

GLENROTHES & DISTRICT CHURCHES TOGETHER

Minutes of meeting held on Wed 20th April 2022

At 7.30pm In St Ninian's Parish Church, Glenrothes

Sederunt:

St Ninian's: Mary Patey (sec), David Smith

Holy Cross Orthodox: Ryan Robertson (chair)

St Columba's: John Baker (treasurer), Arlene Russell, Lorna Baker

Christ's Kirk: Wilma Page

St Margaret's: Allan McDonagh

King's Covenant: George Carratt

Church of Christ: Allen Phillips, John Fraser, Richard Gilmour

Markinch & Thornton: Nancy Munro

St Mary Magdalene: Sally McElroy

Apologies:

Alan Kimmitt: St Columba's

Philip Kerr: St Mary Magdalene

Ruth Anderson: Christ's Kirk

Robert Paton: Leslie Trinity

Conor Fegan: Markinch & Thornton

Bryan Gould: ditto

Betty Menzies: St Margaret's

Ross Stirling- Young: St Luke's

Ryan Robertson as acting chair opened the meeting.

Opening devotions- David Smith welcomed everyone to St Ninian's and opened the meeting with a prayer, reading and words of encouragement and faith.

The previous minutes were approved by Richard Gilmour and seconded by Allen Phillips.

Walk of Witness was acknowledged to be a great success and was appreciated by many in the town after two years limited by Covid. Grateful thanks were expressed to those who took part in the service at St Columba's. The excellent buffet was well organised by the team at St Columba's. The refreshments cost £ 154.70, and it was agreed that Churches Together will reimburse the costs.

Treasurer-

The bank account holds a healthy £9,900.48 after deductions for the food. John spoke about how we can wisely use the money we hold in trust to further the Lord's work in our area. We might contribute to the costs incurred by "The Haven" and it was suggested that we contact Alan Kimmitt to find out how we can help. It was suggested that as there was no World Day of Prayer service in the area this year, we could send a donation to the Scottish Committee and Mary will forward a cheque from GCT to their treasurer for £100.

Secretary – Mary reminded the meeting that she is standing down from the post of Secretary at the AGM in June.

Mary is to send out a link to the website for "Thy Kingdom Come"

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

and David Smith will take the question of a possible service leading up to Pentecost to the local Fraternal.

Easter Sunday – There will be a service at the car park at East Lomond at 7am to greet risen Lord in prayer and praise. Breakfast (bacon rolls) will be served at St Ninian's at 8am.

It was suggested that it would be helpful to arrange for a Friendship Meal to be held early in 2023 at a local church. Last time it was held at St Columba's, and we look forward to offers to host and help plan this important event for all our churches. Over to you...

Platinum Jubilee – St Margaret's are to host an afternoon tea on the 1st of June. Allen Phillips of the Church of Christ advised that they are actively exploring whether they can hold a street party and will report back to the next meeting.

GROW – no new worker appointed yet and the trustees are meeting after Easter. There will be a report to the May meeting.

Christian Aid – little progress locally but the local organiser is to get materials out to churches imminently. How can Churches Together help to raise the profile of this essential charity in a world of sadness and need?

AOCB – The banner is presently at St Columba's. Where to next?

The next meeting will be held at St Columba's Church on Wednesday 11th of May at 7.30pm. All welcome.

The meeting closed with the sharing of the Grace with one another.