

CHURCHES TOGETHER in GLENROTHES & DISTRICT

St Paul's 8th November 2017

Present:

Christ's Kirk – Wilma Page

Leslie Trinity – Irene Ross

St Columba's – Rev Alan Kimmitt, Anne Rennie, Allan McDonagh

St Luke's – Fiona Lawrenson

St Margaret's – Betty Menzies, Joy Allan

St Ninian's – Mary McIndoe (minutes)

St Paul's & St Mary's – Anne Burns, Father Gerry Hand (chair)

Apologies: - Ruth Anderson, Ron Page, George Carratt, Rev Eileen Miller, Margaret Duffy, Rev David Smith

Opening welcome and worship – Father Hand welcomed everyone to the meeting, and gave a reading from the book of Acts, followed by a time of silence and reflection on where Churches Together is at the moment and on where the future might lead us.

Speaker - Our guest speaker for the evening was then introduced to the meeting. **Amanda Hunter** is Project Manager for Dementia Friendly Glenrothes, and gave a very interesting talk outlining what the project is, what progress has been made so far and the vision for the future. In particular she highlighted how a church is one form of community amongst many others and sufferers and their carers may belong to more than one community. We looked at how churches could be awarded Dementia Friendly status. Awareness sessions could be organised in a church for both staff and members, with Dementia Lead persons meeting together once a year. Amanda is happy to arrange a visit to see what small (or large) changes could be made, and develop an action plan for these changes. A number of churches in Glenrothes have already had visits, and more are planned. Questions and answers followed, and the Chair thanked Amanda for her most interesting talk. It was agreed by those present that the subject should be brought up at future meetings with updates, and that we give this important work our support.

Minutes of October meeting - were approved by Anne Rennie and seconded by Betty Menzies.

Posts of secretary and treasurer - Chair asked the meeting, in view of Mary McIndoe having been acting as secretary recently, that the meeting could approve Mary's appointment as secretary officially. This was approved. Chair also asked for approval for Alan McDonagh to take over the post of treasurer, and this was also agreed to. Both Mary and Alan indicated their acceptance of the roles.

Our vision – It was agreed that a group of members be appointed to study the need for appraisal of our Vision going forward, and to appoint a leader. Ideas and nominations should be passed to the secretary prior to the December meeting. It was agreed that the report should be ready for the March meeting, and not June as previously suggested.

World Day of Prayer 2018 – The Glenrothes service will be held at the Salvation Army, and David Robertson has agreed to lead this. Leslie will hold its service in the afternoon at St Mary's.

Mary McIndoe intimated that she is now the contact person for Glenrothes WDP. Irene Ross continues to be the organiser for the presbytery.

Carol Singing – will be held at the Rothes Halls steps on Saturday 9th December between 12 and 1pm. George will provide the music. The meeting agreed that the collection will be in aid of the Glenrothes Foodbank, and Mary will send this information to Fife council to enable the Police street collection application to be completed.

Week of prayer for Christian Unity – David Smith has indicated that he has been investigating the possibility of a Glenrothes Churches group going to Oberammergau for the 2020 Passion Play. He has asked if churches could advertise this possibility and a meeting could be arranged in January to gauge support. He has looked at 2 companies and a 7 day trip might cost around £1300. Early 2018 would be a good time to start saving for the trip of a lifetime. Can churches bring feedback to the December meeting please?

Glenrothes 70th birthday in 2018 – Chair raised a question about what's happening in Glenrothes to celebrate the New Town's 70th birthday in 2018. Go Glenrothes posted a message on their Facebook page this week inviting town organisations to come to the Rothes Halls on Saturday 25th November with information about themselves to display between 21 and 4pm. Neither churches nor CTGD were invited, but the secretary has registered our interest with Go Glenrothes. Father Hand, Anne Rennie, and Fiona Lawrenson will meet at St Paul's on Wednesday 15th to plan our input. There is the possibility of a joint church service to celebrate the 70th, and possibly to time it to coincide with the visit of the group from Böblingen churches in early September.

Points to take forward to the December meeting –

Dementia Friendly Glenrothes – progress - all
Decision needed for Vision group, suggestions to secretary - all
Church Unity Service plans and report - David, Joy and Mary
Good Friday Walk progress to date – Eileen, Pat Macaulay
Oberammergau trip progress – David

The next meeting - Wednesday 6th December at 7.30pm in St Columba's Church.

Close – the meeting closed with the sharing of the Grace.

Meeting Schedule 2017-2018

December 6th 2017	St Columba's (confirmed, St Columba's to provide chairperson)
January 10th 2018	St Luke's (to be confirmed, St Luke's to provide chairperson)
February 14th 2018	Trinity, Leslie (to be confirmed, Trinity to provide chairperson)
March 14th 2018	Thornton (to be confirmed, Thornton to provide chairperson)
May 9th 2018	Collydean Baptist (to be confirmed, Collydean to provide chairperson)
June 14th 2018	URC Coaltown (to be confirmed, URC to provide chairperson)

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