

CHURCHES TOGETHER in GLENROTHES and DISTRICT

Annual General Meeting

URC, Coaltown on Wednesday 14th June 2017

Present: Wilma Page, Ron Page – Christ's Kirk
Rev Alan Kimmitt, Anne Rennie (Minutes) – St Columba's
Rev Eileen Miller, Betty Menzies, Alan McDonagh – St Margaret's
Fr Gerard Hand – St Paul's & St Mary's
Mary McIndoe (Treasurer) – St Ninian's
George Carratt (Chair) – King's Covenant Fellowship
Rev Alan McGougan – URC Coaltown

Apologies: Rev David Smith, Irene Ross, Joy Alan, Ruth Anderson

1 **Welcome / Opening Worship**

Action

George opened the meeting by giving everyone a warm welcome. The Rev. Alan McGougan gave us an address about his visit to Italy and how impressed he was that the churches stayed open till late into the evening with no one on duty and how people including children were able to enter and worship freely and in their own time. He thought how sad it was that we live in a Christian country that has to keep its church doors closed for fear of vandalism or theft. He then pointed us to Psalm 150 and especially to the last verse 'Let everyone that breathe praise the Lord' George followed this with a round of clapping to acknowledge God and show him our joy.

2 **Minutes of 2016 AGM**

The minutes from the AGM on the 8th of June, 2016 were reviewed and corrections intimated. These were then passed as a correct record by – proposer Wilma Page, seconder Alan Kimmitt.

3 **Reports**

Chairperson – George Carratt gave us a report on the year's activities which were very impressive and also his yearly address. Full report available on web page (see below)

Secretary – There was no report as this was a relatively new appointment.

Treasurer – Mary McIndoe gave us her report which was very comprehensive and well presented. A detailed copy of the report was handed out to the various churches represented. Anne Rennie to be added to the bank signatories. Changing the current signatories is still a problem with the bank.

GROW – Eileen told us how well Oskar and the chaplaincy teams have done working in all three high schools and the successful strategy of introducing tea and coffee drop-in's is attracting the young people. This will be taken forward as a long term project. Glenrothes High School drop in has a new core group and funding is to be continued. P7's transition days have been very successful and Oskar also enjoys working with other churches and people in the area.

Christian Aid – The Christian Aid year has produced a variety of very successful projects with the result that as of May 2017 the sum of £2,159.97 has been raised. There have been no door to door collections this year but it was proposed that this should be resumed for next year.

GBEG – Mary McIndoe gave us a report on the success of the visit to our friend’s in Böblingen. This group is now the only contact left between the twin towns. They visited Oberammergau and attended an ecumenical service in a Catholic church where a donation of €200 was given to help with migrants who are coming from Turkey. A contingency from Böblingen will visit Glenrothes in 2018.

Churches Together Banner – this is now in the safe keeping of the UCR Church in Coaltown of Balgonie.

4 **Proposals**

Oberammergau 2020 (Anne Rennie)– a working party to explore the possibility of an inter-denominational trip to the Passion Play.

The God Question (Anne Rennie) – a working party to consider a social event as an introduction to the discussion series.

Christian Unity Service (Eileen Miller) – an organising group to be established in September for another unity service on 21st Jan '18.

Good Friday Walk of Witness (Eileen Miller) – a working group to determine the logistics required for organising a walk on 30/4/18.

Working Groups (Fr Hand) – four groups of four to be arranged to promote inter church activities and relations.

Vice Chairperson (Fr Hand) – to assist with organisation and strategy of group.

Clergy Nomination (Fr Hand) – a representative on the executive to liaise between ministry team and Churches Together.

Review Constitution – September may be a good opportunity to review the CTGD constitution.

Appointment of Office Bearers

Chairperson – George has served for three years and is stepping down. It has been proposed that the hosting church will supply a chairperson until the new appointment is made

Treasurer – Mary McIndoe will continue.

Secretary – Anne Rennie will continue.

Meeting Schedule 2017/2018

September	13th	St Margaret's TBC
October	11th	St Ninian's TBC
November	8th	St Paul's TBC
December	13th	St Columba's TBC
January	10th	St Luke's TBC
February	14th	Trinity, Leslie TBC
March	14th	Markinch TBC
May	9th	Collydean Granary Baptist TBC
June AGM	13th	URC Coaltown TBC

Eileen Miller thanked George Carratt on behalf of Churches Together for all his hard work over the years that he has given both as Secretary and Chairman and for his ongoing support and input in the future.

The meeting was brought to a close with the Grace

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