

Glenrothes & District Churches Together

AGM – held in Coaltown URC on Wednesday 13th June 2018 at 7.30pm

Present-

Christ's Kirk: Wilma Page

Coaltown URC: Alan McGougan (chair)

King's Covenant: George Carratt

New Hope Fellowship: Elizabeth Ann Charlton, Ryan Robertson

St Columba's: Alan Kimmitt, Anne Rennie,

St Luke's: Fiona Lawrenson

St Margaret's: Allan McDonagh (treasurer), Betty Menzies, Joy Allan

St Ninian's: Mary McIndoe (secretary)

St Paul's and St Mary's: Margaret Duffy

Salvation Army: Steve Saunders

Apologies-

Ruth Anderson, David Smith, Fr Hand, Anne Burns, Irene Ross, Eileen Miller, David

Opening Worship-

Alan welcomed everyone to Coaltown and opened the meeting by reading from Psalm 138 and leading us in prayer.

Business:

Minutes of the 2017 AGM were approved by Betty Menzies and seconded by Alan Kimmitt and there were no matters arising.

A **review** of the past year was presented by the secretary. A copy will be placed on the website. Steve Saunders intimated that the **National Prayer Breakfast for Scotland** had taken place on the 6th of June, which can be viewed online at <http://www.npbscotland.org.uk/live>. It has been suggested that there might be a breakfast organised in Glenrothes in future with a live feed from the Edinburgh event.

The **treasurer** presented his report for the year, and reported that the balance at present is £791.46, which includes a cheque for £310 from Glenrothes Rotary. This was raised at a fundraising concert in St Columba's Church by Cantamus. The secretary is to write to Lindsay Roy, Rotary president, to express our thanks for this substantial donation. It was agreed by the meeting that the donation from churches should remain at **£10 per annum**. This would become due in January. St Margaret's donation was handed to the treasurer for this year. The sort code and account number for the bank account was provided for those churches who would prefer to pay electronically.

The **constitution** review team presented the updated constitution for approval, which was unanimously accepted by the meeting. Thank you to all who worked on the task for their hard work. The dates for next session's meetings were discussed in view of the constitution proposal of 4 business meetings per session. The intervening months might be used for guest speakers etc. Suggestions welcome!

Dates agreed are as follows. Please give confirmation of bookings to the secretary as soon as possible

Date	Church		Business / Groups
12 th September 2018	St Margaret's	TBC	Business
10 th October			
14 th November	St Luke's	TBC	Business
12 th December			
16 th January 2019			
13 th February	Salvation Army	TBC	Business
13 th March			
10 th April			
8 th May	Christ's Kirk	TBC	Business
12 th June	Coaltown URC	TBC	AGM

The vacant positions of **Chairperson and Vice chair** were filled as follows. Anne Rennie had indicated that she would be willing to become chair – this was approved by Joy Allan and seconded by Margaret Duffy. Allan McDonagh volunteered to combine the roles of vice chair and treasurer, as he has had experience of chairing meetings before. Wilma Page proposed acceptance and this was unanimously approved by members. It is hoped that a member of the **clergy** will become a member of the executive from a different church to that of the chair, and that we have a proposed name by the meeting in September.

The chair expressed appreciation for the work done by Allan and Mary over the past year. Regarding the **70th celebrations**, 2 working groups have been formed.

Alan Kimmitt (leader) reported that the proposed date for the **Interfaith service** is Sunday 30th September. It is hoped to have other faiths represented on the planning team.

Father Hand and Eileen Miller are leading the group planning the **Ecumenical service** proposed for Sunday 28th October at St Margaret's. Bruce Davies has agreed to write a **hymn** celebrating the 70th anniversary of Glenrothes. The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland will be visiting Kirkcaldy Presbytery that week, and it may be that she can be invited to attend. Similar invitations would be offered to other church leaders in that case. More information will be circulated as required.

Christian Aid's total sum raised in Glenrothes this year was **£2249.15**. This is much less than several years ago but around the same as the 2017 total of £2209.97. Given the current situation, this is a good figure but new ways to engage the public might become apparent over time.

GBEG are looking forward to the visit of members of churches in Böblingen at the end of August; the new oberbürgermeister (Lord Mayor) of Böblingen will also be in town at the same time. There will be a service of welcome and communion open to everyone at St Ninian's at 6.30pm on the evening of Thursday 30th August on the day of the Germans' arrival.

GROW is holding its AGM in Glenrothes Baptist Church tomorrow, June 14th at 6.30pm. It was reported that Oskar continues to do well in his work with the schools and young people of Glenrothes.

GDPR changes in May were raised by the secretary, and clarification was given on the

requirements for data protection in Churches Together. We are a faith group and we only hold details of legitimate interest. The email list will be brought up to date going forward. **Oberammergau** – Anne queried what had happened about the proposed 2020 trip. Anne and Fiona both have said they are interested and this will be passed to David Smith by the secretary.

Anne suggested that a **retreat** might be a possibility for our members. This will be considered by the executive.

The banner is now with King's Covenant.

Grateful thanks are due to everyone who has taken part in the many activities and groups in the past year.

Diary dates

St Columba's Church: Saturday 23rd June at 7pm- **Quiz** in aid of **GROW** on. £5pp

Salvation Army: Sunday 24th June at 10.30pm: Farewell service and lunch for David and Jacqueline Robertson, 10.30am. All welcome.

St Ninian's Church: Tuesday 26th June at 2pm, Singing for Seniors **Summer Concert**, £3pp

St Ninian's Church: Saturday 25th August from 12noon – Annual **Church Fete**

Summer Holiday Clubs 2018

Collydean Baptist: Mon 23-Fri 27 July

St Columba's: Tues 31st July – Fri 3rd August

St Margaret's: Mon 6 – Fri 10 Aug

St Ninian's: Mon 6 – Fri 10 Aug

Salvation Army: Mon 6 – Fri 10 Aug

More details are available from each church.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th September at 7.30pm

The meeting closed with the sharing of the Grace.

Website: <http://gkc82.atwebpages.com/gct.html> is maintained by George Carratt.

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