

**Lanark**, on Tuesday 2 October 2018 the **Presbytery of Lanark** met in Lanark: Greyfriars Parish Church and was constituted in prayer.

**Sederunt:** Mr Jim Watt, Moderator and Rev Bryan Kerr, Clerk along with others as in the Sederunt Book – in all 14 Ministers, 21 Elders and 1 Corresponding Member.

**Apologies** for absence were intimated on behalf of Rev E Clelland, Minister; L Cochrane, W Love, A McPhee and A Russell, Elders; K Gardiner, M McGillivray and D Wiseman, Corresponding Members.

### **Welcome to Visitors**

The Moderator welcomed visitors attending the Presbytery meeting.

### **Approval of the Order of Business**

The Order of Business as circulated was presented by the Business Convener, Mr Scott Paget and approved.

### **Minutes of meeting on 4 September 2018**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2018 were held as read and approved.

### **Decisions taken under delegated powers**

The clerk informed the Presbytery that the following decisions had been taken under delegated powers.

### **The Presbytery:**

#### **Kirkmuirhill Anniversary Structure (18<sup>th</sup> July 2018)**

1. grant permission for the 150<sup>th</sup> 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 (21<sup>st</sup> 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 (21<sup>st</sup> 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 Gardiner, Candidate in Training (5<sup>th</sup> 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 (18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Roll of Presbytery**

The Moderator welcomed new members of Presbytery to their first meeting.

### **Correspondence**

The Clerk informed members that all items of correspondence had been notified via email and that a number of pieces of correspondence had been received and remitted to appropriate Committee Conveners or passed on by e-mail to Ministers, Session Clerks and members of Presbytery.

### **Good News Stories**

Helen Chekansky, Lanark: St. Nicholas spoke of the recent variety concert held in St. Nicholas Church hall where everyone was well entertained and a wonderful atmosphere was evident.

Iain Cunningham, Carluke: Kirkton, spoke of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Kirkton Scout Troop and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kirkton Girls and Boy's Brigade with all three organisations being the healthiest they have ever been in terms of membership.

Liz Bradley, Carluke: St. Andrews, are welcoming seven senior pupils from Carluke High School as part of their Saltire Awards working with the Drop In Café and Playlist for Life. The congregation also opened the church as part of the Jam and Ham festival and a number of visitors came to look round and view the church as part of the Stewardship Programme.

### **Report of the Worship and Discipleship Committee**

The Presbytery called for the Report of the Worship and Discipleship Committee which was given in by the Rev. Elspeth MacLean, Convener.

*It was moved, seconded and agreed-*

#### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 of the Relationship and Context Committee**

The Presbytery called for the Report of the Relationship and Context Committee which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Elijah Obinna, Convener.

*It was moved and seconded-*

#### **The Presbytery:**

1. Receive the report.
2. Note that Anne Cochrane and Christine O'Neill have been appointed the minute secretary and depute minute 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.

*It was moved, seconded and agreed as an amendment of the Deliverance:*

*Add a new section 4 and renumber:*

“Instruct the clerk to respond on behalf of Presbytery to the Consultation on the Replacement or Refurbishment of University Hospital Monklands noting that Presbytery

- a) view positively the proposal to build a new hospital to replace University Hospital Monklands;
- b) express some concern about whether there will be adequate transport links to access the new hospital from the rural areas of Clydesdale District;
- c) urge that full consideration should be given to ensuring that Spiritual Care and Wellbeing be seen as a significant component in the provision of care and that a well designed and centrally-located Spiritual Care and Wellbeing Centre be included in the plans.”

*It was moved, seconded and agreed as an amendment of the Deliverance:*

*Amend section 5 to read:*

‘Encourage Kirk Sessions and individuals to respond to the consultation on the redevelopment of the University Hospital Monklands (UHM).’

*The Deliverance as amended was then agreed.*

### **Report of the Presbytery Support Committee**

The Presbytery called for the Report of the Presbytery Support Committee which was given in by Mr. Scott Paget, Convener.

*It was moved, seconded and agreed-*

The Report of the Presbytery Support Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Scott Paget. It was moved and seconded:

#### **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 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.
4. 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.
5. 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 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 and instruct the Kirk Session to conduct a review of the appointment after six months.
6. Invite applications for the position of Presbytery Treasurer.

### **Young People and Decision Making in the Church**

The Convener of the Presbytery Support Committee invited members of Presbytery to consider how the voices of young people are heard in decision making at both local and regional levels of Church. To aid the discussion Presbytery heard from Mr George Sneddon, Kirkmuirhill (Candidate in Training) and Rev Louise MacKay, Lanark: St. Nicholas on their experiences as a young person growing up in the Church.

The Moderator offered congratulations to Rev Louise MacKay minister at Lanark: St. Nicholas on her recent engagement and offered a prayer of blessing for her engagement to Jason. The Presbytery offered Miss MacKay hearty congratulations and celebrated together with cake.

The Presbytery suspended their sitting at 8:45pm until 8:55pm.

After a time of discussion, feedback was sought from the groups and all members of Presbytery were urged to take the discussion to their Kirk Sessions in respect of how they can include the voice of young people within their church leadership.

### **Intimations**

The Clerk informed members of presbytery that they should inform Clerks of 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

Mr Alan Grant intimated that on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in Coalburn Parish Church a service will be held to mark the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Coalburn Parish Church.

### **Adjournment:**

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

### **Closure**

The Moderator closed the meeting by offering a prayer of blessing.

### **Moderator**

### **Clerk**

## **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.