice with other congregations. The total budget for the project is £1,760. The committee recommend an award of £1,400 for the project.

## **Local Church Review**

### **2019 Visiting Teams**

Presbytery are invited to approve the following visitation teams for Local Church Reviews in 2019.

- Forth St. Paul's: Rev. Elijah Obinna (leader), Anne Cochrane (& Catch the Light)
- Crossford l/w Kirkfieldbank: Rev Paul Grant (leader), Anne Reid (& Catch the Light)
- Lanark St. Nicholas: Rev. Mike Fucella (leader), Liz Bradley (& Catch the Light)

- Kirkmuirhill: Rev. Helen Jamieson (leader) (& Catch the Light).

The committee seek powers to appoint an extra member for Crossford l/w Kirkfieldbank and Kirkmuirhill, as well as powers to replace team members should that become necessary for any reason.

## **Ministry Support & Training**

### **Student Sunday**

The committee recommend that Presbytery urge all congregations to hold a retiring collection to support the candidates for Ministry of Word and Sacrament within the Presbytery, with such a collection to be intimated and uplifted following the Sunday worship on a Sunday before 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

In 2018 this money was greatly appreciated by the candidates and helped support them through their academic year. All monies should be banked by individual congregations in the usual manner and a cheque made out the 'The Presbytery of Lanark' sent to Greyfriars Office prior to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

## **Report of the Worship & Discipleship Committee**

### **Deliverance**

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the Report.
2. Note the proposed prayer resources event on Wednesday 15 May 2019 and encourage congregations to participate
3. Encourage Kirk Sessions to reflect and report back at June meeting of Presbytery of ways in which the Worship and Discipleship Committee can resource and equip congregations

### **Report**

#### **Retreat Day**

The Presbytery Retreat took place on 3 March in Braehead House. At the time of writing there are 13 attending the retreat from a variety of churches across the presbytery.

#### **Development Projects**

The committee was informed of the visit to Gateway Borders Fellowship on Saturday 9 February 2019. Three people from presbytery attended this event. The committee held discussion around the project and about what aspects could be relevant to Lanark Presbytery. It is hoped that there will be representatives from the committee attend A Messy church event in Rutherglen and Aberfeldy Parish Church's BREATHE project.

#### **Discussion about future plans**

The committee are taking time to discuss the proposed remit ideas from 2018. It is anticipated that at the evening of the June presbytery meeting, ideas could be sought from congregations as to what help and resources the committee could provide in order to aid worship and discipleship across the Presbytery. In the meantime, the committee aims to hold an event in writing and reading prayers. This event would aim to resource and encourage people in their constructing of prayers for public worship as well as looking at simple skills and tools to help with delivery of prayers and readings during services. The committee have organised this event to take place on the evening of Wednesday 15 May 2019.

## **Report of the Relationships & Context Committee**

### **Deliverance**

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the Report.

2. Note that the committee intent to explore the possibility of the Presbytery of Lanark twinning with another Presbytery in the World Church.
3. Note that the Committee intend to write to attendees at the Resourcing Mission Conference to ask how they are taking forward the outcomes from the day in their own congregations.
4. Agree to develop a network within Presbytery of Local Mission activities, including:
  - a. Training and shadowing opportunities for others within Presbytery wanting to develop local projects.
  - b. A “notice board” detailing any volunteer or support requirements.

## **Report**

### **Presbytery Twinning**

Following the Twinning presentation at the Resourcing Mission conference it is hoped that Presbytery may consider going down this route. The committee are planning to ask someone from the Twinning Team from the World Mission Council to come to talk to the Committee about it and then decide if it might be something that would be appropriate to progress.

### **Resourcing Mission Conference Follow Up**

The committee was keen to sustain the progress made with the conference. It was agreed that as a follow up we would write to participants to find out what they have done or are planning as a result of the conference.

### **Mission Project Assistance**

The committee invite Presbytery to agree to develop a conduit/network to seek to provide help and support local mission projects within Presbytery and to let people know where additional volunteers are needed. It is hoped to create information networks where it is possible to “advertise” for support or offer training/shadowing experiences for those trying to set up new projects.



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## Presbytery of Lanark

**The Presbytery will meet in Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark on Tuesday 7 May 2019 at 7pm for the following and other competent business.**

*Rev Bryan Kerr, Presbytery Clerk*

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### **Order of Business – 7 May 2019**

1. Constitution
2. Welcome to Visitors
3. Approval of the Order of Business
4. Minutes
5. Decisions under Delegated Powers
6. Roll of Presbytery
7. Correspondence
8. Good News Stories
9. Commissioning of General Assembly Commissioners
10. Report of Presbytery Support Committee (Douglas Valley)
11. Report of the Presbytery Support Committee
12. Report of the Relationships and Context Committee
13. Report of the Worship & Discipleship Committee
14. Intimations
15. Adjournment:

The Presbytery adjourns to meet for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 18 June 2019 at 7 pm in Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark.

## Intimations

### Decisions under delegated powers

The Clerk has not been informed of any decisions that have been made under Delegated Powers.

#### **Carnwath Manse & Glebe (Presbytery Support Committee, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019)**

Agree to the sale of the former Manse of Carnwath Parish Church and the Glebe of Carnwath Parish Church in line with the agreements of both the Kirk Session and General Trustees

### Report of the Presbytery Support Committee (Douglas Valley)

#### **Deliverance**

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the Report
2. In respect of the Presbytery Plan
  - a. Commend the Kirk Session of Douglas Valley Church for their vision and courage in suggesting a change in ministry status
  - b. Following approaches made by the congregation, agree to amend the Presbytery Plan to move Douglas Valley into Guardianship
  - c. Note the intention of Presbytery to ensure that a new MDS post be created within the southern end of Presbytery to support ministry and community.
  - d. Instruct the Presbytery Support Committee to begin discussions with the charges of Douglas Valley, Tinto Parishes and Upper Clyde into entering into a collaborative form of hub style ministry whilst considering the potential role for an MDS post within the area and report back to a future Presbytery meeting.
  - e. Suspend the Presbytery Plan for the congregations and charges of Douglas Valley, Tinto Parishes and Upper Clyde.

#### **Report**

##### **Presbytery Planning**

##### **Douglas Valley Guardianship**

The committee have been approached by Douglas Valley Kirk Session regarding the possibility of entering into Guardianship. The committee have met with the Kirk Session who ought to be commended for their vision for moving forward. The Kirk Session wish to enter into Guardianship and consider a collaborative ministry across the geographical area to be advantageous to all.

When entering into Guardianship Douglas Valley will receive an allowance to help pay for a locum on a Sunday and two pastoral days per week. The committee recommend to Presbytery that the ministry post allocated to Douglas Valley be reassigned as and MDS post and invite the charges of Douglas Valley, Tinto Parishes and Upper Clyde to begin discussions about how ministry might look across the wider area, and what sort of staff post might be required to support that.

The committee recommend Presbytery alter the Presbytery Plan to allow Douglas Valley to enter into Guardianship and explore the idea of a collaborative ministry.

### Report of the Presbytery Support Committee

## Deliverance

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the Report
2. Note with regret that there were no applications for a youth delegate to the General Assembly by the extended closing date.
3. In respect of Congregational Records
  - a. Note that records of congregations were inspected and attested by the committee and generally found to be in order.
  - b. Encourage all record keepers to pay consider the points raised with them at the inspection for future good practice
  - c. Thank all who keep records on behalf of congregations for their diligence and willingness.
4. Note that travel log books of ministers have been inspected and attested and found to be in order.
5. Ministers are reminded of the importance of ensuring they make regular claims for reimbursement of travel expenses.
6. In respect of Ministry & Mission Discretionary Fund Applications
  - a. Grant an award of £2,000 to Carluke: St. John's towards the training of new listeners in the Carluke Listeners Project
  - b. Agree that a sum of £14,000 be made available for grants from the Ministry and Mission Discretionary Fund for the second application window of 2019 in line with the guidelines approved in June 2018
7. Appoint the Reverend George Shand as Moderator Designate of the Presbytery of Lanark for session 2019-2020 to be installed at the September meeting.
8. Approve the draft timetable for the visit of the Moderator of the General Assembly of The Church of Scotland between 26<sup>th</sup> October and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019.
9. Urge all congregations to hold a retiring collection to support the candidates for Ministry of Word and Sacrament within the Presbytery, with such a collection to be intimated and uplifted following the Sunday worship on a Sunday before end of June 2019.
10. Remind Kirk Sessions of the importance of sending representatives to the June meeting of presbytery to help inform the work of Presbytery in the forthcoming year.

## Report

### Presbytery Business

#### **Commissioners to the 2019 General Assembly.**

Despite an extension to the original deadline the committee did not receive any applications from young people to represent the Presbytery at the General Assembly. Unfortunately a late application was received but following discussion with the relevant department in the Church Offices they were unable to accommodate the person as part of the youth representative group.

#### **Attestation of Records**

The annual attestation of records has taken place and records were generally found to be in order with only minor points being raised with the relevant office bearers. All record keepers for congregations are thanked for their diligence and support.

#### **Attestation of Ministers Travel Log Books**

The annual attestation of ministers log books has taken place and all found to be in order. Ministers are reminded of the importance of ensuring they make regular claims for reimbursement.

#### **Congregational Accounts for 2018**

Most accounts have now been received and passed to IA Stewart for attestation. As part of ongoing superintendence of congregations, the committee are reading all sets of accounts to ensure the standard for accounting and stewardship are being met by congregations. Where there are any concerns or clarification is required the committee will be in touch with financial courts directly.

## **Ministry & Mission Discretionary Fund**

The committee considered one request duly submitted for assistance from the Discretionary Allowance.

Carlukel Listeners Project: Carlukel: St. John's Kirk Session seek funding to assist with the development of the Carlukel Listeners and train a number of new volunteers as part of a rigorous training programme. The total cost of the training is £2,420. The committee recommend an award of £2,000 towards the project costs.

The first application window for 2019 has now closed. The committee recommend a sum of £14,000 be made available for congregations to access for projects with a closing date for all applications of 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

## **Moderator of Presbytery**

The committee propose the name of the Reverend George Shand, minister of Tinto Parishes as Moderator Designate of the Presbytery for the 2019-2020 session. If approved Mr Shand will be installed at the September meeting of Presbytery.

## **Visit of Moderator of the General Assembly**

The committee thank members of the Presbytery for their engagement in suggesting places around the Presbytery for the forthcoming visit. All of the requests that were marked 'must do' have been timetabled. The committee have been mindful to offer worship in each of the four geographic areas of Presbytery and hope these might be opportunities for joint worship. The committee have also sought to ensure that as many parishes as possible are visited, but it is impossible to go to every parish in such a short space of time. The timetable for the visit will alter with days and times needing to move to meet other commitments, however a draft timetable is submitted for approval. The timetable has been worked on in conjunction with the Moderator Designate and he and his wife are happy with the number and range of visits suggested.

## **Student Sunday**

The Presbytery previously urged all congregation to hold a retiring collection to support the candidates for Ministry of Word and Sacrament within the Presbytery, with such a collection to be intimated and uplifted following the Sunday worship on a Sunday before 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Feedback has been received that some congregations found this timetable difficult due to Easter. The committee therefore recommend and extension of the deadline to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and urge all congregations to take part.

## **June Presbytery Meeting**

The committee are working on the agenda for the June Presbytery meeting taking into consideration the comments made following last year's meeting. Plans are already being discussed to ensure that positive ideas and engagement are a result of the consultation meeting.

## **Report of the Worship & Discipleship Committee**

### **Deliverance**

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report
2. Note the date of prayer event on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and encourage congregations to participate
3. Continue to encourage Kirk Sessions to reflect and report back at June meeting of Presbytery of ways in which the Worship and Discipleship Committee can resource and equip congregations

### **Report**

#### **Retreat Day**

13 people attended this event. It was generally well received and thought to be worth repeating. The morning session led by Rev Elspeth MacLean on Christian Meditation was more popular than the afternoon session led by representatives of the Ignatian Spirituality Centre Glasgow.

## **Introductory Taster Session to prayer and reading in Public worship**

This event is to offer training to people who are currently undertaking prayer in public worship but who have, to date, received no training in either the formation or delivery of prayer. The course will be designed to illustrate the difference between private and public prayer, the different types of prayer and what should be included in prayer and how to avoid the “the shopping list” approach. The evening will also include a short time looking at the technicalities of public speaking with the use of a microphone for both bible reading and prayer. It will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May and it would be held in Kirkton Church, Carlisle between 7pm and 8.30pm. Posters will be sent out to congregations.

## **Resources Page on Presbytery Website**

It was hoped that encouragement could be given to building up a data base of resources and contacts on the website. The committee hope to have a selection of prayers around the Presbytery ready for the papers for the September Presbytery meeting to be included on the Website.

## **June Presbytery Meeting**

As congregations are invited to the June meeting of Presbytery correspondence will be sent out to Session Clerks inviting sessions to discuss what areas of worship and discipleship they would like the committee to provide resources for. It is hoped that combining this with the committees ideas of “try and see” events, the Presbytery will be aid in the flourishing of worship in discipleship across our churches,

## **Report of the Relationships & Context Committee**

### **Deliverance**

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report.
2. Agree to formally discontinue the twinning arrangement with South Korea.
3. Note that the committee is examining the potential for Presbytery Twinning with a suitable partner.
4. Note the concern over poor Committee attendance and underline the importance of full participation of Presbytery members
5. Encourage the Presbytery to set a date for review of the new Committee structure.
6. Note that a Presbytery “All Tied Up” work is being planned for early October

### **Report**

#### **Presbytery Twinning.**

Rev Iain Cunningham talked to the committee about the previous twinning experience with a Presbytery in Seoul, South Korea. Whilst a few within Presbytery had been enthusiastic at the time, problems with language and limited engagement from all of Presbytery did not support long term involvement. Learning from the experience would suggest that there has to be significant interest and enthusiasm from members of the Presbytery for such a project to work, especially in terms of being prepared to host visitors from the twinned presbytery and to visit the partner Presbytery. Presbytery activity itself may not lend to effective twinning and it is activities between congregations in the twinned areas that can be more effective. Although some funding for travel can be provided through Faithshare, some funding has to be provided by individuals. Shared activities such as camps and issues to explore might also be helpful. It was acknowledged that there are some pockets of existing joint projects with overseas projects within the presbytery area and, consequently, it may not be possible to fully engage all areas of Presbytery in this project. It may be possible to create an appetite for twinning but it might be necessary to set up a separate committee to drive forward the twinning agenda. After discussion it was agreed that a member of the I21 Mission team would be invited to give us a presentation on twinning. We would then need to reflect and meet again to discuss the presentation before deciding how/if we would like to proceed.

### **Discussion on presentation by Presbytery Clerk at the Mission Conference.**

Both committees amalgamated for some discussion and reflection on the worrying statistics presented. . It was suggested that the Church should move away from being an institution involved in self preservation to being about promoting the word of God in communities in different ways. It was noted that much of society has become much more individualistic and there is a general rejection of organisational ethos. We need to be able to capture some of the enterprising spirit that our children and young people have today in their efforts to change the world. We heard about an online prayer and meditation forum that is really successful in building effective relationships between members. It was observed that we have become bogged down with processes and procedures and have lost something in the process. . It was agreed that the only people we can change are ourselves. In terms of the way forward, we need to be building people up spiritually listening to them, and spreading a message of forgiveness. We should be focusing on training church members and enabling them to work in their communities and in schools. We should be promoting discipleship, as identified in the message from Africa research. The value of the recent Passion play was discussed and the importance and value of events both for members and for those who do not usually attend.

### **Attendance at Committee meetings.**

After several poorly attended committee meetings an analysis of attendance was requested. It was identified that, out of 7 meetings and 18 committee members, 5 had not attended at all, and the average attendance was 47%. The reason for this is not clear but it is possible that there seems to be less direct action required of committees, and members may feel less engaged with the operation and priorities of Presbytery. It was agreed to request a timescale for review of the new committee structure.

### **All Tied Up**

There was some discussion about organising a Presbytery wide walk in early October in support of the HIV Programme of the Church of Scotland. More information about suitable walk routes is to be gathered and a more detailed report to be submitted to Presbytery in June

# Visit of the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland to Lanark Presbytery (October 2019)

Time	Saturday 26th	Sunday 27th	Monday 28th	Tuesday 29th	Wednesday 30th	Thursday 31st	Friday 1st	Saturday 2nd	Sunday 3rd	Monday 4th
8:30 AM										
9:00 AM				Clydesdale Community Initiatives						
9:30 AM		Communion Service at Lanark: Greyfriars								
10:00 AM			Visit to Lanark Market			Education Forum	R & W Scott Jam Factory	March Stone Horse Hack in Lanark		Border Biscuit Tour & Business Discussion
10:30 AM					Visit to State Hospital	Travel (including tour of Rural Area)	Food Bank in Carluke		Worship in Symington	
11:00 AM	Arrival at New Lanark	Café Church at Lanark: Greyfriars	Lunch at Lanark Market with Farming Support Discussion							
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## Presbytery of Lanark

**The Presbytery will meet in Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark on Tuesday 18 June 2018 at 7pm for the following and other competent business.**

*Rev Bryan Kerr, Presbytery Clerk*

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### **Order of Business – 18 June 2019**

1. Constitution
2. Welcome to Visitors
3. Approval of the Order of Business
4. Minutes
5. Roll of Presbytery
6. Correspondence
7. Table Discussion with congregations on Future Planning
8. Report of the Presbytery Support Committee
9. Report of the Relationships and Context Committee
10. Intimations
11. Adjournment:

The Presbytery adjourns to meet for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 3 September 2019 at 7 pm in Libberton & Quothqan Parish Church (*Biggar Rd, Libberton, ML11 8LT*)

## Questions for Table Discussion *(as outlined at May meeting)*

1. What is your congregation doing to resource mission both locally and globally?
2. What is your congregation doing to nurture and grow faith in your church and community?
3. How is your congregation seeking to develop worship and grow new patterns and forms of worship?
4. What challenges are facing your congregation at present?
5. What support from Presbytery does your Kirk Session feel would be useful at this time?
6. In what ways has your Kirk Session and congregation accessed and used money from the Presbytery Ministry and Mission Discretionary Allowance in the last year?

## Report of the Presbytery Support Committee

### Deliverance

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report.
2. In respect of the roll of Presbytery:
  - a. Appoint the following to serve as additional elders from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019, subject to any outstanding bona-fide elder forms being received: Mr Ewan Easton (Lanark: Greyfriars), Mr Alan Grant (Carluke: St John's), Mr Bill Love (Lanark: St Nicholas) Mr Willie Macsween (Carluke: Kirkton) and Mr Scott Paget (Lanark: Greyfriars).
  - b. Thank Mr George Forbes (Kirkmuirhill) for his service as an Additional Elder.
  - c. Remind Kirk Sessions which have not yet done so to submit details of elders elected to serve as their representatives on Presbytery from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019.
  - d. Instruct the Clerk to compile the roll of Presbytery for the year beginning 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019, to make such additions as may subsequently be necessary in the light of further commissions received, and to present the roll at the next Ordinary Meeting.
  - e. Grant powers to the Presbytery Support Committee to populate committee membership lists prior to the August committee meeting.
3. Appoint Rev Mike Fucella as Convener of Relationship & Context Committee for a four year term from 1 July 2019
4. In respect of the Registration of Ministries Act
  - a. following requests from Rev Bill Buchan, Rev Susan Cowell, Rev Roy Cowieson, Rev Jim Cutler, Rev Harry Findlay, Rev Bev Gauld, Rev Dr Graham Houston, Rev John Turnbull, Rev David Young to retain Category R status, agree that Category R Status be granted from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 to 30 June 2020.
  - b. Following a request from Rev Jim Seath to move to Category I status, agree that Category I Status be granted from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 to 30 June 2020
5. In respect of meeting dates for 2019/20
  - a. Agree that the Presbytery will meet for ordinary business on the following dates, at 7pm in Lanark: Greyfriars during the 2019/2020 session: 3 September (in Libberton Church), 1 October, 5 November, 3 December, 4 February, 3 March, 5 May, 16 June.
  - b. Agree that the Worship & Discipleship and Relationship & Context committees will meet on the following dates, at 7pm in Lanark: Greyfriars during the 2019/2020 session: 20 August, 17 September, 22 October, 19 November, 21 January, 18 February, 24 March, 21 April, 26 May.

- c. Agree that the Presbytery Support Committee will meet on the following dates, at 7pm in Lanark: Greyfriars during the 2019/2020 session: 21 August, 18 September, 23 October, 20 November, 22 January, 19 February, 25 March, 22 April, 27 May.
  - d. Agree that the Annual Inspection of Records will be held in Lanark: Greyfriars on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020.
6. Amend Standing Orders of Presbytery to insert a new section 11 and renumber 'Complaints and Discipline – The Presbytery Clerk, Depute Presbytery Clerk, Moderator and Convener of Presbytery Support Committee have delegated powers to act for Presbytery in respect of referral to the complaints process and in matters relating to the Discipline Act, as laid out in sections 17 and 20 of Act 1, 2019 of the General Assembly.'
  7. Appoint AJW Photography to undertake photographic drone surveys of all churches and church halls at a cost of £35 per building during the summer of 2019 and agree to utilise £1,000 from the Ministry and Mission Variance Allowance to cover costs of the initial survey.
  8. Grant powers to the Presbytery Clerk, Depute Presbytery Clerk, Moderator and Convener of Presbytery Support Committee from the close of the meeting until the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

## Report

### **Additional Elders**

The committee will present names of new proposed additional elders to the Presbytery. It is however recommended to reappoint Mr Ewan Easton (Lanark: Greyfriars), Mr Alan Grant (Carluke: St John's), Mr Bill Love (Lanark: St Nicholas), Mr Willie Macsween (Carluke: Kirkton), and Mr Scott Paget (Lanark: Greyfriars) as additional Presbytery Elders for the 2019-20 session. Presbytery express their thanks to Mr George Forbes who steps down as an additional elder on 30 June.

### **Elder Commissions & Committee Membership 2019/2020**

Due to the fact that not all Kirk Sessions have met to appoint a Presbytery Elder it has not been possible to present committee membership lists at the present time. In line with other Presbyteries the committee seek powers to appoint members to committees in advance of the first committee meeting and following the submission of all elder commission forms.

### **Convener of Relationships & Context Committee**

The Reverend Dr Elijah Obinna has tendered his resignation as Convener of Relationship and Context Committee. The Presbytery will want to record their thanks to Dr Obinna for his leadership and guidance to the committee during this transition period. The committee recommend that Reverend Mike Fucella be appointed as Convener for a four year term.

### **Registration of Ministries**

The committee recommend that all ministers who have requested a continuation of Category R status be award this for the year 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Those ministers who will be entered as Category R in the register will be Rev Bill Buchan, Rev Susan Cowell, Rev Roy Cowieson, Rev Jim Cutler, Rev Harry Findlay, Rev Bev Gauld, Rev Dr Graham Houston, Rev John Turnbull and Rev David Young.

It is recommended that Category I status be granted to Rev Jim Seath.

### **Presbytery Meeting Dates**

The Presbytery is due to meet on the following dates, at 7pm in Lanark: Greyfriars during the 2019/2020 session: 3 September (in Libberton Church), 1 October, 5 November, 3 December, 4 February, 3 March, 5 May, 16 June.

Worship & Discipleship and Relationship & Context committees are due to meet on the following dates, at 7pm in Lanark: Greyfriars during the 2019/2020 session: 20 August, 17 September, 22 October, 19 November, 21 January, 18 February, 24 March, 21 April, 26 May.

Presbytery Support Committee is due to meet on the following dates, at 7pm in Lanark: Greyfriars during the 2019/2020 session: 21 August, 18 September, 23 October, 20 November, 22 January, 19 February, 25 March, 22 April, 27 May.

The Annual Inspection of Records will take place in Lanark: Greyfriars on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020. As part of the Radical Action Plan approved by the General Assembly it is suggested that each part of the Church has a Season of Prayer and Preparation from September to December 2019. The committee are currently looking at what that means for business within Lanark Presbytery.

### **Discipline Act 2019**

The new discipline act approved by the General Assembly in May required Presbytery to appoint individuals who hold delegated powers from Presbytery to act for the Presbytery in respect of the Complaints Procedure and deal with matters of discipline. In practice within Lanark Presbytery this has been a task undertaken by the Presbytery Clerk, Depute Presbytery Clerk, Moderator and Convener of Presbytery Support Committee (and its predecessors). To that end the committee recommend that delegated powers be granted to the Presbytery Clerk, Depute Presbytery Clerk, Moderator and Convener of Presbytery Support Committee in respect of referral to the complaints process and discipline Act, as laid out in section 17 and 20 of Act 1, 2019.

### **Review of Presbytery Structures**

The committee considered comments made at the previous meeting of Presbytery regarding the structure of Presbytery. The committee hope to be able to use the feedback from Presbytery members as well as churches represented at the June meeting to discern the way ahead. The committee are also mindful of the reform of the number of presbyteries by the General Assembly and the impact these discussions may also have on our structure. The committee will bring a fuller report to the September meeting of Presbytery.

### **Aerial Surveys of Church Buildings**

The Presbytery have benefitted from the regular inspection of properties carried out by Michael Nisbet. These surveys have assisted congregations in their care and stewardship of the assets of the Church. Within the scope of these surveys it is not possible to comment on the state of the high level and difficult to access roof areas. Often the only comment made is from visual inspection from ground level. One church in the Presbytery had an issue with the roof recently and a member of the congregation who is a professional photographer and licensed drone pilot surveyed the roof providing high resolution photographs to the Kirk Session and roofing contractor. The images saved the time and cost of erecting scaffolding for the roofer to inspect prior to quoting for the work required.

The committee approached the individual and enquired about providing a similar service for the Presbytery. AJW photography can offer aerial images of roofline, guttering, flashing sections of the building, aerial images of the spire (if required), aerial images of the tiles in the roof and general roof health and a video of the roof as the drone move over certain areas. The photographer would not offer an opinion on areas of concern rather he would simply photograph areas to be considered by the congregation and seek expert opinion where necessary. The cost to the Presbytery for travel, flytime, charge time, processing and the photographers time would be £35 per building. With the number of churches with separate halls this equates to 26 buildings (which excludes Carstairs due to the building work currently ongoing) and a total of £910.

The committee recognises that whilst an initial survey of all churches and church halls is a useful tool to highlight any areas of concern, it would also be useful to have up to date aerial photographs at the point of the five year quinquennial survey to pass to both the congregation and Michael Nisbet for consideration. The committee recommend utilising funds from the Ministry and Mission Variance for the initial survey of all buildings and then seek to fund the smaller ongoing cost for during quinquennial surveys through Presbytery Dues.

### **Powers during Recess**

As is customary the committee invite Presbytery to grant powers to the Presbytery Clerk, Depute Presbytery Clerk, Moderator and Convener of Presbytery Support Committee from the close of the meeting until the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

## **Report of the Relationships & Context Committee**

### **Deliverance**

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report.
2. Note that the date for the proposed Presbytery's "All Tied Up" sponsored walk has been altered to 2 November.
3. Invite members of the Presbytery to nominate individuals for the role of Veteran's Champion.
4. Encourage congregations to consider supporting the State Hospital through volunteering.

### **Report**

#### **All Tied Up**

The proposed date in October for a walk to enable meaningful conversations and raise money for World Mission's HIV Programme will have to be changed as it conflicts with other events taking place within the Presbytery that weekend. An alternative date of 2 November was suggested. It was agreed that this should be taken back as a recommendation to Presbytery and, if agreed, the committee should go ahead to obtain the red laces from World Mission and recruit volunteers and seek sponsors. The route for the walk is to be discussed and confirmed.

#### **Review of Committee Structure**

The convener confirmed that, following the last meeting of Presbytery, the Presbytery Support Committee is to present a schedule for the review of the current Presbytery Committee structure.

#### **Veterans Champion**

Presbytery was represented on a national committee looking at supports for ex-service men and women, particularly those affected by issues such as disability and PTSD or at risk of suicide. The outcome of that was to recommend that each Presbytery should identify a local champion for veterans to look at ways of supporting them. It was agreed that Presbytery should seek a volunteer for this role from within Presbytery. Additional materials are available to support us to identify a suitable individual and to assist them to undertake the role.

#### **The State Hospital – Volunteering**

The Convener advised he had attended worship at the State Hospital and had been very impressed with the dedication of the existing volunteers but also with the need to recruit new volunteers to support the patients.

**Resignation of Convenor**

The Convener advised that he has written to the Presbytery Clerk intimating his intention to step down as Convenor of the Committee with effect from 19 June. He was warmly thanked for his hard work and input into the Committee during his years of leading it.