

**Minutes of the Congregational Board of the Parishes of Kilfinichen, Kilvickeon and Ross of Mull held at 5 pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016, Meeting Room, Bunessan Church**

**1. Sederunt:** Rev. Paul Beautyman, Interim Moderator, Dr. Myra Waddell, Assessor Elder, Dr. Andrew Todd, Local Assessor Elder, Mrs. Linda Dawson, Clerk, Mrs. Gillian Morley, Treasurer, Ms. Catriona Joss, Mrs. Emily Lawson, Miss Elizabeth MacLean, Mr. Andrew Smith and Mrs. Euphie Wood. Five members of the congregation were in attendance

**2. Apologies:** Dr. Andy Henderson, Assessor Elder, Mr. George MacFarquhar Property Convenor and Mr. Glen MacKellar

**3. Constitution:** The meeting was constituted by Rev. Paul Beautyman with a prayer.

**4. Approval of agenda and declaration of items not on the agenda:** The agenda was approved

**5. Approval of Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015:** With the exception of the following amendment, all other items were approved as an accurate record. The monthly standing order for insurance has been increased to £155.

**6. Finance Report:**

**6.1 Annual Accounts:**

Copies of the Annual Accounts had previously been circulated together with a detailed breakdown of income and expenditure. The accounts had been examined independently by Mrs. Anne Smith of Ardalanish House, Bunessan, Isle of Mull. Following some clarification from the Treasurer, the Trustees approved the accounts. It was agreed that a card would be sent to Mrs. Smith thanking her for this work.

**6.2 Scottish Hydro/SSE Contract:**

The current contract was due for renewal from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016 or must be terminated in writing by 31 March 2016. Information had also been received from the Church of Scotland General Trustees regarding rates available through joining its Electricity and Gas Group. It was agreed that the Treasurer should seek further clarification on the respective costs and make an informed decision on behalf of the Board.

**6.3 Ministries and Mission Contribution:** the requirement for 2016 was £493 which included a vacancy allowance of £2017. It was agreed that a payment of £150 should be made for January to March and a new standing order set up for £49 from April for seven months.

**6.4 Payment of outstanding invoice for locum fee of £536.50 (December, January and February) was approved.**

**6.5 Use of room at An Roth, Craignure on 10<sup>th</sup> March: £27.60 approved for payment.**

## **6. Finance Report continued:**

6.6 Pulpit supply: There has been some confusion regarding payment for leading worship and it was agreed that this should always be offered (£55 for one service with an additional £15 for a second service on the same day). The Treasurer has prepared a claim form to be given to those taking a service. The Clerk would send a list of future services to the Treasurer who would seek to clarify respective responsibility with Iona. It was anticipated that monies were owed to Iona for joint payments made in the past year.

## **7. Property report:**

### **St. Ernan's Church:**

**7.1 Clock:** This has been examined and the clockmaker has suggested that a quartz movement would be the best option at a cost of £20. The face and hands would remain the same. This was agreed. Andrew Smith would inform the clockmaker.

**7.2 Back door and guttering:** The Clerk had obtained quotes from James Gibbons, George MacFarquhar and Iain MacDougall. They ranged from £850-£1200. Following discussion, it was agreed that in the absence of the Property Convenor, Andrew Smith would compare the information supplied and establish time-scales for undertaking the work in order to come to a decision. As a number of slates had been lost during recent gales, it was agreed these should be replaced at the same time, recognising this would be at an additional cost.

**8. Prayer:** Rev. Paul Beautyman closed the meeting with prayer

**Date of next meeting: 2.45 pm Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016, Meeting Room, Bunessan Church**

**Interim Moderator:**

**Clerk:**

**Date:**