

Glenrothes & District Churches Together

Minutes of meeting

13th September 2023

At the Salvation Army Church.

Sederunt

Mary Patey (sec) - St Ninian's, Steve Saunders - Salvation Army,

Richard Gilmour (chair) - Church of Christ, Fiona Lawrenson - St Luke's

Wilma Page - Christ's Kirk, Ruth Anderson - Christ's Kirk

Fiona Tucker - GROW, Nancy Munro - Markinch & Thornton

Sally McElroy - St Mary Magdalene, Roz Paton - Glenrothes Baptist Church

Alan Kimmitt - St Columba's, John Baker (Treasurer/Vice Chair)- St Columba's

Robert Paton - Leslie Trinity, George Carratt - King's Covenant

Adrian v Tonder - Church of Scotland

Apologies

Fr Philip, Allen Phillips, Miriam Smith, David Smith, Davina Saunders, Allan McDonagh.

Welcome

Opening worship -

Steve Saunders led us in prayer.

Treasurer-

The account remains at £9412.77.

Street Pastors-

Alan Kimmitt gave a recap and update to the AGM talk on the Street Pastors in Fife. The scheme has been in place for over 15 years, and it is hoped that it might be a possibility in Glenrothes. The volunteers go out after 10pm on the streets of Kirkcaldy; they are recognized as being a support for those who are out on Saturday nights.

Glenrothes - there is no centre of activity at present, but the Town Park is a possible area of concern. Training is available if there is a will to act in Glenrothes. The Scottish Parliament, Police Scotland and local churches can work together to bring support to the young in need. Suicide awareness throughout Fife is a real area of concern, and we are asked to prayerfully take this situation back to our own churches.

GROW - Fiona Tucker, the new GROW worker in Glenrothes was welcomed, and asked to speak to the meeting. She has been in the post for four weeks. An area of concern amongst the young is that young people seriously contemplate suicide or self-harm.

She spoke of how blessed she feels to be called to work in Glenrothes in the churches and with the young in their schools.

"God has put me in the role."

We send Fiona our prayers and support in her journey. youthworker@grow-trust.co.uk

Prayer time - Steve Saunders is guiding a prayer group of churches and can be contacted if you have a prayer time that he could add.

Steve highlighted the National Prayer Breakfast to be held on the 12th of June 2024 starting at 7.30pm. Steve's contact details are: sauncon25@outlook.com

Christmas 2023- Sally asked if we wish the figures to be displayed again this year in the Kingdom Centre. Responses to Mary asap.

Carol Singing- Secretary to write to the Centre management team to request permission for carol singing at our usual spot at the Rothies Halls steps at the top of the centre. If granted, who can provide the music? Which charity should we collect donations for?

Friendship meal - The proposed date for this is Saturday 20/01/2024. Venue? Usually catering for 90+ people, and some entertainment ideas please.

Is it felt appropriate to hold a **service of thanksgiving for 75 years** of Glenrothes, Fr Philip has asked. Is there an appetite for such a service and if so where and when could it be held?

Dates for your diary-

Wednesday 8th **Peace Walk** 6pm at Glenwood School, thereafter, walks at 6.30pm from Glenwood School, Glenrothes High School and Auchmuty High. Meeting at the war memorial at 7pm.

28th October 11-3pm at St Ninian's - **Community Christmas Bazaar** - all the usual festive stalls. Everyone welcome. Tanshall East, KY6 2LP

17th December 6.30pm at St Columba's - **A reflective service** - low key -remembering people - not a glitzy service. Everyone is welcome to attend. Rothies Rd, Glenrothes KY6 1BN

Any questions should be directed to the secretary, Mary Patey. marymcindoe30@gmail.com

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Next meeting to be held at St Columba's on Wednesday 8th November at 7.30pm.