

Glenrothes & District Churches Together

21st November 2018 – minutes

Held at St Luke's Episcopal Church at 7.30pm

Present	
Mary McIndoe, St Ninian's, Secretary	Barbara Murray, Markinch & Thornton
Alan McGougan, Coaltown URC	Joy Allan, St Margaret's
Alan Kimmitt, St Columba's	Betty Menzies, St Margaret's
Eileen Miller, St Margaret's	Anne Burns, St Paul's
Fiona Lawrenson, St Luke's	Anne Rennie, St Columba's, Chairperson
Gareth Benson, St Luke's	Davina Saunders, Salvation Army
Betty Gray, Markinch & Thornton	Allan McDonagh, St Margaret's, Treasurer

Apologies	
Father Gerry Hand	Steve Saunders
Ruth Anderson	Wilma Page
George Carratt	Oskar Forbes

Welcome

Anne welcomed everyone to the November meeting, and asked Father Gareth Benson to open the meeting in prayer.

Correspondence

Steve Saunders has confirmed that the next meeting will be held at the Salvation Army on Wednesday 13th February 2019 at 7.30pm.

September's minutes

A correction to the name of the interfaith event in September was proposed. "Faith Matters" was corrected to "Faiths Together". The amended minutes were approved by Betty Menzies and seconded by Alan Kimmitt.

Matters arising

Anne spoke on the events held in September. She was encouraged by the turnout on both Sundays. 3 letters of thanks are to be sent by the secretary to Bruce and Sandra Davies, Carol Ann Hedley and Carleton Primary School choir. It was agreed that a letter of thanks for their help and support should be sent to the local Mosque.

Sleep in the Park 2018

Two town churches are participating in this year's event.

St Margaret's – Edinburgh

St Columba's – Dundee

Carol Singing

George Carratt has had to withdraw from leading this year's annual Kingdom Centre carol singing. Linda Ballingall and Carol Ann Hedley have agreed to lead the singing, and the collection will be in

aid of the work of Glenrothes YMCA. It was mentioned that more copies of the carol sheets need to be printed and the secretary will arrange this.

Treasurer's report

Allan reported that in October the bank balance was £731.46; £400 from Go Glenrothes has since been deposited and cheques have been paid out totalling £282. The balance is currently £849.46. Anne Rennie, as chairperson, is to be added to the list of signatories as soon as possible.

New business

Anne outlined a proposal that in future years a Churches Together **Wreath** should be laid at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday. After discussion it was agreed that this would be done only at the Glenrothes memorial, as other memorials in the area have church wreaths laid as is customary. It was proposed that **Fellowship meals** should be reinstated, and it was agreed to take this forward to the February meeting for further discussion. 2020 was suggested as a date to work towards.

Walk of Witness 2019. A working group is to begin preparation for next year's event. It was suggested that Mary McIndoe should be a figure of continuity. The team will consist of Anne Rennie, Mary McIndoe, Fiona Lawrenson, and an unnamed person from St Paul's and St Mary's. Mary is to contact Father Hand to discuss this.

An **Ecumenical Communion** service open to all was discussed, and Father Gareth Benson is happy to lead planning for a proposed Service of Prayer for **Christian Unity** on January 20th at 3pm at St Luke's. It was agreed at the meeting that the emphasis should be on unity and not uniformity. Davina Saunders provided some details of **"The Turning Scotland"** as a response to the Gospel. It is planned for Aberdeen, Glasgow and Edinburgh. This will be discussed more fully at the February meeting.

"Thy Kingdom Come" is a worldwide prayer initiative to take place between Pentecost and Ascension Day, 2019. Eileen Miller proposed that we look at this at the February meeting.

Oberammergau 2020 - Anne advised that she had details of a McCabe Travel trip and anyone interested should contact her. The secretary advised that David Smith is still keen to lead a group if enough people show interest.

Anne advised the meeting that she had been contacted by a solicitor acting on behalf of the late Mrs **Cathreen Bade**. Mrs Bade has left most of her estate to charity and Churches Together is to receive **one share** of the estate. This could be in the region of £10,000. Anne will bring more information to the February meeting. She has contacted the solicitor expressing gratitude for the bequest and will contact her once the cheque has been received. It will take some time for members to decide on a suitable project that would benefit the work of Christ's Kingdom.

Diary dates

Saturday 24th November – St Columba's - Christmas Market – 2pm

Saturday 24th November – Thornton Church – Christmas Fayre – 10am

Saturday 1st December – St Ninian's – Christmas Tree Concert – 7pm – (£2.50)

Saturday 8th December – St Ninian's Charity Shop and Community Café – in Glenwood Library – Christmas Fayre – 11am to 4pm

Friday 14th December – St Margaret's – Tullis Russell Community Band – Concert – 7.30pm (£5)

The meeting closed with the saying of The Grace.