

The Scottish Episcopal Church

Greyfriars

Kirkcudbright

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th November 2017 at Greyfriars House.

- 1 **The opening prayer** was given by the Revd. Stephen Hazlett. Present at the meeting were: The Rector (SH); Vivien Dania (VD); Gwen Shaw (GS); Sue Davies (SD); Nigel Davies (ND); John Boyd (JB) Neil Dyson (ND) and Tom Jones (TJ).
- 2 **Apologies for absence:** apologies were received from Grant Oliver and Bob Reddaway.
- 3 **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th September 2017:** these were agreed and signed by the Rector.
- 4 **Reports:**
 - a. *Lay representative:* Sue Davies (SDJ) that there had been a meeting at Greyfriars on 3rd October for lunch and 2pm for meeting which was for Galloway Council and the discussion was about Scottish Refugees. The Rector reported that the AGM for St John's Dumfries will be on 21st November and a new Rector had been appointed; timings 12.30 – 1.30pm lunch and 2.30pm for the meeting: the Rector will preach.
 - b. *Treasurer:* In Grant Oliver's absence he had given a breakdown on the accounts which were distributed at the meeting. The only addition was that there was £400 in the Flower Fund. The Rector confirmed that he had asked for the fees for Dalbeattie and Castle Douglas to go into our joint account; also monies received for funerals etc. will also come to our joint account with St Mary's. Report circulated at the meeting.
 - c. *Property:* Nigel Davies (ND) gave an update on the Church, and Rectory and John Boyd (JB) on Greyfriars House. ND spoke about the last refurbishment in 2002/3 and that now there was a smartwater kit that can mark church property which he will purchase. (Report at **Appendix 1**. There are various grants that could be applied for Greyfriars House and they would be explored. Nigel Davies was dealing with the SEC Church Property report and he was completing what he could on line. Input is still required from Grant Oliver, and the Rector. GS will assist, collate and complete on line.
 - d. *Churches Together:* Doreen Blackadder had produced a comprehensive report **attached at Appendix 2**.
 - e. *Protection of Vulnerable Adults & Children:* Gwen Shaw (GS) had nothing to report other than that she would give a full report for the AGM. She had some concerns about William Evans not coming to church as often as in the past.

5 **AGM Sunday 26th November 2017:**

Discussion took place on who will be due to stand down this year: Neil, Vivien, and John Boyd. Tom Jones would be standing down as Lay Representative. Barbara Hawkesworth (BH) is willing to stand as Lay Representative and Sue Davis (SD) agreed to continue for the present as Assistant Lay Rep. The Rector confirmed he is preparing his report and wished to record his thanks to the outgoing members of the Vestry, especially Tom Jones as the outgoing Lay Representative.

6 **Other Matters:**

- a) *Church Services:* The Rector spoke about the recent Baptism and about 90 had attended and at Harvest Festival. approx. 55 people had attended. The Church was beautifully decorated as a team effort. On **10th December** the 9 lessons and Carols would be held at **3pm** and not 4pm. **Christmas Services** will be held on Christmas Eve at 11am and Midnight Mass at 11.15pm and Christmas Day at 11am. There will be a string quartet at the Reflective Prayer Service on 30th November involving KBT Churches Together.
 - b) *Resignation of the Flower Convenor Mrs Patricia Oliver.* It's with sadness we report that Mrs Patricia Oliver has resigned as Flower Convenor after many years of dedicated and beautiful work on the flowers in church. A letter/card and flowers are to be arranged to thank her for her many years of dedicated work. **Action Gwen Shaw**
 - c) *Broadband Termination:* John Boyd confirmed that he has terminated the Broadband connection due to under use. He also reported that the **Games night on 6th November** had been a very good evening much enjoyed by all that attended and had been a great success. Agreed to send a small donation of £30 with a letter of thanks to Father William for the use of the Hall. **Action John Boyd.**
 - d) *SEC Inventory 2017:* Assistance would be asked from Alec Blackadder to take photos of items. **Action Nigel Davies.**
 - e) *Provincial Building Grants Fund:* The Secretary confirmed that we have received correspondence concerning this and *National Lottery; Grants for Churches Guidelines:* all details are on the Diocesan website.
- NB Letter from D & G ref overhanging branches of 18th September The work on the overhanging branches has still not been done. Neil Dyson undertook to do this over the coming weekend as the matter was now very urgent. **Action Neil Dyson.**

7 **Greyfriars & St Mary's Website;** Vestry Feedback was excellent and the Rector thanked Rachel Inglis for all her hard work and excellent presentation.

8 **Correspondence:**

There was nothing of note to report.

9 **Winter Wonderland Saturday 2nd December 2017.**

Vivian Dania (VD) confirmed that all was going ahead as planned and again a donation had been received from David Coulthard and he had sent his book to be auctioned. She had asked DGWO to put the details on their website. Father Christmas this year would be Robin Shields with his wife Rose (an Inner Wheel member) as his Elf with Pauline Saul as Mother Christmas. There had been some discussions with the Harbour Master about H & S. and (ND) will confirm the

requirements with him. Ukefrolics would **not** now be coming: suggestion to provide Christmas CD's and the Rector will see if he can sort some musicians. Inner Wheel ladies had confirmed they would do the teas. **Action Vivien Dania**

10 A .O.C.B:

- Sue Davis (SD) reminded us that this year there will again be a **Christmas Tree Festival** in the Parish Church starting on 9th December: the Sunday School would be asked to contribute. **Action Sue Davis.**
- Bishop Gregor will be coming to Preach and Celebrate on **4th February** with our Sunday School present: timings would change slightly with him at St Mary's at 9.30am and our service starting at **11.15am** that day: followed by a Bring & Share lunch in Greyfriars House. We would invite St Mary's to join us. **Action Gwen Shaw**
- Reminder about **Gift Sunday on 3rd December** with Sunday school in attendance, unwrapped gifts to be brought.

11 Prayer: the meeting concluded with the Grace at 8.45pm.