

Glenrothes & District Churches Together

Minutes of meeting

14/02/2024 – 7.30pm

Held at Church of Christ.

Sederunt:

Mary Patey - St Ninian's

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

Steve Saunders – Salvation Army

Robert Paton – Leslie Trinity

John Baker, Alan Kimmitt – St Columba's

George Carratt – King's Covenant

Apologies received from:

Fiona Tucker, Nancy Munro, Sally McElroy, Father Philip, Miriam Smith,

Wilma Page, Fiona Lawrenson, Lorna Baker, David Smith, Davina Saunders

Worship:

Allen Phillips opened the meeting in prayer and spoke of the importance of having hope at all times.

Minutes of the last meeting:

With one correction (the date) were approved by George Carratt and seconded by Robert Paton.

Matters arising:

Alan Kimmitt advised that he and Matthew from Glenrothes Baptist church were due to attend a meeting about progress in setting up a Glenrothes Street Pastors Group.

It was noted that Jacob has moved on from Glenrothes Baptist Church and that Amie has left Leslie Baptist Church.

Steve again raised the subject of a leaflet to be prepared for distribution to all new build homes which will let new residents know about the churches in the area.

To facilitate this project, we are looking for nominations / volunteers who have skills in graphic design and an eye for detail. Secretary to circulate a draft used by the churches in parts of Kirkcaldy recently. A list of local churches can be prepared, and Fiona Tucker (GROW) is to be asked for contact names for schools.

Churches Together Committee members are required for next session due to current members reaching the end of their tenure or unable to continue. Please bring possible nominations for the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

John reported that the bank balance at the previous meeting in November 2023 was £9373.77.

Income was as follows: Carol Singing Donations - £210
Friendship Meal Donations - £91.35

Expenditure was: Love Oliver Donation - £210
Friendship Meal Food - £258.13
Salvation Army donation towards Warm Spaces - £100

Balance at 14/02/2024 is £9106.99.

Reports:

The service of prayer for Christian Unity held on Sunday 21/01/2024 at St Luke's was well received.

World Day of Prayer was to be held at St Luke's at 2pm on Friday 1st of March.

The Covenanted Partnership involving Church of Scotland parishes in Glenrothes, Leslie, Markinch and Thornton continues to work towards becoming one large parish. Shared worship is already in place on the first Sunday of each month. There is to be a meeting at St Margaret's on 15th February to allow members to ask questions and to learn more about the proposals.

David Smith is to retire from St Ninian's on Easter Sunday.

Easter Events:

Details have been sent out about the Walk of Witness (Good Friday) and a sunrise service at 7am on Easter Sunday followed by bacon rolls at Salvation Army. Full details and updates will follow before Holy Week.

The crosses are currently stored at St Columba's and the best time to collect them is a Wednesday between 11am and 1.30pm. George Carratt has offered to collect the cross for Christ's Kirk. The remaining two are to be collected for St Ninian's and for St Margaret's. Please contact Mary on 07815811847 to confirm collection details.

Diary:

National Prayer Breakfast for Scotland –Wednesday 12th June at 7:00am at Prestonfield House, Edinburgh. <https://www.npbscotland.org.uk/>

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 8th May at 7.30pm at St Paul's Church.

The meeting closed with the sharing of the Grace.

Churches Together Web Page:

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