

PRESBYTERY of MELROSE and PEEBLES

The Presbytery will meet at **Innerleithen Church** on Tuesday 4 February 2020, at 7 pm for refreshments and committee meetings, and thereafter at 7.30 pm for ordinary business.

Peter Sandison, Assistant Clerk

Business

1. Constitute
2. Sederunt and Apologies
3. Minutes (pp 106-107)
4. Order of Business
5. Vacancy Procedure Committee – Channelkirk and Lauder; Farewell to Rev Rae Clark
6. Business Committee
7. Presbytery Planning Implementation Committee progress report on Plan [please note the change of title from “Group” to “Committee” to be in line with the Act] – 2 summaries of process documents enclosed: “Forming a Linking” and “Forming a Union”
8. Committee Reports
9. Update on website (John Henderson)
10. Intimations
11. Correspondence
12. Adjournment

Business Committee

1. The following commissioners for the General Assembly (16-23 May 2020) are still to be appointed: Caddonfoot I/w/ Galashiels: Trinity (Interim Moderator and elder); two elders to accompany former Moderators.
2. Presbytery encourages applications from young people aged 18-25 to attend the General Assembly 2020 as its Youth Representative; application forms and more details can be obtained from the Clerk.
3. Presbytery homologates the decision of the Moderator’s Committee (the Moderator, Clerk, Business Convener and Property and Stewardship Convener) on 23 December 2019 allowing Earlston Parish Church to grant a caretaker lease of its manse to a family in Earlston (members of the church) whose home was destroyed by fire on 22 December 2019, all under the advice and input of the General Trustees and Law Department of the Church of Scotland.
4. Congregational Statistics forms are now due – please could Kirk Sessions submit all remaining forms to the Assistant Clerk, Peter Sandison, as soon as possible.
5. Committees and Kirk Sessions are reminded to monitor compliance with the General Assembly Remits referred to them by Presbytery in its meeting of September 2019.
6. The Business Committee noted that after 12 years' service, Fraser Simm is looking to stand down as Treasurer of Presbytery. (It was planned for this to happen last year, but circumstances prevented that being followed through). The position does not have to be filled by a current member of Presbytery; further information can be provided to anyone interested and the plan is for a handover to take place during the summer.

Intimations

1. The Annual World Mission Group Meeting with Church Representatives will be held on Sunday 1st March from 2-4 pm in Innerleithen Church. It will focus on the work carried out by the local group.

Correspondence

1. Letter received from Selkirk Kirk Session regarding the funding of an extra 0.25 post for the proposed Selkirk High School Cluster with letters of support from Ashkirk and Ettrick & Yarrow Kirk Sessions.