

Glenrothes & District Churches Together

January 10th 2018 meeting at 7.30pm in St Luke's Church

Present:

Collydean Baptist Church: Liam Morton, Lydia Nowell,
King's Covenant Fellowship: George Carratt
New Hope Fellowship: Ryan Robertson, Elizabeth Ann Charlton, Colin Petrie,
St Columba's: Rev Alan Kimmitt, Anne Rennie
St Luke's: Rev Gerry Dillon (chair), Fiona Lawrenson
St Margaret's: Allan McDonagh (treasurer)
St Ninian's: Rev David Smith, Mary McIndoe (secretary)
St Paul's and St Mary's: Margaret Duffy, Anne Burns
Trinity Church: Irene Ross

Apologies:

Joy Allan, Betty Menzies, Rev Eileen Miller, Rev Alan McGougan, Ruth Anderson, Father Hand

Opening: Rev Gerry Dillon opened the meeting with prayer, and invited us all to share the peace of Christ. A warm welcome was extended to new members from New Hope Fellowship, Stenton and from Collydean Baptist Church; everyone took the opportunity to introduce themselves to the meeting.

Previous meeting minutes were approved by David Smith and seconded by Alan Kimmitt. Allan McDonagh raised a question about possibly moving the January meeting date in future years as it clashes with the Kirk Session meeting at St Margaret's Church. It was proposed that this be looked at by the group assessing the constitution.

Mary has had no reply from the organisers of Glenrothes' 70th birthday celebrations following the Go Glenrothes showcase last year where we had a stall with information. Mary will contact the organisers again to offer a possible Songs of Praise service and to remind them of the visit to the town in late August this year by the Böblingen members of GBEG. Alan mentioned the survey monkey questionnaire as a possible way for suggestions and comments to be passed on to the organisers. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FLKK9GX>

*** Please ask your church members to make contact as above, to show church interest in our town's 70th birthday.

Correspondence: Mary has received a card from Betty Nicol advising that she is no longer the representative for Leslie Baptist Church. Mary is to write to Betty expressing the group's gratitude for her long service to Churches Together.

Constitution group: Gerry suggested a small group should bring ideas to the February meeting for discussion. Members "volunteered" for this group are:

Alan McGougan	Elizabeth-Ann Charlton
Allan McDonagh	Anne Rennie
Alan Kimmitt	Margaret Duffy

Secretary is to contact those above to arrange a meeting as soon as is practicable.

George Carratt said that it's important to consider new ideas, and that we do not need to always stick to a set sequence of events.

***Members should bring ideas to the February meeting to be discussed.

Service of Prayer for Christian Unity

David updated the meeting on progress. The service will be held at St Ninian's Church on Sunday 21st January at 6.30pm. Posters were distributed. The following agreed to participate:

Reading: Irene Ross

Prayer: George Carratt

Prayer: Anne Burns

Prayer: Fiona Lawrenson

Oberammergau 2020: David asked for expressions of interest.

*** Churches should ask for expressions of interest and reply to David ASAP.

davidkhrood@tiscali.co.uk Names and numbers, please by the February meeting.

Treasurer's report: Allan reported that a cheque for £130 is to be given to Glenrothes Foodbank as the proceeds of the carol singing in the Kingdom Centre. Secretary to deliver this and acquire a receipt.

Progress is to be made in updating the bank account signatories. Allan and Mary to be signatories going forward, with any Chairperson to be added at a future date.

Allan informed us that there had been no audit of the accounts since 2012. As we are not a registered charity, it is not essential but it is good practice. Allan will take this forward.

AOCB:

David asked for prayers for those clergy taking part in pulpit exchange on Sunday February 11th.

Alan reminded us about the grass Labyrinth in the town park. The more that walk it, the more clearly will it be seen in the months to come.

Date of next meeting: February 14th at 7.30pm in Trinity Church, Leslie.

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)

Diary:

Service of Prayer for Christian Unity: **Sunday 21st January** 2018, St Ninian's Church, at 6.30pm.

Glenrothes Action Against Poverty: meeting **Monday 29th January** 2018, Glenrothes Foodbank 2pm.

World Day of Prayer: **Friday 2nd March**, 2018 at 7pm in Salvation Army, Caskieberran Road.

Tullis Russell & St Andrews Brass Concert: **Wednesday 18th April** 2018 at 7.30pm in St Ninian's Church

<http://gkc82.atwebpages.com/gct.html> - the link to our website which is kept up to date by George Carratt.