

AYR: ST QUIVOX PARISH CHURCH: CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

KIRK SESSION MEETING

DALMILLING CHURCH

TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2021 7PM

St Quivox Parish Church Ayr (Church of Scotland) Known name Ayr:St Quivox Parish Church is a Scottish Charity, SC004906, regulated by the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)

MINUTES

1. WELCOME

The Moderator opened the Kirk Session and constituted it in prayer

2. SEDERUNT

The Moderator, David McMahon, John Black, Katharine Black, Colin Mutch, Ian Fulton, Rosemary Alexander, Pat Smith, Allan Leydon, Jennifer McCutcheon, Margaret McKay, Gordon Gilmour, and Elizabeth Brechany. (12)

APOLOGIES

Pat Johnston, Gwyn Pierce-Williams.

OBSERVING

Margaret McConnell, Vickie Mutch (Apologies from Eileen Williams)

3. AOB Items were added from AL, IF and CM

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Draft minute of acceptance for MDS application for grant. See attachment "210409-Sample-Extract-Minute (9).docx" **Noted**

5. APPLICATION BY 'HOME INSTEAD' TO HANG BANNER ON FENCE AT DALMILLING CHURCH

Home Instead appears to be a private franchised company which provides a service including Home Care and Companionship.

After discussion, the Kirk Session agreed that a figure of £150 for three months' banner space on the railings quoted to Home Instead. Home Instead would have to be responsible for the banner.

6. UPCOMING SERVICES

Bereavement / Remembrance Service: This service was proposed for February 2022. The Moderator thought it wise to postpone this service in view of the continuing and upcoming Covid-related restrictions which are affecting current congregational numbers.

Christmas Services: The Moderator will do the readings at the Boxing Day Service to avoid people having to come up to the front. The Midnight Service (Auchincruive) and the Boxing Day Service (Dalmilling) continue as planned. There will be no teas and coffees for the Boxing Day and New

Year Sundays to give people a break. We also need to think about how people seat themselves for coffee, to ensure social distancing. Regarding the Christmas Services, we await any further guidelines from the Scottish Government. Anyone coming to church should take a Lateral Flow Test first. While most Sundays should be ok, we will have to make sure people are sitting apart at the Midnight Service.

7. MUSIC LICENCES

We have about seven licences. CM detailed the various licenses.

CCLI: (£80) For displaying words on screen: it covers about 80% of CH4 and Mission Praise

Streaming Licence: for streaming online services not hosted on the ST Quivox website.

CPPL Church License: (£39) for playing CDs, MP3s etc during activities on church premises. Covers third parties, social events etc, but is not for business use. (The Dance School should have their own License)

PRS for Music Church Licence: (£39) (Dalmilling Church only) Allows the hosting and performance of live music, concerts etc on Church premises, for eg social and outreach events to a certain maximum.

Song Select by CCLI: for access to words and music for licenced songs.

One Licence: Covers about 10% of CH4 to print and project words and music

Total to renew all is £380. CM was happy to renew all. **Agreed**

8. UPDATE ON THE PRESBYTERY MISSION PLAN

The Presbytery last week approved the plans from the Mission Committee. The plan for St Quivox is to go into a Union with St James'. We have until April to sit down with St James' to come up with a Mission Plan for the area and a timescale of how we move forward.

There will be a Congregational Vote from each of the two congregations on:

- A. Do we want to go into a Union with St James'?
- B. Do we want the Rev Barbara to be our Minister? (Or Rev John for the St James' vote)

If the Union is accepted, but not the proposed Minister, the Union becomes a 'Deferred Union', which will not take place until the Minister in place moves on.

However, if the Union *is* deferred, we still do need to work out a Mission Plan for the area, and if we cannot sit down with St James', then we still need a Mission Plan for the St Quivox area in accordance with the Mission of the Church:

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new Believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service

4. To seek to transform unjust structures of Society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.
5. To strive and safeguard the integrity of Creation and to sustain and renew the life of the Earth.

The meetings will continue, but with the difference that Ministers can now go too.

DMcM felt we had been pushed into a decision and did not wish to attend any more of these meetings. CM would be happy to go to one meeting with St James' but decisions are difficult with unknowns of church buildings and ministers.

Mod: this will be part of the planning. We are losing members and a 'nuclear option' would be Dissolution if we felt we could not go on, but if there is a possibility of a way forward, we should be exploring it.

The Minister at St James', as on an unrestricted tenure, does not need to take on the Charge of St Quivox.

But we have lost members and Elders and cannot afford to lose more. We must look at the bigger picture. The local Mission Plan must go to Presbytery for May to be finally signed off by June. The Building Reviews must be in by the end of January. Edinburgh's recommendations from these will then come back to Presbytery and we will probably know the outcome of that in February.

EB felt we should give it a try. The Moderator, JMcC and CM will attend the future meetings and report back, but the Moderator re-emphasised the need for our own St Quivox Mission Plan.

PS: Will this be a job for the Mission Committee? Mod: More likely for the Kirk Session together.

KB: What happens if St James' don't want to be in Union with us? Mod: It would be a deferred Union.

Mod: The Congregation has still to vote both on the proposed Union and then on the Minister.

CM: We need a meeting with St James' as soon as possible. Mod: There will have to be new Conveners for these new committees, but we can still meet without a Convener first. We should perhaps also meet as a Kirk Session first to discuss our own Mission Plan.

PS: It is difficult to think about Mission when we are going into something that no-one voted for.

VM: We need time to think about all this. The Moderator said he will announce this all again on Sunday, and suggested we meet in January.

9. AOB

Trustee's report: Some Elders on the Report are no longer active. The Moderator proposed removing them from being Trustees as they are no longer active regarding decision making but still liable in law as Trustees. (They would continue being Elders) CM: should the Moderator have a chat to them first to get their views? The Moderator agreed to do this.

AL has had a quote for £411.19p from O'Neill to remove and refit the time clocks from the boiler into the cupboard / storage space in the hall. They are also going to service the gas boiler and central heating in the Manse.

AL: The Buildings Review has taken place and will be submitted to Edinburgh.

Mod: For information only: The lady who lives next to Auchincruive has complained about the boundary wall at Auchincruive. The Moderator advised her to contact SA Council who hold responsibility for it. She also complained about the green plastic oil container which she feels is an eyesore from her window. No action required.

IF: Are Teas and Coffees / baking on at Auchincruive this weekend? Yes.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There will be an extraordinary Kirk Session meeting at 7:00pm on Tuesday 18th January 2022, (Scottish Government Covid rules permitting)

The Moderator closed this meeting of the Kirk Session
with the Benediction

Moderator

Minute Secretary.....

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