

Minutes of the Congregational Board of the Parishes of Kilfinichen, Kilvickeon and Ross of Mull held at 2 pm on Saturday 11th June 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, Mr. George MacFarquhar Property Convenor, Mrs. Emily Lawson, Mr. Andrew Smith and Mrs. Euphie Wood.
- 2. Apologies:** Dr. Andy Henderson, Assessor Elder, Ms. Catriona Joss, Mr. Glen MacKellar and Miss Elizabeth MacLean
- 3. Constitution:** The meeting was constituted by Rev. Paul Beautyman with prayer.
- 4. Approval of agenda and declaration of items not on the agenda:** The agenda was approved and the following items added:
 - **Life and Work Co-ordinator:** The Clerk wished someone to take over the distribution of the magazine and asked Mrs. Lawson. She suggested that Ann Baxter be asked as this may encourage her to help out at the coffee morning. If she is not able, Mrs. Lawson would undertake.
 - **Property Convenor:** At the moment the Property Convenor is unable to complete the documentation required by the Presbytery. Following discussion Mr. Andrew Todd agreed to take on this role. The Clerk would inform Presbytery of the change.
- 5. Approval of Minutes of 12th March 2016:** These were approved as an accurate record.
- 6. Appointment of Board Clerk:** Ms. Catriona Joss has agreed to take over the role from Mrs. Linda Dawson.
- 7. Practical Plants Day:** The group have requested to use St. Ernan's Church grounds to put up a marquee and also use the Church on Friday 15th July. This was agreed.
- 8. Finance Report:** The Treasurer circulated the latest position:
 - 8.1 Scottish Hydro/SSE Contract:** The Treasurer had looked into the Church of Scotland scheme, but it was felt not beneficial. There will be a slight saving on the rates from the Scottish Hydro but the quarterly charge is slightly higher, therefore, the standing orders may be reduced. We are currently in credit at Bunessan and St. Ernan's Church. The heaters in St. Ernan's Church have now been put on timers and the usage of electricity has been significantly reduced. Mrs. Lawson stated that the heater in the porch was there to keep the hymn books from getting damp. It was felt this was an expensive way of using electricity and following discussion it was agreed to put the hymn books on the pews in the Church.
 - 8.2 Expenditure to 31st May 2016:** Pulpit supply £305, Locum salary (Dec-Feb) £536, Locum travel £276, Children's bibles £107, Baptism gift £25, Adam Fire (2015 inspection £48 and Ministries and Mission Contribution £248.
 - 8.3 Expenditure outstanding (for approval):** Locum salary (March-May) £504 and Presbytery dues (2016) £273. These were both approved for payment.

6. Finance Report continued:

8.4 Adam Fire: Fire extinguishers will be checked.

8.5 Sale of tablet at Robin MacCallum's garage: Mrs. Lawson requested that £85 be transferred to the Fabric fund. This was agreed.

8.6 Donations received: All people who have taken services have donated their fees to the Church. This was much appreciated.

It was agreed to transfer £1,000 from our own funds to the Fabric Fund.

9. Property report:

St. Ernan's Church:

9.1 Clock: This is awaiting collection from the repairer.

9.2 Back door and guttering: Mr. James Gibbons has been awarded the contract as agreed at the last Board meeting. The work would be carried out in the next few weeks.

9.3 The Manse: Whilst we have tenants occupying the building it was agreed that an inspection should be carried out to make sure all is in order.

The Property Convenor was asked to prepare a rough guide of work required at both Churches for the next meeting.

Mr. Andrew Smith highlighted that both Bunessan and St. Ernan's Church, Creich need a considerable amount of money spent on them. Can we afford to keep two Churches going, should we be using the Hall instead. Who owns the Churches. Andrew agreed to contact the General Trustees to find out and report back at the next meeting. We should be comparing facilities for both Churches. These items would be discussed at a future meeting.

Prayer: Rev. Paul Beautyman closed the meeting with prayer

Date of next meeting: 2 pm Thursday 29th September 2016, Meeting Room, Bunessan Church

Interim Moderator:

Clerk:

Date: