

DRAFT Minutes of the Congregational Board Meeting of Kilfinichen, Kilvickeon and the
Ross of Mull

Wednesday 18th December 2019, Bunessan Church Meeting Room

1. **Welcome and Sederunt:** Rev. Jenny Earl (Minister/Chair), Mrs Gillian Morley (Treasurer), Mrs Alison McKenzie (Clerk to the Board), Mrs Linda Dawson (Session Clerk), Mrs Emily Lawson, Mr Andrew Smith, Mrs Anne Smith, Mrs Linda Cameron
2. **Apologies:** Dr Andrew Todd
3. **Constitution:** The meeting was constituted with an opening prayer by Rev. Jenny Earl.
4. **Approval of agenda and declaration of items not on the agenda:** Agenda approved with two items added **8.1 Woodcock and snipe shooting**
8.2 Grant programme
5. **Approval of minutes - 6th November 2019:** These were read out and after two amendments (6. Finance - £5.05 was stated per year but it should state per month and under 7.1 - The church gate was left open and not the car park gate), they were approved as accurate record, proposed by Mrs Gill Morley and seconded by Mrs Anne Smith.

6. **Finance Report**

Gill Morley (Treasurer) read out a report to the Board. It was noted that Hugh Mailey has completed the PAT testing within the Manse and Bunessan Church but hadn't realised that St. Ernan's was to be checked as well. This will be carried out as soon as he can. The cost of the PAT testing was £127.

The balance remains roughly the same as the last report, however

£300 funerals

£145 Coffee and Carols

£100 Choir donation

£19.66 Gift table at Coffee and Carols

£33 Advent Reflections

£28.50 Christmas cards

£40 Brian Thomas sold art-work in aid of St. Ernan's

Andrew Todd waived the £48 due to him for grant application.

Gill informed the Board that with the Consolidated Fabric Fund we can claim back retrospectively for 3 years. This can be put against insurance and heating and lighting.

The choir donation covered additional electricity costs.

The lights and heaters have been left on in both churches on various occasions which adds to unnecessary [electricity costs](#).

A new sign is needed for St. Ernan's donations box as misspelt.

It was agreed that there would be no Coffee Morning after Boxing Day.

Rhona Lindsay is happy to be the Independent Examiner again for checking the accounts.

Gill informed the Board of a request to fill in a survey for the Ministries and Mission contribution which the Board agreed to.

Income from fishing rights to be investigated and checked with trustees. In the period of 2016-2018 it was £190 plus VAT.

7. Property Report

7.1 St. Ernan's

Linda Cameron discussed with the Board about the progress of the Way Forward for St. Ernan's group. Their next meeting will be held within the new year and have raised a further £816.98 through donations.

Linda received an email from Andrew Todd, reminding the Board about the thanking of his architect friend for the generous help that he gave towards plans for St. Ernan's. Jenny Earl was happy to do this.

The vote towards the future of St. Ernan's church has been postponed until after the Way Forward for St. Ernan's group have met within the new year.

After discussions within the Board, regarding the future of St. Ernan's church, it was asked that the Way Forward for St. Ernan's group provide details of their vision.

7.2 Bunessan

Alison McKenzie to ask Euan Mackie about a timescale for the repairs to the fire doors.

After Christmas it was agreed that small fund-raising items be thought about.

8. **Matters arising**

8.1 Grants

Linda Dawson informed the group of a National Churches Trust Foundation grant programme with a maximum of £5000 available. The deadline for applications is 30th October 2020. Linda to send a out copy via email.

8.2 Woodcock and Snipe

Minty Mackay had raised concerns about the shooting of woodcock and snipe across Manse grounds. The Board agreed that Minty should contact the Duke of Argyll over this matter as he retains the shooting rights for that area.

8.3 Donations from Baptist Church

The Baptist Church has a plaque within it that has been donated to Bunessan church. The plaque will be looked at to see the information upon it and perhaps it may be more fitting for Historical Centre to display.

Photographs were found in meeting room tidy up and have been given to Ann Baxter who has kindly said that she will put them into a display folder. It was reminded that some of the photographs may need to be returned to the original owners.

The organ within the Baptist Church has been suggested towards St. Ernan's

9. **Any other business:** None.

10. **Closing prayer:** The meeting was concluded with a prayer from Rev. Jenny Earl.

11. **Time and date of next meeting:** Board meeting to be held on Tuesday 4th February 2020 at 7pm, Bunessan Church.

Minister:

Clerk:

Date: