

AYR: ST QUIVOX PARISH CHURCH: CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

KIRK SESSION MEETING

TUESDAY 18TH JANUARY 2022 7PM BY ZOOM

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MINUTES

1. WELCOME

The Moderator opened the Kirk Session in prayer and welcomed everyone.

2. SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES

The Moderator, Rosemary Alexander (left later in meeting), Katharine Black, Elizabeth Brechany, Allan Leydon, Jennifer McCutcheon, David McMahan, Colin Mutch, Pat Smith.

APOLOGIES John Black, Ian and Liz Fulton. Eileen and Gwyn Williams (apologies received after meeting)

(Observing: Margaret McConnell, Vickie Mutch)

3. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED (for item 5)

AL: Dalmilling heating

JMcC: Auchincruive Organ

4. LOCAL MISSION PLAN

The Moderator introduced his paper on a Local Mission Plan for St Quivox Parish Church. The profile of our current congregation limits what we can physically do, which may be simply going out of the doors of the church and supporting existing groups eg the River Garden Café, and the GRO café, through things such as having a bi-monthly 'coffee club' in each or having informal meetings. Both cafes have ethical drivers. It was also suggested if there were any other local groups worthy of support then they should be brought to our attention.

At a local level, the work of Paul, the MDS, was highlighted. His work pattern will change as the new Presbytery Mission Plan unfolds because he will be required to spend 50% of his time with Newton Wallacetown and Lochside

The Mod's discussion paper also highlighted opportunities where we could get more involved with national and international themes; for example, Christian Aid, or Christian Solidarity Worldwide which highlights the plight of persecuted Christians. This will serve to broaden our education as to what is happening in the wider world in the Christian family. Water Aid is also a useful organisation to support.

We could use the web and fb also to increase mission, although their reach is necessarily limited.

KB agreed with the points in the paper and suggested ShelterBox as another charity worth supporting.

MMcC spoke movingly about Suzanne Algeo's charity Wheels in Motion, which is a local Ayr Christian Charity which feeds the hungry and brings people to God locally. How could we help them?

CM asked how we could support these organisations. Retiral offerings? Publicise them?

The Moderator said that since we are limited in numbers, we could help them financially, or publicise them on the web or fb, such as an overview of their charity with a link to their webpage. Also, at this moment in time we are just trying to put a plan in place, we don't need to have the fine details of everything worked out as yet. Things and priorities might change once our plan and St James plan merges.

CM: We could use the noticeboards. We could further advertise our halls to groups which need support - the kind of groups we should be trying to support. The Moderator suggested using banners on the fence outside the church too.

CM: we don't know yet about our church buildings: what can we physically actually do, given our numbers? The Moderator suggested we do the easy things to start with. And Paul is going to need more support too.

VM supported the Moderator's Mission Plan and the inclusion of Wheels in Motion and ShelterBox. MMcC felt that what support we can give would have more impact to the smaller local charity of Wheels in Motion.

The Moderator will redraft the paper. Will remove Water Aid from Section 3-5 and add ShelterBox. And will add Wheels in motion into the more local section of the Local Plan along with the River Garden Café and Gro
Agreed by Kirk Session

There will next be a meeting with St James's to combine the Mission Plans to submit to Presbytery, and then to the Faith Nurture Forum

5. AOCB

AL: The heating at Dalmilling doesn't switch off. An old, motorised valve needs replaced. This is on top of the fan that has been replaced. AL to speak to O'Neills. It can be switched on and off manually. The various groups' heating needs were discussed. It will need switching on around 8am on Sunday before the service. AL will switch it on. CM: the gas expenses at Dalmilling have greatly increased. Mod suggested this might be because of the problem with the Motorised Valve bringing the heating on when it's not supposed to be on. Hopefully once this is fixed, we will notice a difference in gas consumption VM : How long will it take for it to be fixed? Mod: Valves are off the shelf; fans are more specialised and have to be ordered.

JMcC: The organ at Auchincruive needs repaired. AL will contact Ronnie from Irvine. KB will let him in.

AL: Has contacted Glenbuild. Ronnie Stewart is currently in isolation and is awaiting better weather before he can repair the roof.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**The next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th February 2022 7pm
This will be a normal Kirk Session rather than an extraordinary one.
The venue will be confirmed in due course.**

The Moderator closed the Kirk Session with the Benediction

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