

## Glenrothes & District Churches Together

Minutes of meeting, 09/05/2018

### Collydean Granary Baptist Church

#### **Present:**

Christ's Kirk- Ruth Anderson, Wilma Page  
Coaltown URC – Alan McGougan  
Collydean Baptist – Liam Morton (chair)  
New Hope Fellowship – Elizabeth Ann Charlton, Ryan Robertson  
Salvation Army – Stephen Saunders  
St Columba's – Anne Rennie, Alan Kimmitt  
St Luke's – Fiona Lawrenson  
St Margaret's – Allan McDonagh (treasurer), Betty Menzies, Eileen Miller, Joy Allan,  
St Ninian's – Mary McIndoe (secretary)  
St Paul's and St Mary's – Father Hand

#### **Apologies:**

David Smith, George Carratt, Irene Ross

#### **Opening:**

Liam welcomed everyone to Collydean Baptist church and opened the meeting with a reading and with prayer.

The **previous minutes** were approved without change by Betty Menzies and seconded by Wilma Page. Alan Kimmitt asked who were responsible for the preparation of the Easter sunrise service, and the breakfast thereafter. Are we happy with the arrangements thus far, or can we open the occasion up to all churches? At present St Margaret's hold their own service in Balbirnie Park, Markinch. The hope was expressed that we may have a combined "everybody service" in the future. It was also suggested by Stephen Saunders that the breakfast could be held at the Salvation Army or maybe Leslie Baptist church to take some pressure off St Columba's and St Ninian's who have often provided the meal in previous years. Alan Kimmitt offered to be a contact for future planning.

**Walk of Witness** – Eileen Miller reported on the success of the walk on Good Friday. Hailstones beforehand raised some doubts how well the event would go, but in truth the weather picked up and the people came... The walk exceeded all expectations and will hopefully become an annual event. The crosses are stored at St Margaret's if any church wants to make use of them. Thanks were expressed to Wilma Page, Pat Macaulay, Mary McIndoe (for their organisation) and John Ford (for the crosses). Marshals and first aiders played a big part in the safety of the walkers. Big thanks were expressed to Glenrothes Baptist church who hosted the closing service. They were delighted to see so many people processing behind the 3 crosses to their premises, and the joy and faith expressed by over 200 folk singing together made it an unforgettable experience for all present. A card has been sent to John Ford thanking him for his work on the crosses.

**Christian Aid week** – Churches were reminded of the arrangements for the Kingdom Centre collection to be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

**Constitution** – Alan McGougan gave us an update on the changes, now at version 4, which will come before the AGM meeting for final approval. Alan will send updates to the secretary for circulation.

**Fife Pilgrim Way** – Anne Rennie proposed that we contact Miranda of Fife Coast and Countryside Trust and Douglas Galbraith with a view to inviting them to come to our AGM to give an update on the progress. The way should be completed this summer, and it is hoped that we can have walks of varying length available for our church members to explore. Secretary to make contact.

**Glenrothes 70<sup>th</sup> Celebrations** – Father Hand has met with Councillor Fiona Grant to discuss how the work of the churches in the town can be marked during this year's celebrations. Two dates were mentioned as possibilities: September 9<sup>th</sup> for an interfaith event and October 28<sup>th</sup> for an interchurches worship service. A group was formed to make progress on the 2 events with Fr Hand, Fiona Lawrenson, Anne Rennie, Alan Kimmitt, Eileen Miller and Mary McIndoe. There is to be an event/party for the town to celebrate on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Details can be had from Go Glenrothes at <https://glenrothes.info/> More details to follow when known.

**Fife Interfaith Group** – Secretary to make contact with Evelyn Liston to discuss having a Churches Together Table at their interfaith event at 7pm -9pm on 1<sup>st</sup> of June at Holy Trinity Church in Dunfermline. Details to follow shortly.

**General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** – Petition sheets regarding the campaign to have the **out of hours service** at Glenrothes, St Andrews and Dunfermline Hospitals reinstated were available, but concern was expressed by a number of people about the Data Protection implications of church members signing the forms. Secretary is seeking guidance on this and will communicate updated information to members. Major changes are due to GDPR in May 2018 which will affect how data is held in future.

**GBEG** – The quiz was won by a team from St Columba's and Trinity Church, Leslie, and the trophy will be engraved appropriately. Future annual quizzes will be intimated in due course. Preparations are in hand for the Böblingen visit at the end of August 2018. More information to be given at our AGM in June.

**Cantamus Concert**- organised by Glenrothes Rotary club, the Magic of the Musicals concert is to take place at St Columba's Church on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. Tickets £10 can be paid at the door. Some of the proceeds will go to the work of Glenrothes & District Churches Together, and the meeting agreed that we will decide on the best use for these funds when we receive them.  
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**Diary**- All dates in the diary on the website. <http://gkc82.atwebpages.com/gct.html>

Date of the **next meeting** (AGM) is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in Coaltown URC, 76 Main Street, Coaltown of Balgonie, KY7 6HX

The meeting was closed in the sharing of the Grace.