

# CHURCHES TOGETHER in GLENROTHES and DISTRICT

## Annual General Meeting

Leslie Trinity on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June

**Present:** Richard Gilmour, Wilma Page, Ron Page – Christ’s Kirk  
Joy Allan, Allan McDonagh (Chair), Betty Menzies – St Margaret’s  
Ann Burns, Margaret Duffy, Father Gerry Hand – St Paul’s & St Mary’s  
Rev. Ali Roy, Craig Higgins (Treasurer), Mary McIndoe, Alf Patey,  
Sheena Pirrie (Minutes) – St Ninian’s  
George Carratt – King’s Covenant Fellowship  
Irene Ross, Mary Scott, David Adams, Lena Barclay – Trinity, Leslie

**Apologies:** Rev. Alan Kimmitt, Alice Davidson - St Columba’s

### Action

1. **Opening**  
Chair opened the meeting by thanking Leslie Trinity for hosting the meeting. Chair then invited Interim Moderator David Adams to say a prayer.
2. **Minutes**  
The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (June 2013) were accepted as a true record. Richard Gilmour proposed and Irene Ross seconded.
3. **Matters arising from the Minutes**  
There were no matters arising from the previous Minutes.
4. **Correspondence**  
There was no correspondence to deal with. However Ralph Mellon from the Glenrothes Gazette had been in touch with the Minute Secretary advising that he was still planning to run various short pieces in the Gazette relating to the work of the Group. He also advised that a photographer would attend at the beginning of the meeting to take a photograph of the Group. This had been completed prior to the start of the meeting.
5. **Chairman’s Report**  
This year has been an exciting one for Churches Together starting with the Showcase event in September at St. Margaret’s. This was a good opportunity to advertise all the work being done in the community.  
The Carol Singing in the Kingdom Centre was once again well received by members of the public who donated £112. This was donated to the Glenrothes Foodbank.  
Celebrate and Discover in March run by the Kirkcaldy Presbytery was well supported by the churches and CT had a stall. We look forward to participating again in the future.  
World Day of Prayer was held at St. Mary’s and St. Ninian’s - our thanks go to all who arranged and participated in this annual event.  
Christian Aid had a Big Book Sale in St. Columba’s over six days in May as there was a much reduced door-to-door collection in the town this year - our thanks are extended to Ewan Oliver and his fellow committee members for their efforts.  
GBEG have again continued and preparations are in an advanced stage for the visit of the Ecumenical group from Böblingen who are visiting Glenrothes in September.

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The GROW committee is to be commended as they have continued their work within the schools during the vacancy created when Gwyneth left. We were pleased to be informed that a replacement has been recruited and will be in place for the new school term.

Our thanks also go to all the people who continue to serve on the Gravy Train providing meals for the homeless and needy people in the community.

December saw the opening of the Glenrothes Food Bank and our thanks go to Maureen Power and all who support this work. I would also like to thank Maureen for the time she affords us each month keeping us well informed.

Many good things are happening and it is encouraging - I am sure we all look forward to continuing to work together into the new session.

## 6. Reports

**Treasurer's Report** – Craig Higgins reported that the amount in the bank account at present stands at £212.51 - £100 of which has been allocated to the Jesus Message once this project becomes 'live' once again. Craig advises that there has been about £600 raised to cover this project. Some dues have still to be collected from various organisations.

**GROW** – Craig Higgins had met with Chris Hay to discuss having another trip to H<sub>2</sub>O. The last one organised had been a great success. Since Marjorie Cowie was no longer part of the Group Craig would become more involved with the Committee and liaise between CTG and GROW. It was also reported that tomorrow evening (Thursday) the Annual General Meeting of GROW was being held in St. Margaret's Church. The work of the groups was still going on. Richard Baxter and Eileen Miller were involved with Assemblies in Auchmuty School. Everyone is looking forward to Bea coming on board and believe that she will be a great asset to the project.

Chair expressed thanks to Marjorie Cowie for her contribution to the project and said that her good work and dedication would be missed.

**Christian Aid** – Wilma Page reported that despite a reduction in the number of door-to-door collections, this project raised over £750 by holding the Big Book Sale.

**Gravy Train** – Margaret Duffy reported that agreement has been reached on the new name for this project – it will now be known as '**Y' Lunch Together**'. Apart from the name change, nothing else has changed. The numbers attending average 15 per week and they appreciate very much the work of the volunteers. The Advisory work goes on at the same time.

**GBEG** – The AGM of this group was held last week. 15 visitors have been confirmed as attending from Germany. The hosts for these visitors have been identified. It had been suggested at a previous meeting of the CT Group that a joint event be held with something along the lines of "Songs of Praise". This could be linked in with the German visit. This suggestion was unanimously agreed - Alan Kimmett was taking it to St. Columba's Session tonight (Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June). The visitors were arriving on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September. It was proposed that "Songs of Praise" would be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September at St. Columba's. There has been a suggestion that the Salvation Army Band would be invited to participate – to be confirmed.

**Glenrothes Food Bank** – Margaret Duffy provided a report in Maureen's absence – some days they were short of some foodstuff and other days there was a plentiful supply. Joy Allan contributed to this by explaining that the generosity of the volunteers also made this project a success and that the people who received the food parcels greatly appreciated them.

**Scottish Bible Society (SBS)** – Allan McDonagh advised that his recent sponsored walk over the West Highland Way raised over £450 – he wished to thank everyone who supported him and gave him encouragement. The Society is involved in all kinds of work throughout the world but very specifically, this money would be going to a project in Swaziland for orphaned children.

7. **Any other competent business**

**Penny Gospels** – Alli Roy advised that on behalf of the Rothes Trinity Parish Grouping, a free copy of 'More than Gold' would be distributed throughout these parish areas.

**Referendum Prayer** – Father Hand advised that if any organisation within the CT Grouping would like to use this prayer, copies would be circulated to those interested.

**Churches Together Banner** – Mary McIndoe advised the CTG that the banner had now been circulating between the organisations for three years. Its next step was to be on display at St. Margaret's.

**Glenrothes Gazette** – Sheena advised that Ralph Mellon had indicated that he would like to interview someone from the Group. It was suggested that as a starting point it may be helpful to send Ralph a copy of the Chairman's annual report as this was very comprehensive and covered most of what the Group were involved in. It was agreed that Allan would send Sheena the report by e-mail to forward on to Ralph.

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**Rothes Trinity Golf Event** – Craig Higgins notified the Group of a golf event which was being organised through Rothes Trinity. It will be taking place next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June and it was hoped that this would be rolled out over all the organisations within the CT Grouping. A trophy has been provided and the event will be entitled "Churches Golf Together". Further information to follow.

**St Margaret's Community Concert** – Joy Allan advised that St. Margaret's would be hosting a concert on Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup>. The concert would be produced by the Local Community. Further information to follow.

**Appointment of Minute Secretary** – Sheena Pirrie was proposed by Wilma Page and seconded by Mary McIndoe to carry on as Minute Secretary.

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**Appointment of Treasurer** – Craig Higgins was proposed by and seconded by George Carratt to carry on as Group Treasurer.

**Appointment of Chair** – George Carratt was proposed by Wilma Page and seconded by Mary McIndoe as Chair, with Allan McDonagh, Richard Gilmour standing in as Chair on the occasions when George Carratt was unavailable.

8. **Date and Venue for 2015 Annual General Meeting:** It was agreed to establish whether the building repair works were completed at Coaltown before setting the next venue for the 2015 AGM, which would be held on Wednesday 10 June 2015.

9. **Closing: The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m. with the blessing of the Grace.**

**Meeting Schedule: - The following venues have been proposed for the next few meetings as follows:**

10 September	St. Columba's
8 October	St. Ninian's
12 November	St. Margaret's
10 December	St. Paul's - provisional
14 January	Christ's Kirk – Provisional
11 February	St. Luke's – Provisional
10 March	Leslie Trinity
14 April	No Meeting
12 May	Markinch – Provisional
10 June	Annual General Meeting

**Diary Dates**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2 – 4 p.m.

Christ's Kirk – Afternoon Tea  
Tickets £4 – there will also be some stalls

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August

Leslie Trinity – Coffee Morning 10 – 12 noon

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September

GBEG Ceilidh @ Laurel Bank – more information to follow