

Glenrothes & District Churches Together

Minutes of meeting

May 8th, 2019 at 7.30pm

Christ's Kirk, Cadham

Present-

Mary McIndoe, **Secretary**, David Smith- St Ninian's

Allan McDonagh, **Vice Chair and Treasurer**, Eileen Miller, Joy Allan, Betty Menzies- St Margaret's

Ruth Anderson, Wilma Page - Christ's Kirk

Alan Kimmitt, Iona Kimmitt (youth rep), John Baker, Alison Oliver, Lorna Baker, Arlene Russell - St Columba's

Richard Gilmour – Church of Christ

Ryan Robertson, Christine Buist – New Hope Fellowship

Margaret Duffy, Anne Burns - St Paul's and St Mary's

Davina Saunders – Salvation Army

Alec Redpath - Trinity, Leslie

Fiona Lawrenson – St Luke's

Nancy Munro, Betty Gray, Barbara Murray, Bryan Gould – Markinch and Thornton.

Apologies- Andrew Gardner, George Carratt, Steve Saunders

Opening worship: Ruth Anderson led us in prayer and quoted from Colossians chapters 3 and 4. God is working with us – we work together in Glenrothes– but there is persecution of believers all over the world. Don't give up praying.

Resignation - Allan as vice chair advised that the chairperson had resigned since the February meeting and that nominations for the post should be brought to the AGM in June. The meeting agreed that Allan should chair this meeting.

Welcome – New members were welcomed from St Columba's Church and Leslie Trinity. Alec Redpath advised that Irene Ross is/has been in hospital after a fall. Secretary to send a card along with a letter of thanks for many years' service.

Correspondence- none.

The **minutes** of the February meeting having been accepted as correct were proposed by Alan Kimmitt and seconded by Betty Menzies.

Matters arising- David Smith needs expressions of interest for a proposed trip in 2020 to **Oberammergau** by Wednesday 15th of May.

Eileen Miller outlined details of the **Thy Kingdom Come** www.thykingdomcome.global prayer initiative which will run from Ascension to Pentecost (9th of June 2019). A celebration for Pentecost is proposed for Sunday 9th June at 7pm in St Ninian's Church, to include the Praise Band. A guest speaker is to be confirmed asap. Prayer events in our different churches during this period should be advised asap to George Carratt gcarratt@blueyonder.co.uk to enable inclusion on our website, <http://gkc82.atwebpages.com/gct.html>.

GROW – The AGM is to be held on the 6th of June at 6pm in the Salvation Army Church. All interested are welcome to attend. The proceeds of the Ceilidh held on behalf of GROW at St Margaret's were £410. Thanks to everyone who supported this.

GBEG – Mary advised the meeting that GBEG has decided to carry on for the time being. Strong links and friendships have been forged over the last 25 years and it was felt that there is still a need for links between the churches in Glenrothes and Böblingen to be maintained.

Walk of Witness – Thank you to St Columba's Church for the inspiring service and the refreshments. Over 100 people took part and represented 10 denominations. Alan Kimmitt commented that if anyone wants to see how nails grow, they should check out progress at St Columba's. The 3 crosses assembled at the communion table were a moving centrepiece to the service.

New Hope Fellowship are planning lunches as outreach and will update us asap.

Lent Studies – Reports were given from St Ninian's (Les Mis) and Christ's Kirk (40 days) on the success of their Lent Studies.

World Day of Prayer 2019 – Mary reported on the success of this year's service in Glenrothes Baptist Church which was prepared by the women of Slovenia. 2020 sees the service prepared by the women of Zimbabwe and our Glenrothes service will be held in St Paul's Church on the 6th of March at 7pm. There will also be a service held in Leslie Baptist Church at 2pm.

Treasurer's report – Allan reported that the balance currently stands at £852.96. He added that **subs** had been received from Christ's Kirk, New Hope Fellowship and King's Covenant for 2019. £10 per church may be paid at the AGM in June.

A letter of **thanks** is to be sent to Anne Rennie for her service to Churches Together and to request the return of any documents held, due to GDPR requirements.

Easter Services – 30+ people attended the service at the East Lomond Car Park on Easter morning at 7am on Easter morning. Breakfast was later served at St Ninian's. Thanks to everyone involved. St Margaret's reported that 30 people attended an open-air service at Balbirnie Park at 8am. They rolled Resurrection eggs, followed clues and heard the story of Easter.

Christian Aid week is from 12th -18th May and there is a Quiz at St Luke's Church at 7pm on Friday 10th of May (ABC quiz). Quizzes are available at churches and the annual town centre collection slots are as follows on Saturday 18th. (Look for Ewan Oliver and Richard Gilmour on the day.)

10-11 - St Paul's

11-12 - Christ's Kirk

12-1 – St Luke's

1-2 – St Margaret's and St Ninian's

2-3 – St Columba's

New projects and the legacy from the late Cathreen Bade will be updated at the AGM next month.

Diary Dates –

11th May at Thornton Church – Christian Aid coffee morning – 10-12

25th May at St Ninian's Church – Plant Sale and coffee morning – 10-12 noon.

6th June at the Salvation Army - GROW AGM – 6pm

11th June at St Ninian's Church – Singing for Seniors Summer Concert – 2pm - £3.

12th June at St Margaret's Church – Churches Together AGM – 7.30pm

16th November at St Ninian's Church – Tullis Russell Mills Band's final concert of their Centenary Year with St Andrews Brass and a military band from the Royal Regiment of Scotland – 7.30pm – **advance notice!**

The date of the next meeting (**AGM**) is **Wednesday 12th of June** at 7.30pm at St Margaret's Church in the sanctuary.

The meeting closed with the sharing of the Grace.