

## **PRESBYTERY OF MELROSE AND PEEBLES**

The Presbytery will meet **BY ZOOM** on Tuesday 6 October 2020 for Ordinary Business at 7.30pm  
Victoria Linford, Clerk

### **HOW TO JOIN THE MEETING:**

Topic: Melrose and Peebles Presbytery Meeting

Time: Oct 6, 2020 7:30 PM

Link to join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/97768854154?pwd=YndxUnZucVV2WjJGbkM1eEhrZWVmUT09>

Meeting ID: 977 6885 4154

Passcode: 258745

Dial in number: 0131 460 1196 (use Meeting ID and Passcode above).

### **BUSINESS**

1. Constitute
2. Sederunt and Apologies
3. Minute of meeting on 1 September 2020 (pp114-115)
4. Order of Business
5. Business Committee
6. Vacancy Procedure Committee – Eddleston l/w/ Peebles: Old (p2)
7. Committee on Re-opening of Church Buildings – update from Convener and time for discussion
8. Presbytery Planning Implementation Group – report to follow after General Assembly
9. Standing Committee reports:
  - (a) Mission and Service – report to follow
10. Intimations
11. Adjournment

### **Business Committee**

1. Presbytery approves membership of its Committees for 2020/21 as set out in the Presbytery Year Book.
2. Presbytery notes that Conveners will call a Committee meeting before the November meeting of Presbytery.
3. Presbytery notes that the Church of Scotland met in General Assembly on 2-3 October 2020. It is proposed that a summary of the main decisions is given during the Presbytery meeting.
4. Following a request received from the Kirk Sessions of Ashkirk and Selkirk, Presbytery appoints Mr Gordon Junor, elder of Selkirk Parish Church, to be an Assessor Elder to the Ashkirk Kirk Session for a period of one year.

### **Intimations**

1. The Presbytery Yearbook 2020-21 is now available and will be sent out with Presbytery papers. Please use this online or print it at home if you can, but if anyone needs a printed copy sent by post please contact the Clerk.

## **Report of the Vacancy Procedure Committee - October 2020**

Following the recent resignation of the Very Reverend Dr Finlay Macdonald as Interim Moderator for Eddleston linked with Peebles: Old, the Committee met (minus Mr Tom Fairbairn as an interested party). It agreed to appoint the Rev Pamela Strachan with immediate effect. The Committee thanked the Very Reverend Dr Finlay Macdonald for the work he has carried out in working towards adopting the Presbytery Plan within the parishes.

### **Deliverance:**

1. Presbytery receives the report.
2. Presbytery notes the decision of the Vacancy Procedure Committee to appoint the Rev Pamela Strachan as Interim Moderator of Eddleston l/w Peebles: Old with immediate effect.
3. Presbytery notes the thanks given by the Committee to the Very Reverend Dr Finlay Macdonald for the work he has carried out towards adopting the Presbytery Plan within the charge of Eddleston l/w Peebles: Old.