

Campsie Parish Church

Kirk Session

Minutes of the meeting held at Campsie Parish Church on 20th March 2018

Constitution The meeting was constituted with prayer

Present Rev. Jane Denniston (Moderator); Andrew Wale (Session Clerk); Alister Boyle, Christine Boyle, Iain Cairns, Catrina Cameron, Margaret Tindall, Andy Waugh, Alice Wilson, Elspeth Wright.

Apologies Marjory Adam, Sheila Jones, George Kelly, Jim Thomson, Joan Thomson.

Minutes The minutes of the meeting of 7th November were accepted (proposed Alister Boyle, seconded Alice Wilson).

Matters arising

Alpha

David Denniston will help with Alpha. It was stressed that Alpha was primarily designed to people who are not current part of the church fellowship, but with questions about the Christian faith.

New attendees

It was agreed that people seen to be attending worship regularly over a period of time should be invited to allow their personal details to be recorded in the church records for administrative purposes.

Future services

The next formal communion will be on 10th June 2018. Communion will be celebrated at both morning and evening services.

Stewardship

A number of people has expressed interest in being involved, but no-one has yet volunteered to lead the campaign. Stewardship will be raised at the Stated Annual Meeting, as will the need for more people to become involved in the administration of the congregation.

Property

Alarm system

Two quotations had been received for replacement of the replacement of the original alarm system; each would cost in the region of £1000, but there were variations in the ongoing cost of maintenance. Andy Waugh will discuss the matter in the first instance with the firm who maintains the existing system. Session approved expenditure at the likely costs described.

Water rates

Andy reminded the Session that the church was exempt from the payment of water rates, but that correspondence was regularly received from Castle Water, who had responsibility for collecting water rates from non-domestic buildings. They needed to be reminded each time of the church's exemption. It was necessary for future Treasurers and Property Conveners to be aware of this.

Finance

The accounts for 2017 were noted. There was a surplus of £3,209 for the year, compared with a deficit of £3,428 in 2016. This was achieved through increases in giving and in fund-raising, despite a small increase in expenditure.

The budget for 2018 was presented and was approved by the Session.

The Session expressed their very warm thanks to Andy Waugh for his superb work as Treasurer during his time of office.

Commemoration of the end of World War One

Battle's Over

It was agreed to take part in the Battle's Over events on 11th November 2018 to mark the end of the World War One. Iain Stirling will arrange for a piper to play 'Battle's O'er' at four locations around the village, starting at 6.00 a.m. and we hope to find a bugler/trumpeter to play the Last Post at 6.55 p.m. during the evening service.

Memorial Plaque

Jane will pursue the question of the re-dedication of the Memorial Plaque in the Town Hall.

Correspondence

A document entitled *Diverse Gender Identities and Pastoral Care* has been received from Ministry and Discipleship Council.

Presbytery

Presbytery report

The report of the March meeting of Presbytery was noted.

Presbytery elder

In his absence it was agreed to nominate George Kelly as Presbytery Elder for 2018/19, subject to his agreement.

Pastoral Care

There will be a meeting of the Pastoral Care Group after Easter to review responsibilities, following the recent deaths of several housebound members who were regularly visited.

Minister's matters

Jane reported that the revision of her thesis had gone well, and she now expected to be able to complete it shortly.

David Denniston, who will shortly be taking up a new Transition Ministry post in Glenrothes, has asked if he might be associated with the Campsie Session. Elders were very happy to agree to this.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th April 2018 at 7.30 pm.

Close

The meeting closed with the Grace.