

PRESBYTERY of MELROSE and PEBBLES

The Presbytery will meet at **Broughton Church** on Tuesday 3 September 2019 at 7pm for the sacrament of Holy Communion and thereafter for ordinary business.

Victoria Linford, Clerk

Business

1. Constitute
2. Sederunt and Apologies
3. Welcome to new members
4. Minutes (pp95-97)
5. Order of Business
6. Farewell to Rev Calum Macdougall
7. Vacancy Procedure Committee (*report to follow*)
8. Business Committee
9. Standing Committee Reports:
 - (a) Mission and Service (*report enclosed as separate document*)
 - (b) Governance (pp3-4; *local and interim review reports enclosed separately*)
10. Intimations
11. Correspondence
12. Adjournment

**[REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED BEFORE THE COMMUNION SERVICE,
AT BROUGHTON CHURCH FROM 6.30PM]**

Business Committee

1. Presbytery Assembly Remits 2019:
 - (a) Presbytery remits to its Safeguarding Co-ordinator the instructions to Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions relating to Safeguarding (items 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14 on page 3 of the Remits Booklet, Safeguarding Committee), the Presbytery Safeguarding Co-ordinator to report to Presbytery by the December meeting.
 - (b) Presbytery remits to its Property and Stewardship Committee the instruction to Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions to “engage with the consultation process” in relation to the Land and Buildings Plan Consultation Paper (item 3 on page 5 of the Remits Booklet, General Trustees), the Property and Stewardship Committee to report to Presbytery by the December meeting.
 - (c) Presbytery remits to the Mission and Service Committee the instruction to those serving in recognised ministries of the Church and others to “familiarise themselves with the Code of Professional Practice and Good Conduct” (item 24 on page 6 of the Remits Booklet, Ministries Council), the Mission and Service Committee to report to Presbytery by the December meeting.
 - (d) Presbytery remits to the Mission and Service Committee the instruction to Kirk Sessions to “implement proposals for the payment of Ordained Local Ministers etc” (item 40 on page 6 of the Remits Booklet, Ministries Council), the Mission and Service Committee to report to Presbytery by the December meeting.
 - (e) Presbytery remits to the Mission and Service Committee the instruction to Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions to “engage with the characteristics of discipleship and explore how they are worked out in their own local context” (item 5 on page 6 of the Remits Booklet, Mission and Discipleship Council), the Mission and Service Committee to report to Presbytery by the December meeting.

- (f) Presbytery instructs all Committees to study other remits and bring relevant matters to Presbytery.
- (g) Presbytery instructs all ministers and elders to bring other relevant matters to the notice of their Kirk Sessions (see pages 1-8 of the Remits Booklet).
2. Presbytery reappoints Mr Fraser Simm as its Treasurer for 2019/20.
 3. Presbytery appoints [] as its Safeguarding Co-ordinator and thanks Rev Sheila Moir for her work as Safeguarding Co-ordinator over recent years.
 4. Presbytery appoints David Brackenridge as its Governance Convener with effect from the close of this meeting.
 5. Presbytery approves the membership of its Committees for 2019/20 as set out in the Presbytery Year Book.
 6. Presbytery approves the revised Standing Orders as set out in the Presbytery Year Book.
 7. Presbytery notes that Rev Jim Cutler will be appointed as locum to Eddleston l/w Peebles: Old upon the retirement of Rev Calum Macdougall.

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Intimations

1. The General Assembly 2019 Remits Booklet is enclosed electronically with these Presbytery papers; printed copies will be available as soon as they have been received by Presbytery.
2. The Presbytery Year Book 2019/20 is enclosed electronically as a draft; please could members of Presbytery check their entries. A final version will be issued for the October meeting, along with printed copies.
3. The Autumn Prayer diary is enclosed electronically with these Presbytery papers; some printed copies will also be available at the Presbytery meeting.
4. Please remember that applications for reductions in Ministry and Mission payments in 2020 should be with the Presbytery Clerk by 13 September 2019. There will need to be time for the applications to be reviewed by the Property and Stewardship Committee well before they have to be with Stewardship and Finance Department at “121” for processing. This is money to be used for mission in our Presbytery, so encourage your congregations to get their thinking caps on very soon. If you need another copy of the application form and guidelines, please contact the Clerk.
5. The next training arranged by Ministries Council for prospective Interim Moderators will take place on 26 October 2019 in Inverness; while this will not be geographically suitable for those in our Presbytery, an additional training day in another location may be held if there is enough demand. If you are interested in applying for Interim Moderator training, or can nominate an elder from a congregation in Presbytery who might be suitable for training, please contact the Clerk.
6. Presbytery notes that Rev Bob Milne has returned from his time in Zomba, Malawi and that he is willing to share with Presbytery details of his work there in recent months.

Correspondence

1. From Borders Street Pastors – the August 2019 update is enclosed electronically with these Presbytery papers; some printed copies will be available at the Presbytery meeting.