

GLENROTHES & DISTRICT CHURCHES TOGETHER

MINUTES OF MAY 8TH 2024 MEETING

ROMERO HOUSE, ST MARY'S CHURCH, LESLIE

Present:

John Baker and Rev Alan Kimmitt, St Columba's
Fr Gerry Dillon and Fiona Lawrenson, St Luke's
Wilma Page, Christ's Kirk
Sally McElroy, St Mary Magdalene RC
Mary Patey, St Ninian's

Apologies: Ruth Anderson, Fr Philip Kerr, Robert Paton, Nancy Munro, Betty Menzies, Lorna Baker, George Carratt.

Opening Due to Richard's absence, John took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Sally led us in prayer.

Minutes The minutes of the February meeting were proposed by Alan and seconded by John.

Matters Arising:

Alan reported on the Street Pastors trial in Dunfermline and that details were passed over to Glenrothes Baptist church. Contact there is Matthew Marshall.

Mary as secretary is to write to Matthew to ask whether the Baptist church might be open to dialogue with / membership of Churches Together.

Church of Scotland parishes in Glenrothes, Leslie, Markinch and Thornton are preparing to become one parish for the area, named "The Heart of Fife". The union will come into being on 1st July 2024 and we pray for strength, love, and vision for all involved. Initially as in previous years united services will be held in a different church throughout July. The question arose of how many members of the new Church of Scotland parish should be represented in Churches Together and Mary is to write to the appropriate person for clarification. With a new congregation, we should look at amending the **constitution**. *Bring this to the AGM next month. *

An email has been received from Allan McDonagh advising that as he has left membership of the Church of Scotland, he is no longer representing St Margaret's on Churches Together. Mary is to write to Allan to thank him for his many years of faithful service to Churches Together in various posts of leadership.

The Walk of Witness on Good Friday was blessed with fair weather and the service at St Columba's was well received. The buffet lunch thereafter was appreciated and gave everyone the opportunity to spend time together.

The sunrise service at Falkland Hill carpark was inspiring, and bacon rolls, and a hot drink were enjoyed on the return to St Columba's.

Finance John as treasurer reported on the finances at present.

Balance at last meeting= £9106.99

Expenditure = £244.60 = WoW buffet +Easter morning rolls.

Income = £8.00 – Rolls donation.

Balance = £8,870.39

The payment of the organist at the Good Friday service was raised and the treasurer is to reimburse £77 to St Columba's for this. Agreed at this meeting.

Fr Gerry updated the meeting on progress at St Luke's. Peace and Jam was a local initiative made possible through a National Lottery grant, and the funding has been continued. The new title of Luke's Larder is a name chosen by the community.

Diary Fiona reminded the meeting about the Christian Aid Quiz which is to be held at St Luke's on Friday 17th May, from 7pm to 9.30pm. £5 per person payable at the door.

AGM The AGM is to be held next month and the committee membership is due to be updated. With that in mind please take this to your local church for prayerful consideration. The normal tenure is 3 years at most. Some fresh ideas and leadership would be most welcome.

Chair Richard
Vice-chair John standing down
Treasurer John standing down
Secretary. Mary is standing down.

Next meeting –

AGM Wednesday, 12th June at 7.30pm. Glenrothes Christ's Kirk, Pitcoudie Ave, Glenrothes. KY7 6SU.

Suggestions for a speaker for the AGM will be most welcome. Please contact Mary asap.

Thank you.

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