

The Scottish Episcopal Church
Greyfriars
Kirkcudbright

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th March 2018 at 7pm in Greyfriars House.

- 1 **The opening prayer** was given by the Revd. Stephen Hazlett. Present at the meeting were: The Rector (SH); Anthony Bird (AB) Gwen Shaw (GS); Barbara Hawkesford (BH); Nigel Davies (ND); Sue Davies (SD); Dr Mike Moore (MM); and James Burkitt (JB). The Rector welcomed everyone especially Anthony Bird our new Treasurer to this his first Vestry meeting.
- 2 **Apologies for absence:** Drostie Tame and Bob Reddaway,
- 3 **Minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2018:** these were agreed and signed by the Rector.
- 4 **Matters arising:** The only matter arising not covered by the agenda was arranging for salt for the outside of the church; (AB) kindly said he would take this on. **Agreed** that Anthony Bird would buy some salt for the cold weather.
- 5 **Reports:**
 - a. Lay representative: Barbara Hawkesford (BH) confirmed that she had attended her first meeting as Lay Representative on Tuesday 30th January. (BH) had produced an excellent report on what had occurred at that meeting. She and the Rector had been going to the Diocesan Synod meeting on 3rd March but it was cancelled due to the weather. Report circulated at the meeting.
 - b. *Treasurer:* Anthony Bird (AB) the Treasurer distributed his report at the meeting. He confirmed that he was now a signatory for the main account. He was waiting for the Post Office account details for Sunday School and for Winter Wonderland signatures. A useful meeting with Mike Ashmore Treasurer of St Mary's and (GS) had taken place and had cleared up some queries he had. Steph Moore will assist with the Gift Aid.
 - c. *Property:* Nigel Davies (ND) circulated his report on the Church, and Rectory at the meeting and John Boyd (JB) had said that there was nothing to report for Greyfriars House. (ND) has the keys while he is away. (ND) confirmed that with Alec Blackadder taking photographs they had completed a great deal of the Property Register. He hoped to have this finished by 1st April. He didn't know where the Deeds were held: (GS) confirmed that the Stewartry Museum held archives belonging to the church. There

were a number of items he could not complete and the Rector would do this. The central heating boiler had been serviced and the thermostat, but the church had seemed very cold during this last cold spell. The damp in the Rectory was hopefully fixed by the installation of a dehumidifier and the lighting in the kitchen had been fixed. The Rector said he still felt our charges for Greyfriars House were too low. (AB) will review the situation with SCV and report back. **Actions:** the Rector and Anthony Bird.

- d. *Churches Together:* there wasn't a report available from Doreen Blackadder. The Rector updated us on what had been happening. The service on Sunday 28th January at St Andrew & St Cuthbert's RC Church for the World Day of Prayer had raised £111 for the Fellowship of the Least Coin. Discussion had taken place about the poor attendance and that consideration would be given to holding the service at Pentecost instead of in January. There would be a joint walk of witness on Good Friday at 10am and an evening service at 6pm in the Parish Church with all three churches and their clergy attending. The Rector will preach. Suggestion that our own church is open at 9am on Good Friday for quiet prayer.
- e. *Protection of Vulnerable Adults & Children:* Gwen Shaw (GS) confirmed that PVG training would take place at her house on Monday 9th April with Anne Jones for Drostie Tame, herself, Rosemarie Main and Judy Samways. There was nothing else to report apart from her concerns about William Evans who now rarely comes to church and is not looking very well. The Rector will visit him.
- f. *Sunday School:* in (DT) absence the Rector said how pleased he was with her and Rosemarie Main's input with occasional help from Catherine Summers. (SD) commented that how impressed she was with the way the children communicated with the Rector.

6 Other Matters:

- a) *Altar Cloth:* the new cloth had arrived and was in place. Doreen would launder the old one and keep it in her house.
- b) *Other concerts and fund-raising ideas:* a discussion arose about the Jazz Festival booking for Friday 15th June and whether the festival organisers charged entry. **Agreed** that GS would check with Derek Smith and report back and a decision taken to ask for a donation
- c) *Winter wonderland 8th December 2018:* (SD) noted that she would begin the craft group again after Easter. All other details confirmed at a later date.

7 Correspondence:

- a) Bishop's Lent Appeal; noted and money collected from the Lent boxes and a suitable donation should be made.
 - b) Lent talks & Lunches; dates venues in the porch
 - c) Planning Application for the Co-op; the details were noted and not likely to affect the church or Greyfriars House.
 - d) OSCR Data Protection email; keeping vulnerable beneficiaries, volunteers and staff safe; the details were noted.
 - e) Scotland Churches Trust- new website. The details were noted and had been passed to Rachel Inglis.
- 8 **Art & Craft Trail 3rd – 6th August 2018:** A planning meeting still had to take place but several good ideas were discussed. (GS) suggested the theme of Famous Scottish Women with flower arrangements ;(ND) noted the tradition of storytelling in Scotland, (SD) suggested dressing up activities etc. (DT) a Treasure chest for the children to add to. As the deadline for publicity was the end of March a title had to be confirmed ASAP. **Action GS DT RM LS and CS**
- 9 **A .O.C.B:**
- (AB) had been going through the accounts and had noted that we had investments with Epworth Ethical Investments. He would speak to them and confirm he is the new Treasurer. Donation to Aberlour agreed at the AGM would now be sent.
 - Opening the church in the summer months; roster of helpers.
 - The Rector read a letter received from Scottish Childrens Reporter about the Theft on 30th November. No action taken on this theft as there were other matters to take into consideration.
 - The next date for the **Vestry meeting** will clash with Ascension Day; agreed to change the date form 10th May to **17th May at 7pm.**
- 10 **Prayer:** the meeting concluded with the Grace at 9.15pm.