

**Minutes of the Kirk Session meeting of Kilfinichen, Kilvickeon and the Ross of Mull
2 pm Saturday 11th June 2016, Bunessan Church Meeting Room**

- 1. Sederunt:** Rev. Paul Beautyman, Interim Moderator, , Dr. Myra Waddell Assessor Elder, Dr. A. Todd, Local Assessor Elder, Mrs. Linda Dawson, Session Clerk, Mrs. G. Morley, Treasurer, Mrs. Emily Lawson, Mr. Andrew Smith and Mrs. Euphie Wood. Two members of the congregation were in attendance.
- 2. Apologies:** Dr. Andy Henderson, Assessor Elder and Miss Elizabeth MacLean
- 3. Constitution:** Rev. Paul Beautyman constituted the meeting with a prayer
- 4. Approval of agenda and declaration of items not on the agenda:** agenda approved, the following items were added:
 - Kilvickeon outdoor service: Jan Sutch Pickard has spoken with Mrs. Eleanor Wagstaff and she is willing to lead the service and the Ross of Mull Historical Centre has agreed to organise the event. There would be a picnic lunch following the service. This will be held on Tuesday 26th July 2016. Notices will be displayed in Round and About and local shops etc.
 - Joint service with Iona: The Interim Moderator suggested we hold a joint service with Iona. It was agreed to hold one at the beginning and one at the end of the year to coincide with the ferry timetable. Whichever Church is holding the service would lead and the other Church would do the readings and prayers. Following our agreement, the Interim Moderator would discuss with the Iona Kirk Session.
 - Bunessan School end of year service: This would be held at 2.15 pm on Wednesday 29th June in Bunessan Church. Rev. Liz Gibson would lead the service. Bibles have been purchased for the seven children leaving to go to the High School in Oban.
 - Lunch and discussion at Jonathan Knight's house: Following a successful lunch with music, singing and discussion held last year for Rev. John Collard, Jonathan would like to hold another one in 2017. This was agreed. Further information would be available nearer the time.
- 5. Approval of minutes of 12th March 2016:** These were approved as an accurate record.
- 6. Matters arising:**
 - 6.1 Update on the Vacancy:** Mr. Andrew Smith, Chair of the Nominating Committee stated there have been between 22-24 people expressing an interest in the vacancy. All those interested are dealt directly with 121 George Street in Edinburgh. A meeting is scheduled in November to assess the candidates. Mr. Andrew Todd has asked 121 if any of the candidates could visit the Ross of Mull and Iona as most of them come from Canada, USA and Australia. An answer is awaited.
 - 6.2 Feedback from Easter Services: Good Friday Vigil:** Mrs. Lawson expressed her disappointment that the people attending the Vigil could not allocate one hour. Mr. Jonathan Knight organised the service, which was well attended. He noticed that someone left the service before the end and contacted them; they found the service very moving. The Interim Moderator asked other members present about their experience at the event, those that attended enjoyed the service. Members then expressed their views as to how they would like a future Vigil to be held. **Fionnphort Beach service on Easter Sunday:** Ms. Jan Sutch Pickard very kindly agreed to take responsibility to co-ordinate at the split rock for 2017.
- 7. Approval of statistical return:** These were signed off. There are currently 34 members and 25 adherents.
- 8. Feedback from the Vision evening and way forward:** The event held in Bunessan Hall was well attended. From the various discussions and suggestions Mrs. Myra Waddell had put together a report, which was discussed. Ms. Gillian Cummins had forwarded an e-mail to the Clerk which was read out. Gillian suggested that we hold an Outreach event with an easily achievable objective, with some sort of witness and specific proposals.

More Elders are needed to relieve the workload of the current Elders.

The rota for welcome, readers and collection at the service does not work by just putting names on a sheet. Someone needs to take leadership. Gillian is willing to take responsibility for organising the welcome, it was suggested that the collection could be included with the welcome. Myra explained there are 16 on the list at her Church; most of the people are worshippers not members of the Board or Elders. It is very important to include everyone who is willing and widen the circle, make everyone feel part of the service.

Miss MacLean would be asked to co-ordinate the cleaning of both Churches and Mr. Jonathan Knight agreed to co-ordinate people to do the readings. The Clerk agreed to speak to Gillian and Elizabeth. It was agreed that the rota's would start from 16th July 2016. The Interim Moderator thanked everyone for their input into the discussions. It was agreed that the Clerk would forward a copy of the Vision report to the people who attended the event.

The Vision would be included on future agendas.

9. Rev. Paul Beautyman would be ceasing to be our Interim Moderator from September 2016 and a new Interim Moderator will be appointed. The Clerk suggested that a lunch in the Buessan Bakehouse could be held to thank him. This was agreed. Thursday 29th September was suggested. The Clerk would check that Mr. Andy Henderson would be available to attend.

10. **Safeguarding:** Nothing to report

The Interim Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Date for the next meeting: Thursday 29th September 2016, Meeting Room, Buessan Church

Interim Moderator:

Session Clerk:

Date: