

**INNERLEITHEN 2 OCTOBER 2018.** At Innerleithen Church on Tuesday the second day of October 2018, the Presbytery met at 7pm and was constituted by the Moderator, Rev Julie Rennick.

**SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES:** There were present 12 ministers and 25 elders whose names were recorded in the attendance book. Apologies were also recorded in the book.

**MINUTES:** The minute of the meeting of 4 September 2018 was submitted and approved.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:** The order of business was approved as circulated, save that the report on the Presbytery Review Pilot would be postponed till a later meeting.

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE:** Rev Calum Macdougall, Convener, presented the report of the Business Committee. Presbytery received the report.

1. Discipline Overture – Presbytery appointed an Order of the Day at 8 pm during the meeting of Presbytery on Tuesday 6 November 2018 to consider and hold a ballot on the Overture. Presbytery also noted that a guidance note on the Overture and the ballot process had been prepared by the Clerk and included with the Presbytery papers.
2. Presbytery noted with approval that at a Congregational Meeting held in Caddonfoot on 18 March 2018, the congregation of Caddonfoot Parish Church resolved to move from a Model Deed to the Unitary Constitution. Presbytery instructed the Clerk to send to the Delegation of Assembly an extract minute of the decision made by the congregation and of the Presbytery approval.
3. Presbytery noted that the Clerk has referred a matter to the Convener of the Governance Committee under section 4 of the Protection Against Bullying Act 2007.
4. Presbytery appointed Mr David Brackenridge and Dr Peter Worthington as members of the Transition Support Group for Rev Stewart McPherson, interim minister at Carlops l/w Kirkurd and Newlands l/w West Linton: St Andrews.
5. Presbytery noted that the Church of Scotland Nomination Committee is seeking nominations for the Church's various committees and councils, by the end of November 2018.
6. Presbytery noted that Mr Alastair Rennick has agreed to be appointed as Presbytery Treasurer from a date to be agreed in 2019, and that a handover process is being put in place.

**STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Presbytery met in its Committees.

**AFTER A BREAK FOR TEA/COFFEE, PRESBYTERY RESUMED WITH ALL MEETING TOGETHER.**

**GOVERNANCE:** Rev Rosie Frew, Convener, presented the report of the Governance Committee. Presbytery received the report. Presbytery was reminded that Kirk Sessions are required to have Safeguarding training every three years; if any Kirk Sessions have not received training recently, they should contact the Presbytery Safeguarding Contact, Rev Sheila Moir.

**PROPERTY AND STEWARDSHIP:** In the absence of the Convener, Mr Fraser Simm presented the report of the Property and Stewardship Committee. Presbytery received the report. Presbytery approved a rebate of £870 from the Ministries and Mission contributions for Galashiels: St John's Church to be used for their Girls Brigade. Presbytery noted that the Ministries and Mission allocations for 2019 had now been published.

**PRESBYTERY PLANNING TASK GROUP REPORT:** Rev Rosie Frew, Convener, presented the report of the Presbytery Planning Task Group. Presbytery received the report. Presbytery noted the figures for the number of full-time equivalent ministers available for Presbyteries in 2023 and agreed that the figures should continue to be received as advisory. Presbytery agreed to make the following comments to the Ministries Council: "The Presbytery Planning Task Group is supportive of the reasoning behind the figure being advisory - to prevent too much focus being placed on just reaching a number. The PPTG accepts the advisory nature of the figure and will bear it in mind in its planning. The PPTG hopes that all Presbyteries would adopt this approach. The figures are not to be ignored".

**INTIMATIONS:**

1. Update to Presbytery Year Book: Please could you substitute in your Year Books the following new address for Mr Colin MacIntosh, Session Clerk at Selkirk Parish Church: 12 Brunton Park, Bowden, Melrose TD6 0SZ; Tel. 01835 822035.
2. A few additional copies of the Presbytery Year Book and Autumn Prayer diary were available to collect at Presbytery.
3. Reminder: Presbytery has arranged an Autumn Conference on the Middle East, to be held on 24 October 2018 in Innerleithen Church. A programme has been sent to Presbytery members and Session Clerks. Please do promote this event within your congregations and parishes.
4. An Edinburgh-based organisation called "Eat Well Age Well" is offering grants to charities engaged in projects to help elderly people to eat well in their homes; more information is available from the Clerk for any congregations interested in finding out more; or see the website: [www.eatwellagewell.org.uk](http://www.eatwellagewell.org.uk).
5. Presbytery noted with gratitude the gift received from Geoffrey Mattias to express his thanks for Presbytery's support during his midwife training.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

1. From Borders Street Pastors – the October 2018 update was sent out with the Presbytery Papers.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the Presbytery adjourned to meet for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 6 November 2018 at 7pm in Innerleithen Church, of which public intimation was made, and the *sederunt* was closed with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk