

## Campsie Parish Church

### Kirk Session

#### Minutes of the meeting held at Campsie Parish Church on 30th January 2018

**Constitution** The meeting was constituted with prayer

**Present** Rev. Jane Denniston (Moderator); Andrew Wale (Session Clerk); Alister Boyle, Christine Boyle, Jim Thomson, Joan Thomson, Margaret Tindall, Andy Waugh, Alice Wilson, Elspeth Wright.

**Apologies** Marjory Adam, Ian Cairns, Catrina Cameron.

Jardine Smith was welcomed to the Session meeting as an observer, in advance of his ordination as an elder.

#### Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 7th November 2017 were approved (proposed Margaret Tindall, seconded Christine Boyle).

#### Matters arising

##### *Burns Supper*

It had not proved possible to arrange a Burns Supper in February. There will be a Scottish Night later in the year, organised by Sheila Jones.

##### *Alpha*

This will take place after Easter. Discussions were continuing about the exact time and whether there should be a meal or light refreshments at each meeting.

#### Future Services

Easter services will follow the pattern of previous years:

Maundy Thursday: celebration of Holy Communion; Good Friday: meditation; Easter Day: Sunrise services on the Campsies and at Schoenstatt, with breakfast in the church; and a Family Communion service for morning worship.

#### Lent Study

A series of Lent studies will be held between 21st February and 28th March, based around the film *Chocolat*.

#### Stated Annual Meeting

This will be held on Sunday 15th April during Morning Worship.

#### Attestation of Roll

The Roll was duly attested. (See Appendix 1).

#### Membership changes

In discussion, it was agreed that Jane would approach those regular worshippers who are past members to encourage them to consider re-joining the congregation by resolution of the Session.

#### Stewardship campaign

It was agreed to hold a Stewardship Campaign during 2018; the likely timetable would allow organisation, recruitment of visitors and training between Easter and the end of June, and the campaign itself to be run in September and October, culminating in a Service of Dedication at the Harvest Festival.

The campaign would follow the outline used successfully by Bishopbriggs Springfield Cambridge, would require teams of two visitors each, and would involve two visits and a leaflet drop to all members. During the campaign there would be three special services on the themes of Time, Talents and Money. Full training and support would be provided for all volunteers, and a Commitment Co-ordinator (who would work with a small team of helpers)

would be recruited from the congregation. Elspeth Wright and Joan Thomson volunteered to help with this; names for possible Co-ordinators were considered and they will be approached.

### **Finance**

Andy Waugh gave a verbal report on the end of year figures. There was a profit of £2,300 on the year (reduced to £700 by depreciation on the Audio-Visual equipment). The balance had been aided by the result of the Gift Day appeal and by a substantial tax rebate. Income from giving remained much the same, although loss from deceased and other members was balanced by increased giving from others. Expenditure was held steady.

### **Treasurer**

Andy Waugh offered his resignation to the Session; he felt that personal and professional commitments made it impossible for him to continue in the post beyond the Stated Annual Meeting, though he would be available for a handover period to his successor. He had provided a list of tasks and responsibilities to Jane and Andrew. Andrew said that he was in the process of compiling a similar list of Session Clerk responsibilities, and it was agreed that these two lists should be augmented by an inventory of all administrative tasks done by others in the congregation, so that informed decisions could be reached as to how to organise the work of the church from now on. This will come to the March Session for discussion.

The Session thanked Andy for his long and faithful service as Treasurer.

### **General Assembly**

George Kelly has agreed to be a Commissioner to this year's General Assembly.

### **Acts of Random Kindness**

Future ARKs will be considered at the end of the year, after the Stewardship.

### **Safeguarding**

Work was continuing on achieving compliance for some of the BB officers.

The annual statement of compliance was agreed as follows:

*It is certified that Safeguarding recruitment procedures are being adhered to, an accurate record is being held of all persons doing Regulated Work with Children and Protected Adults in organisations under the jurisdiction of the Kirk Session, and that the Congregation's Safeguarding Co-ordinator is appropriately trained to allow that person to be accredited as an authorised signatory for PVG Scheme record checks.*

### **Pastoral Concerns**

Session noted with sadness the deaths of Christine Annand and Norma Neilson.

The names of those for whom concern is felt were brought to the Session.

### **Messy Church**

The first Messy Church had been successful, despite the small number of families who attended. It is hoped that there will be more who can attend future services. The next Messy Church will be on 29th April.

### **Minister's Matters**

Jane will apply to Ministry Council and to Presbytery for two weeks' study leave to complete her thesis. This will probably be taken in March. Session approved the application.

### **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of Session will be on 27th February 2018.

### **Close**

The meeting closed with the Grace.