



The Church of Scotland

Presbytery of Lanark

The Presbytery will meet in Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark on Tuesday 2 October 2018 at 7pm for the following and other competent business.

Rev Bryan Kerr, Presbytery Clerk

Order of Business – 2 October 2018

1. Constitution
2. Welcome to Visitors
3. Approval of the Order of Business
4. Minutes
5. Decisions under Delegated Powers
6. Roll of Presbytery
7. Correspondence
8. Good News Stories
9. Report of the Worship and Discipleship Committee
10. Report of the Relationships and Context Committee
11. Report of the Presbytery Support Committee
12. Young People and Decision Making in the Church
13. Intimations
14. Adjournment:

The Presbytery adjourns to meet for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 6 November 2018 at 7 pm in Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark.

Intimations

2019 Ministry and Mission Allocations

Members of Presbytery should inform Clerks to Financial Courts and Treasurers to review the initial proposed figures for Ministry and Mission in 2019 recently emailed to the Clerks. Any appeals from financial courts should be in the hands of the Presbytery Clerk no later than Monday 15 October 2018.

Decisions under delegated powers

The Clerk has been informed that the following decisions have been made under Delegated Powers.

Deliverance

The Presbytery:

Kirkmuirhill Anniversary Structure (18th July 2018)

1. grant permission for the 150th Anniversary Sculpture in the grounds of Kirkmuirhill Parish Church on the understanding that the sculpture will not have a fence erected around it, and that serious consideration be given to using a toughened polycarbonate material rather than glass in the sculpture, and instruct the congregation to confer with Presbytery prior to a final decision on that specific material being made.

Forth St Paul's Steeple Repairs (21st August 2018)

1. grant permission for emergency works to be undertaken on the steeple of Forth: St. Paul's noting that all finance is in a place and a contractor has been appointed.

Forth St Paul's Designed Window Panel (21st August 2018)

1. grant permission for a non permanent installation of a designed panel to fit over a window in the church in memory of a former member and remind the congregation that in future any internal works, including furnishings and art must be approved by CARTA and Presbytery prior to installation.
2. instruct the clerk to forward the application to CARTA for information.

Kaye Gilchrist, Candidate in Training (5th September 2018)

1. note that Rev Bryan Kerr represented the Presbytery at the annual review of Kaye Gardiner, Candidate in Training and that the decision of the panel was to allow Ms Gardiner to proceed to the next year of training.

Kirkmuirhill Roof Repairs (18th September 2018)

1. grant permission for urgent roof repairs, identified by the congregational board of Kirkmuirhill, to be carried out at a cost of around £11,000.

Report of the Worship and Discipleship Committee

Deliverance

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report
2. Urge all ministers and congregations to prayerfully consider the Funeral celebrant training scheme, and advertise the course within their congregation.

3. Commend all congregations who are participating in the National Day of Prayer on 3rd November, and encourage others to take part. Urge all prayer partners to email Rev E MacLean with details of their church's plans.
4. commend the weeWONDERBOX and other activities and resources produced by Wild Goose Resource Group and Publications (Reports to GA 2018, Iona Community).
5. encourage Kirk Session and Presbytery to explore ways in which they can offer practical support to Guild groups and Guild Presbyterial Council (Reports to GA 2018, Church of Scotland Guild)
6. encourage Kirk Sessions to study the report of the Mission and Discipleship Council to the General Assembly of 2018 paying particular attention to sections 3, 12 and 22 of the Deliverance.

Report

Funeral Training

It was noted that the planning of the training course is proceeding satisfactorily. Encouragement should be given to any who are considering this form of outreach, as only one name has been proposed so far from Lanark Presbytery, while Hamilton have about 8 possible names.

Prayer Group

Every Prayer partner was given details of the National Day of Prayer on 3rd November 2018, and in Elizabeth Clelland's absence Rev Elspeth MacLean will be co-ordinating the different churches prayer times. Discussion on the Presbytery retreat day on March 2nd was deferred until Elizabeth Clelland returns.

Presbytery Consultation in June 2018

Turning to the feedback from the consultation between congregations and Presbytery in June, a few things were highlighted.

1. **Web Site** It was noted that the Lanark Presbytery web site could, and should, be used by congregations to publicise their events. A "What's on in Lanark Presbytery" section will be developed, but this is not the remit of this committee.
2. **Transport** Some discussion took place regarding transport but it was agreed that this was not the remit of this committee but rather a local issue.
3. **SU Camp** Congregations should be made aware that 2CYTrust can sometimes offer financial support for some youngsters wishing to attend SU camps.
4. **Young people as leaders** It was suggested that there is a need to encourage young people to act as leaders in the church, and youth groups and that Presbytery organise a meeting for people who might be interested. (see further under Remits from GA)
5. **Messy Church** Since several Churches within Presbytery run a Messy Church and others might be interested, it was suggested that a meeting be arranged of those involved and those considering such an outreach. Our committee will email Churches to ascertain interest, before arranging a meeting.

GA Remit

The committee highlighted a few areas from the remits.

1. (from Council of Assembly report 2) to engage with the National Day of prayer on 3rd November 2018. as a Presbytery we are engaging fully with this, which is to be commended.
2. (from Panel of Review and Reform report 2) The committee is participating with Hamilton Presbytery to deliver a training course in leading funerals, and have already done a joint training course for worship leaders.

3. (from Panel of Review and Reform report 6) The committee plan to organise some form of recognition for young leaders within our Presbytery to encourage them and thank them and encourage them to engage with other young folk in our churches.
4. (from Iona Community report 5) The committee commend the weeWONDERBOX and other activities and resources produced by Wild Goose Resource Group and Publications.
5. (From Guild 9, 10) The committee encourage Kirk Session and Presbytery to explore ways in which they can offer practical support to Guild groups and Guild Presbyterial Council.
6. (From Church and Society 23) The committee wish to invite Rev Helen Jamieson to speak our committee about her church's work with dementia care.
7. The committee commend all the instructions from Mission and Discipleship Council, especially
 - i) **section 3**, “Kirk Sessions are instructed to explore how a fresh vision for eldership, outlined in section 2.3 of the report, applies to their particular local context.”
 - ii) **section 12** “Commend the Weekend of Invitation to Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions and encourage congregations to think of ways of developing a culture of invitation.” See weekendofinvitation.com for further information, despite this year's date of 15-17th June being past.
 - iii) **And section 22** “Urge Kirk Sessions to use the resources listed in Appendix VI of the report and to promote their usage in the wider congregation.”

This Appendix VI is attached to this report to make the resources easier to access.

Report of the Relationships and Context Committee

Deliverance

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report.
2. Note that Anne Cochran Christine O'Neill have been appointed the minutes secretary and deputy minutes secretary respectively.
3. Reaffirm the invitation to all congregations to participate in the forthcoming Presbytery Mission Conference on Saturday, 2 February 2019 between 10am and 3.30pm.
4. Note and encourage all congregations to engage with the Poverty Alliance “Challenge Poverty Week” 1-7 October 2018.
5. Encourage the Presbytery, congregations and individuals to respond to the consultation on the redevelopment of the University Hospital Monklands (UHM).
6. Invite the Presbytery Support committee, to revise and remit different aspects of the June consultation with congregations to committees for further considerations.

Report

Appointments

Helen Chekansky, who was appointed the minute secretary of this committee earlier in the year, has now been transferred to another committee at the re-arrangement over the summer. The committee agreed to appointment:

Anne Cochran	Minutes Secretary
Christine O'Neill	Assistant Minutes Secretary

Presbytery Mission Conference

As agreed by the Presbytery in September, this conference is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 2 February 2019 in Greyfriars Church from 10 am to 3-30 pm. A draft programme for the day has been drawn. Carol

Finlay, the secretary, Local Development and Twinning in the World Mission Council has accepted to be the lead speaker and other facilitators have been contacted. Other arrangements are being put in place. It is hoped that congregations will be able to mobilise their members to attend the conference.

Challenge Poverty Week 1-7 October 2018 The Poverty Alliance

This was drawn to the committee's attention. This organisation is inviting faith based organisations to challenge poverty on a local and global level. The main aims of the week are to: highlight the reality of poverty and challenge the stereotypes that exists about it; demonstrate what is being done across Scotland to address poverty and increase public support for more action to solve poverty. There is good information on their website to support potential activity.

http://www.povertyalliance.org/challenge_poverty

Consultation on the Monklands Redevelopment Project

This needs response by 15 October. It was agreed that although we are running out of time, it would be appropriate for the Presbytery to respond to this document and for congregations and individuals to engage with the consultation processes. The committee, observed that it does seem that a few crucial issues have not been sufficiently addressed in the current consultation: How many beds will the new hospital have as opposed to the current hospital? Will the new hospital provide all the services currently available in Monklands hospital? Will there be any impact on staffing numbers? The committees thoughts can be found at Appendix I.

<http://www.nhslanarkshire.org.uk/Involved/consultation/MRRP/Documents/MRRP-Consultation.pdf>

Presbytery Consultation with Congregations June 2018

The group took some time to reflect on the output from the consultation. It was observed that there were mixed outcomes from congregations. It was observed that there did not always appear to be a direct correlation between the questionnaire issues and the questions asked on the night. There was quite a lot of information about what congregations are doing but maybe not so much about what they could be doing better. To make the outcome of the consultation more user friendly, it would be helpful for the Presbytery Support to revise the document in order to make it clearer what each committee is expected to accomplish. It was suggested that, despite our efforts, there may still be a perception of a 'policing' role in Presbytery while we are working towards a more caring and pastoral role.

Report of the Presbytery Support Committee

Deliverance

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report.
2. Instruct Congregations to advise the names and agreed contact details of their appointed Health and Safety Advisor to the Presbytery Support Committee and instruct those congregations who have not yet appointed a Health and Safety Advisor to do so in accordance with the requirements of the General Trustees.
3. Instruct the congregations of Crossford and Kirkfieldbank to provide and agree suitable dates to allow members of the Support Committee to carry out an internal and external inspection relating to works identified and completed and a timescale for the completion of any outstanding works.
4. Instruct all congregations that no works to upgrade or replace AV equipment is to take place without the consultation and agreement of CARTA, the General Trustees and the Support Committee of Lanark Presbytery.

5. Appoint Michael Nisbet, Architect to carry out inspections of all buildings in congregations of Kirkmuirhill, Upper Clyde and Douglas Valley will be inspected, as will the manse at Carstairs linked with Carnwath during the 2018/2019 session.
6. Note, for an initial period of six months, the appointment of the Reverend George Lind as locum tenens to the charge of Kirkmuirhill on a Sunday and two days per week from 1st October 2018 and instruct the Kirk Session to conduct a review of the appointment after six months.
7. Invite applications for the position of Presbytery Treasurer.

Report

Property

Health and Safety

On Saturday 1st September 2018, the Property Convener attended a health and safety seminar run by Brian Auld of the General Trustees in relation to their new Safe Buildings campaign.

Of the matters discussed the following are important from a Presbytery point of view:

The General Trustees requested that every congregation appoint formally a Health and Safety adviser. They would be the main contact for receiving health and safety information issued from 121. Presbytery are also to appoint a co-ordinator and for Lanark Presbytery this, at the present moment is Ewan Easton of Lanark Greyfriars. In order to allow Lanark Presbytery to co-ordinate it would be appreciated if those charges that had appointed an Advisor identify those persons and contact details to the Support Committee. In addition those congregations that have not yet appointed an Advisor should do so by return.

The Presbytery Co-ordinator is to co-ordinate any issues relating to health and safety. The red book issued by the General Trustees is the first point of call for information and it was noted that some updates to this information were to be issued electronically in the near future.

With regard to whether major works are to be covered under the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015, Brian Auld was clear that as the "Church" was a business then it did apply. This is a large topic to cover and further information will be provided under separate cover to all Health and Safety Advisors in due course, but in summary the CDM Regs place a legal onus on the Client i.e. the Kirk Session and Trustees to appoint competent designers to undertake design work taking into account risks and providing solutions that minimise these risks and also to ensure that any contractors appointed are competent, which will mean carrying out checks to ensure that they can undertake the works safely and have provisions in place to provide safe systems of work, including but not limited to Risk Assessments and Method Statements.

Crossford and Kirkfieldbank

Following repeated requests to provide a suitable date for the Support Committee to visit all buildings including the halls and manses this has not been provided. We require to undertake a visit to identify what works have been completed as identified on the survey reports provided by Michael Nisbet Architect and to identify a programme of works for going forward. This requires access to the external and interior of each property and includes the Manse. This is necessary to ensure that safe buildings are being provided and needs to be carried out forthwith.

AV Upgrades

Following correspondence from the General Trustees it is advised that any congregations considering the installation or upgrading of audio-visual equipment must contact CARTA in the first instance. This is due to the ongoing investigation into a serious issue elsewhere being investigated by the General Trustees. NO works are to be carried out to replace or upgrade AV equipment without the agreement of the General Trustees and the Support Committee of Lanark Presbytery.

Property Inspections 2018/2019

The committee invite Presbytery to appoint Michael Nisbet to conduct the necessary property inspections over the course of this session. All buildings in Kirkmuirhill, Upper Clyde and Douglas Valley will be inspected, as will the manse at Carstairs linked with Carnwath. The committee do not feel it is necessary to inspect the church building at Carstairs due to the current high level of work and architect involvement in the building.

Congregational Support

Kirkmuirhill Locum

The committee was delighted to hear from the Kirk Session of Kirkmuirhill to inform Presbytery that the Reverend George Lind has agreed to provide locum cover to the charge on a Sunday and two days per week from 1st October 2018. The Presbytery is invited to note this appointment for an initial period of six months.

Finance

Presbytery Treasurer

Over the course of the last eighteen months Presbytery has invited applications for a Presbytery Treasurer to take over from Mary McGillivray. On three separate occasions there have been no applications and as such Mary kindly agreed to step back into the role on a temporary basis. The duties are not onerous and the individual need not be an accountant. This is a vital role within our Presbytery and applications are invited from any interested individuals. Should members of Presbytery have any recommendations of suitable candidates please speak to the Convener of Presbytery Support. A list of duties pertaining to the role is included in Appendix 2.

Relationship and Context Committee Appendix to Report 18 September 2018
University Hospital, Monklands (UHM) Redevelopment Consultation

Only 3 Consultation questions

1. What are your views on the proposal?
2. What else should we take into consideration in planning to replace or refurbish the UHM?
3. Are you responding as an individual or as part of a group?

Headline points from the report

An earlier online survey as part of an Achieving Excellence consultation overwhelmingly supported the need to refurbish or redevelop UHM. The important factors were:

- Travel/transport
- Parking
- Potential for disruption
- Maintaining staffing and services throughout.

A wide range of staff groups, patient groups and Monklands resident groups were involved in the option appraisal.

4 choices

- Do nothing
- Full refurbishment
- Rebuild on current site
- Rebuild on new site

Do nothing was not viewed as an option. But to refurbish and redevelop on the existing site would result in massive disruption to services and staffing for prolonged periods as well as massive loss of parking capacity. 37 potential sites for a new build were considered and eventually narrowed down to one at Gartcosh. This option actually improves the drive time to hospital for many in the Monklands catchment area and is only slightly worse for most of those in the rest of Lanarkshire area. It is also close to rail links to Glasgow and to the M73 for staff and patient access.

The proposed hospital will have an aim for more out-patient/short stay work. With this in mind there will be an “Emergency and Assessment Village” on the ground floor. Hopefully fewer will go on from there to a main hospital bed. On the first floor, theatres, critical care wards, the coronary care and renal care wards will be closely positioned for good access. The planned hospital will be a centre of excellence for cancer care providing all therapies including new treatments. The Lanarkshire Beatson and Maggie’s Lanarkshire will be relocated with the new hospital (they are in currently less than ideal settings at Monklands)

Anticipated issues with the new build:

- Need to acquire the site
- Need to develop transport links
- Need to re-locate the Lanarkshire Beatson and Maggie’s Lanarkshire (as above)

The Gartcosh site is likely to be the least costly of all the re-build options.

The Presbytery Lanark

TREASURER'S JOB DESCRIPTION

The Treasurer will be expected to:

1. Issue cheques for payment of Invoices
2. Undertake lodgement of cheques with Bank. This is usually in November, December and January of the following year when cheques are received from Congregational Treasurers in respect of Presbytery Dues.
3. Keep cashbook up to date.
4. Serve as an adviser to the Presbytery Support Committee.

Annually

1. Prepare a Budget for the following year.
2. After approval by members of Presbytery, issue letters to the Congregational Treasurers advising them of the amount due to Presbytery for the payment of Dues.
3. Prepare Receipt & Payments Accounts for Audit and liaising with Accountant.
4. Liaise with Payroll department at 121 George Street in connection with the Presbytery Clerk's salary.

If not able to attend monthly Presbytery Support Committee meetings, the Treasurer will require to attend the October meeting of the Presbytery Support Committee to discuss finances for the following year e.g. salary and honoraria.