

Minutes of the Kirk Session meeting of Kilfinichen, Kilvickon and the Ross of Mull 8.30 pm Wednesday 18th December 2019, Bunessan Church Meeting Room

1. **Sederunt:** Rev. Jenny Earl, Minister, Mrs. Linda Dawson, Session Clerk, Mrs. Emily Lawson, Mr. Andrew Smith and Mrs. Euphie Wood.

2. **Apologies:** Mr. Jon Lloyd

3. **Constitution:** Rev. Jenny Earl constituted the meeting with a prayer

3. **Approval of agenda and declaration of items not on the agenda:** all items were approved.

4. **Approval of minutes of 6th November 2019:** These were approved as an accurate record, proposed by Mrs. Emily Lawson

5. **Matters Arising:**

5.1 **Arrangements for Christmas Eve Bunessan Church and Christmas Day St. Ernan's Church, Creich:** Ms. Jan Sutch-Pickard would lead the Christmas Eve service at 11.30 pm and Mrs. Sue Hardwidge from Pennyghael would lead the Christmas Day service at 11 am.

5.2 **Feedback from Coffee and Carols 14th December:** The event was held in Bunessan Hall, with many of the local community attending. The Ross of Mull choir sang, refreshments were served afterwards and the event was a success.

6. **Worship:**

6.1 **Dates for Communion services 2020:** The following dates were agreed: 12th April, 5th July, 13th September and 29th November. **Action: ALL**

6.2 **Ecumenical service:** would be held at 11 am on Sunday 19th January in Salen Church and would be led by Jenny. Linda had sent an e-mail round to the other Churches requesting their choice of hymn, prayer or reading. Refreshments would be served afterwards. **Action: JE**

7 **Unitary Constitution:** A lengthy discussion took place on whether the Ross of Mull should become Unitary. Some of the Elders were not happy and unclear about this. It was suggested that a member of the Presbytery, when they visit in February, could discuss with the Elders how it would work with a small number in the Kirk Session. Jenny agreed to discuss with David Mitchell. **Action: JE**

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8. Future of Ministry on the island: Dates have been arranged for further visits by the Presbytery on the Mission Plan. These are as follows:

2 pm Thursday 23rd January Torosay Church, Craignure

For the Kirk Session and Congregational Board members

2 pm Thursday 20th February Bunessan Church

For the congregation

Action: ALL

9. Presbytery Report: Linda read out a report from the last meeting of Presbytery held on 3rd December at Tarbert.

10. Safeguarding: In the absence of Jon Lloyd, he had informed the Clerk 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."

11. Dates for future meetings: Linda had prepared a list and agreed to e-mail it to everyone. There would be no meeting in January. **Action: LD**

The meeting ended with the grace

**10. Time and date of next meeting: 8.30 pm Tuesday 4th February 2020
Meeting room, Bunessan Church.**

Minister:

Session Clerk:

Date: