

**The Scottish Episcopal Church**  
**Greyfriars**  
**Kirkcudbright**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 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); Doreen Blackadder (DB); Drostie Tame (DT); Randle Rushing (RR); Dr Mike Moore (MM); Robert Reddaway (RR) and Nigel Davies (ND). The Rector welcomed everyone and our two new members (DB) and (RR). Vivien Dania was invited in to the meeting to discuss her report on Winter Wonderland.
- 2 **Apologies for absence:** there were none.
- 3 **Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018:** these were agreed and signed by the Rector.
- 4 **Matters arising:** There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.
- 5 **Reports:**
  - a. Lay representative: Barbara Hawkesford (BH) had distributed her report prior to the meeting. The Rector and (BH) updated the committee on the search for a new Bishop. A shortlist had been drawn and interviews would take place by Synod members on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. The final selection process would take place over 9<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March.
  - b. *Treasurer:* Anthony Bird (AB) the Treasurer also had distributed his report prior to the meeting. He had also distributed just prior to the meeting the OSCR documents now submitted and signed by Mairi Jackson ACIE Associate member, formerly of SCVS. He and Bob Reddaway had yet to meet to discuss the investment portfolio. No further work had been reported on the constitution.  
**Action Anthony Bird and Bob Reddaway.**
  - c. *Property:* Nigel Davies (ND) had circulated his report prior to the meeting. The Property Register has still to be completed and he hopes to complete this by the spring. (ND) raised a question over Insurance and Employer Liability, whether this had been received as he had no knowledge of it. (AB) confirmed he would check for paperwork. GS Constructions (Borgue) Ltd had ordered the replacement windows for Greyfriars House and would attend to the Sacristy sink at the time these are installed. (JB) wanted it

noted that there might be insufficient funds in the GH account to pay for the windows held at SCVS and some money would have to be met from the general fund. The survey submitted for the guttering was discussed and the Treasurer asked that another quote was obtained before we went ahead. Greyfriars House; the front door had been painted and Dee Painters would paint all other woodwork in the spring. There was then discussion on the proposed increase for hourly fees for Greyfriars House. It had been proposed and agreed the increase should be from £5 per hour to £10 per hour. **Agreement** after discussion that from **September 2019** the increase would be up to **£7.50 per hour** and then from **September 2020 £10 per hour**. (AB) would check with SCVS whether a letter had gone out to users already or if not that the new amount is circulated to them ASAP. **Action Anthony Bird.**

- d. *Churches Together*: Doreen Blackadder had circulated her report prior to the meeting. The Rector thanked her for all that she does for Churches Together. (DB) said that the donations for the Christmas Lunch amounted to approx. £700 and was much enjoyed by everyone.
- e. *Protection of Vulnerable Adults & Children*: Gwen Shaw (GS) confirmed that she had nothing to report so had not written a report.
- f. *Sunday School*: (DT) had not written a report and had apologized for there not being a Sunday School on 6<sup>th</sup> January. She now had extra commitments with caring for Sienna and regrettably was tendering her resignation from the Vestry; she would continue with Sunday School as that fitted in with her family commitments. The Childrens' Christmas party held in the Catholic Church hall had been a huge success, though there had been little involvement from the Parish Church children. Peter McMorran had enjoyed being Father Christmas and would be happy to do so again. The Rector thanked (DT) for all that she had undertaken and asked that she provide a short report for our records. **Action Drostie Tame.**

## 6 Other Matters

- a) Church Services: the Rector confirmed that numbers had been increased at all the services in Greyfriars and St Mary's. (JB) made the point that much of this was due to the Rector and his good governance of the churches and pastoral skills.
- b) (RR) Suggested that we might like to consider a **Sunrise Service** on Easter Day Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April. A joint Ecumenical occasion could be suggested to the next Churches Together meeting. **Action the Rector and Doreen Blackadder.**

- c) Pentecost 9<sup>th</sup> June at 11am: churches Together in KBT had agreed this would be an ecumenical service this year held in Greyfriars emphasizing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
- d) Sea Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July: the Rector asked that ND arrange cadets and officers for this which will also be a Sunday school day. **Action The Rector and Nigel Davies.**
- e) Suggestion that a booking form is issued to those booking the church for events with charges and insurance details outlined.

**7 Winter Wonderland Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Vivien Dania had circulated a comprehensive report prior to the meeting. Tesco's had rather high jacked the day by claiming Father Christmas coming by boat for them.

She confirmed that she was holding a wash-up meeting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 10.30am to which all are welcome to come and exchange thoughts and ideas. One of the problems was lack of large trestle tables there were only 11. Suggestion for more outside parties renting tables for Christmas displays & food including the Sunday Schools involvement this year. A nearly new table rather than bric-brac and with Inner Wheel participation perhaps soup/sweet at lunchtime. And information out to Social media and Kirkcudbright What's on. Leaflets/posters to be designed (GS has offered to do this) and the Rector to help distribute to the other Episcopal churches in the area. (GS) was asked to find out from the Academy if Cochrane Hall could be used and at what cost? The Rector thanked Vivien and said how grateful we all were for all that she does to help us raise funds through this annual event. **Agreed that a planning meeting should be held in late August or early September.**

- 8 Art & Craft Trail 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019- Fantastic Creatures:**  
Suggestion that we open this year from 11am – 3pm Friday, Saturday Sunday afternoon and close on Monday. One day only for childrens' activities on the Friday with the Sunday School teachers involvement. The flower team can decorate the church and we can have musical involvement. **Action further planning and suggestions at the May meeting.**

**9 Correspondence:**

Nothing to report all correspondence had been distributed when received.

**10 A.O.C.B:**

- Last Vestry meeting it was agreed that a new cleaner should be found. This had now been done and she was working on a fortnightly basis for two hours on Thursday afternoons; a new vacuum cleaner had been bought for her use.

- GS has concerns about funerals and what flowers should be for display near the Altar. The Rector will ensure that people know they can be done by contacting Hazel or Gwen in good time.
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January Holocaust Sunday.
- RE at the Academy and Primary School. JB raised this with the Rector who confirmed he visits both schools.
- The Link magazine payment is now due of £10 and this has been noted on the pew sheet.
- The date for the next **Vestry meeting** is **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019** at 7pm.

11 **Closing Prayer:** the meeting concluded with the Grace at 9pm.