

Glenrothes & District Churches Together Meeting, 9th February 2022
at 7.30pm in the Salvation Army Church and on Zoom.

MINUTES

Sederunt-

Mary Patey (secretary), David Smith- St Ninian's

Alan Kimmitt, John Baker (treasurer), Lorna Baker- St Columba's

Ryan Robertson (chair)- Orthodox Church

Conor Fegan, Bryan Gould, Nancy Munro- Markinch & Thornton

Steve Saunders, Davina Saunders- Salvation Army

Allen Phillips, Richard Gilmour- Church of Christ

Betty Menzies- St Margaret's

Sally McElroy- St Mary Magdalene RC

George Carratt- King's Covenant

Ruth Anderson- Christ's Kirk

Apologies -

Arlene Russell, Allan McDonagh, Gerry Dillon, Wilma Page, Philip Kerr

Ryan as acting chair welcomed everyone and Rev Dr Conor Fegan as the new minister of Markinch and Thornton.

Steve Saunders led opening worship with a reading from Psalm 27 and in prayer.
"Wait on the Lord"

The minutes of the January meeting were approved by David Smith and seconded by John Baker with three corrections i.e.: the date of the next meeting is 20/04/2022; St Paul's had intimated that they will help with the Walk of Witness; and Ryan does not play the guitar.

Correspondence- Mary has received an email from Allan McDonagh with his resignation from the post of chairperson with immediate effect. Mary as

secretary will send a card to Allan expressing our gratitude for his many years of prayerful service to Churches Together.

The treasurer's report from John was that the forms are in process at the bank to change the account signatories and hopefully he will receive the next bank statement. The bank balance currently stands at £10,892.14. Steve suggested the tithe system to gift 10% of the legacy to a charity. Other suggestions were that the Haven project in the Kingdom Centre could benefit from a donation. Suggestions to be sent to Mary asap.

Mary is to contact a speaker on Transgender and Assisted Suicide issues, **Stuart Weir**, to invite him to the April meeting. Update to follow.

David gave an update on the planned Church of Scotland "Haven" outreach centre which is planned for Lent (6 weeks and 1 day) with the possibility of keeping the unit (The Gentleman's Club) in Unicorn Way until Pentecost. The plan is for it to be a point of outreach, support, prayer and caring for people in the name of our Lord. The Forces charity shop is lending sofas etc to the project.

The Good Friday Walk of Witness planning is ongoing. Mary is awaiting a response from Fife Council about whether walks/parades are permissible just now. Sally suggested using local councillors as extra leverage. Mary will contact everyone as soon as practicable to finalise details. The meeting point for worship on Good Friday may be St Columba's; the Easter sunrise service and breakfast are also to be discussed by St Ninian's and St Columba's. George asked that churches who plan to hold Lent Studies should send details to him for inclusion on the website or to Mary in the next week or two. People have always been encouraged to go to studies in other churches if possible.

Sally has arranged to send a questionnaire to Mary for distribution on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church. Replies are anonymous and the questions relate to how people see the future of the church.

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm in St Ninian's Church on the 20th of April.

The meeting was closed with the sharing of the Grace.

Thank you to the Salvation Army for hosting the meeting and for the refreshments served.

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