

**Minutes of the Kirk Session meeting (Closed) of Kilfinichen, Kilvickeon and the Ross of Mull
2 pm Tuesday 31st August 2021, Bunessan Church Meeting Room**

1. **Sederunt:** Rev. Jenny Earl, Minister, Mrs. Linda Dawson, Session Clerk, Mrs. Emily Lawson and Mrs. Euphie Wood.
2. **Constitution:** Rev. Jenny Earl constituted the meeting with a reading and prayer
3. **Approval of agenda and declaration of items not on the agenda:** item added: house church for the elderly or those living on their own, all other items were approved.
4. **Approval of minutes of 10th March 2020:** All items were approved as an accurate record.
Proposed by Mrs. Emily Lawson and Mrs. Euphie Wood
5. **Matters Arising:**
 - 5.1 **Comments from the Way Forward Group:** It was reported that the group felt they were not welcomed into the Church. Emily stated that they were welcomed at the Church door and refreshments were provided after the services.
6. **Worship:**
 - 6.1 **Future plans for these Parishes:** In accordance with the Presbytery Plan there is a need to reduce the number of Ministers currently 20 to 18. Mull and Iona: there will be one Minister operated from North Mull, this is open to suggestions as to how best this could be worked out. The Kirk Session would operate from North Mull, meetings would be on line by Zoom. These plans would not happen whilst our current Minister Rev. Jenny Earl is in post. Emily asked if we could be out-voted on issues concerning the Ross of Mull.
7. **Bunessan Church painting:** Due to some incidents occurring in other Parishes with people undertaking work in churches or church halls, we would need to undertake a risk assessment before any work could be carried out. Jenny agreed to speak to George MacFarquhar to ascertain if he has the relevant insurance. **Action: JE**
8. **St. Ernan's Church, Creich:** We have received permission from the General Trustees and the Presbytery of Argyll to dispose of the Church building. There has been no further progress by the Way Forward Group. They are unable to receive any funding unless they become an official body, forms have been completed to be a SCIO group, but it could take up to three months before a decision is received. If approved they could apply and receive funding. Jenny is on a group "Faith in Community Scotland" which provides funding for people who could benefit in the community and anyone can apply.

Presbytery have agreed to match the funding of £7,000 to start a project and advice would be supplied free, an initial grant could be more. It was pointed out that the land on which St. Ernan's stands is owned by the Duke of Argyll, it was reported that Linda Cameron has spoken to the Duke's factor about this. The Church itself belongs to the Church of Scotland.

9. Safeguarding: There were no issues to report

"if harm or abuse is suspected or witnessed, or is reported to you, it should immediately be reported to the Safeguarding Co-ordinator who must then contact the Safeguarding Service for verbal and written advice."

10. Presbytery Elder: It was agreed that Mrs. Linda Dawson would continue in the role. Grateful thanks were expressed to her.

11. Future Services:

Harvest Service: 26th September 11 am in Creich Hall followed by refreshments.

31st October: This would be a pre-recorded on-line service for the whole island.

Remembrance Sunday 14th November: This would be held in St. Ernan's Church followed by a short service at Creich War Memorial. Linda agreed to ask Calum MacDougall if he would pipe and Alistair MacDougall if he would lay the poppy wreath. **Action: LD**

First Sunday in Advent: Last year people were invited to walk on the Creich Path from Fionnphort to Creich Hall. Jenny agreed to find out if this would be taking place this year. **Action: JE**

Local Services: September 12th Bunessan, September 26th St. Ernan's, Creich both at 10.30 am

Weekday services continue on Wednesday: September 1st, 15th and 29th Bunessan

September 8th and 22nd Creich Hall both at 11 am

Coffee and Carols: Suggested date 11th December in Bunessan Hall at 7 pm. Emily agreed to check if the hall would be available. The event would be followed with refreshments. **Action: EL**

12. House Church for the Elderly or those living on their own: This would be a simple short service at their home. Four names were suggested and Jenny agreed to contact them to see if they would be interested. **Action: JE**

13. Macmillan Coffee Morning: this would be held from 10.30 - 1 pm on Friday 24th September in Bunessan Hall.

The meeting ended with the grace

14. Time and date of next meeting: To be advised

Minister:

Session Clerk:

Date: