

Glenrothes & District Churches Together
Minutes of meeting held on 8th November 2023

At St Columba's Church at 7.30pm

Welcome - Richard as chair invited Alan Kimmitt to open the meeting in prayer and read from James 2 on Faith and Actions.

Sederunt:

Mary Patey - St Ninian's; John Baker, Alan Kimmitt, - St Columba's

George Carratt - King's Covenant; Fiona Tucker - GROW

Richard Gilmour, Allen Phillips - Church of Christ

Sally McElroy, Fr Philip - St Mary Magdalene's

Fiona Lawrenson - St Luke's; Nancy Munro - Markinch & Thornton

Alan McDonagh, Betty Menzies - St Margaret's

Roz Paton - Glenrothes Baptist Church

Apologies:

Steve and Davina Saunders, Wilma Page, Jan Donaldson, Miriam Smith, Robert Paton, David Smith, Ruth Anderson, Lorna Baker, Adriaan van Tonder.

Minutes of the September meeting were proposed by John Baker and seconded by George Carratt.

Correspondence:

This year's Peace Walk has been cancelled due to the proposed industrial action in the schools, and wreaths were laid at the War Memorial by representatives of the three high schools at 11am today.

Supporting **families seeking asylum** in Glenrothes - due to a change of policy by the Home Office there is no plan to house these families in Glenrothes at present.

"**Welcome to your new home**" - Steve Saunders suggested that a small team could undertake the planning of a leaflet highlighting the churches available to new residents of Glenrothes and Markinch. A template for Kirkcaldy churches was passed round. Funding would be required.

Chair - no report.

Treasurer - after deductions for the poppy wreath (£39) the bank balance is currently £9373.77. There has been a request from the Salvation Army for a donation towards this winter's **Warm Space**. It was proposed that £100 can be donated to any church in the area that will be a Warm Space this winter. This was agreed.

Our **poppy wreath** is to be laid at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday by Fiona Lawrenson. Thank you, Fiona.

Nativity Figures - There is a proposal for us to purchase a full set of figures for future use at a cost of £1299.99 (+tax?). The meeting felt that it is a possibility for 2024 - to be discussed. The set currently used (belonging to St Mary Magdalene church) will be on display from Sunday 3rd December in the old M&Co shop window until Christmas Eve.

Carol singing - 16th December from 12 noon to 1pm at the steps outside the Rothes Halls at the top end of the Kingdom Centre. The charity collection is to be for Love Oliver. George Carratt and Sally McElroy are to lead the singing. Festive garb to be encouraged. Carol sheets will be provided. **Advertise with Christmas services in your church, please.**

Friendship Meal progress -The proposed date is Saturday 20th January. St Paul's was suggested as the venue...TBC ... Offers of help have been received from Richard Gilmour, Robert Paton, Sally McElroy, John Baker, St Paul's... The meal would be a **buffet with soup**, and we would require **help** to set up/clear up. **Entertainment** suggestions will be most welcome. We will email tickets once details are confirmed. The numbers hoped for are 90 to 100. This has always been a welcome event held in faith and friendship.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - It is proposed that a service can be held on Wednesday 17th January 2024. We require a venue for this important service. Contact Mary with your offer.

Allen Phillips of the **Church of Christ** in Pitteuchar advised the meeting that they have renamed the building as **The Compass** when taking bookings for events.

St Columba's are planning to provide a Christmas meal on December 25th for those who are alone at Christmas. Details available from Alan Kimmitt. Can anyone assist in any way on the day?

The date of the next meeting is - Wednesday 14th February at 7.30pm at the Church of Christ (COMPASS) at the Glamis Centre.

The meeting closed with the sharing of the Grace.