

## Churches Together in Glenrothes & District

### Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.30pm in Romero House, St Mary's, Leslie.

#### **Present:**

St Ninian's: Mary McIndoe (secretary)  
St Margaret's: Allan McDonagh (treasurer and vice chair), Betty Menzies, Joy Allan,  
Markinch & Thornton: Douglas Galbraith, Betty Gray, Barbara Murray, Nancy Munro,  
St Columba's: John Baker, Lorna Baker, Alan Kimmitt, Arlene Russell, Alison Oliver,  
Christ's Kirk: Wilma Page, Ron Page, Andrew Gardner, Ruth Anderson,  
St Paul's & St Mary's: Anne Burns, Betty Blyth, Margaret Duffy, Gerard Hand,  
GROW: Oskar Forbes  
Church of Christ: Richard Gilmour,  
Leslie Trinity: Robert Paton, Alec Redpath,  
King's Covenant Fellowship: George Carratt,  
St Luke's: Gerry Dillon.

#### **Apologies:**

David Smith, Fiona Lawrenson and Eileen Miller.

**Welcome and opening worship:** Father Hand opened with a reading from II Thessalonians (stand strong) and a prayer reminding us to seek joy in the Lord and to keep a commitment to the cross.

**Allan** as vice chair chaired the meeting.

**Correspondence:** Secretary has had an email from Christine Buist resigning from the post of chairperson as she is no longer actively involved with a church. Secretary to write to Christine. Members are encouraged to consider the post of chairperson. Please contact the secretary or treasurer...

#### **Minutes of the last meeting:**

Approved by Richard Gilmour and seconded by Wilma Page.

#### **Treasurer's report:**

Allan reported that the bank balance is currently £912.96. So far, there is no update on progress with the bequest.

#### **New Business:**

The carol singing will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of December between 12 noon and 1pm at the Rothes Halls steps in the Kingdom Centre, Glenrothes. The Salvation Army has been approached about providing musical accompaniment. So far there has not been confirmation. The secretary is to request an update. After discussion, the charity chosen to be supported this Christmas is **The Salvation Army**.

**Fife Pilgrim Way event in November:** Douglas Galbraith, Markinch and Thornton, reported that he, Alan Kimmitt and Father Gerry Hand were part of an ACTS group to encourage and enable the churches on or near the route of the newly-opened Fife Pilgrim Way not only to offer hospitality

where appropriate but to be open to spiritual renewal from this new movement. Professor Ian Bradley, the author of the book *Fife Pilgrim Way: In the footsteps of monks, miners and martyrs*, had offered to speak to the churches in the Glenrothes area and a date had been discussed of Monday evening, November 11. St Columba's have offered to host. \* See footnote -

**Fellowship meal:** Wilma Page, Richard Gilmour and St Columba's members are forming a working group and will report back to the November meeting. A possible date is Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2020.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** A working group of Andrew Gardner, and (David Smith), Mary McIndoe and Joy Allan has undertaken to look at holding a Service of Prayer for Christian Unity at the end of January 2020. To report back to November meeting.

**Oskar Forbes:** As GROW worker for Glenrothes, Oskar gave a lively account of what has been happening recently with the youth of Glenrothes. He highlighted the inter-generational work being done to bridge the gaps between generations. If you are asked by Oskar to contribute, you should seriously give the request your support.

**Alpha course:** Eileen Miller has been approached by 3 young people who hope to learn from an Alpha course. Churches are encouraged to look at how many youngsters might be interested to let the course to go ahead. Replies please to the secretary asap.

**Diary Dates:** Please let your church families know about Diary events:

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm:** St Ninian's Church, concert by Civil Folk, tickets £6.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm:** Leslie Baptist Church, induction of Rev Amie Aitken.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 10am:** St Ninian's Church, Candles coffee morning.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm:** St Ninian's Church: Tullis Russell Band, The Royal Regiment of Scotland, St Andrews Brass with John Wallace. Final concert in TR's centenary year. Tickets £6.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of November at 7.30pm at the Salvation Army, Caskieberran Road.

**The meeting closed with the sharing of the Grace.**

**Ps** Please look out for email and website updates

<http://gkc82.atwebpages.com/gct.html>

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\* **Footnote** - After further discussion with Prof Bradley, it was felt that a better date for this meeting might be in the spring – around the time the new season of the Pilgrim Way begins, and new information will be circulated.