



MEETING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL BOARD
OF NEWTONHILL PARISH CHURCH HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 5th JUNE 2019 AT 19.00 IN THE CHURCH

The meeting was constituted with prayer.

Hugh thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Present R Annand, M Brooks, R Browning, E Bruce, H Conkey (c),
K Fraser, M Hogg, A Howie, J Leighton, P O'Hara, D Platt,
N Stephen, M Stewart

Apologies Z Ashby, W Croft, K Cruickshank, P Platt, J Soper

Minutes The first Minute of the meeting held on 24th April 2019 relating to
Accounts was approved. The second Minute of meeting held 24th
April 2019 was also approved.

Matters arising A suitable replacement for Laptop/Projector Trolley to be sourced
in order to adequately accommodate technological equipment.
The late Don MacDonald had crafted the 'Numbers Board' for our
Church and it was therefore felt appropriate to arrange for an
inscription to be mounted on the Board.

Finance

a. Treasurer's Report **Income for April and May 2019** - Income from giving fell by
£600 in February and May and is slightly up (£200) on 2018
figures. Fundraising has done very well so far this year and is
already over half budget at £1,800. During the 2 months Soupa
Tuesday raised £241, Car Wash £108, Pub Quiz £400 and Café
Kirk £320. Donations: Bible Study £16, Cards by Wendy £42,
Easter Bacon Rolls £63. Thanks to all. Electricity Bill refund
£202. We raised £205 for Christian Aid. Income against budget
sitting at 49%, 7.5% or £2000 above budget. Well done.
Expenditure for February and March 2019 – All expenses as
expected and nothing unusual to report. Organist £200, Pulpit
Supply £200 and Trophy Engraving £8.50. Expenditure slightly
under budget by 7% or £2,000.
Bank Balance is £54,075 and includes restricted funds of around
£10-£11,000 dedicated to Communication Fund and Cafe Kirk.
Everything doing well.
Thanks to Roy for the Quiz, the Fundraising Team and Zoe.

b. Ministries and Mission To enable the work of the Church of Scotland in 2019 total
contribution to Ministries and Mission for 2019 has been notified
as £20,898.

Fund Raising A busy Soupa Tuesday had been held before the summer break.
Organisation was underway for provision of Teas at the Skateraw
Fair. Those willing to bake and volunteers to help are encouraged
to add their names to the lists. Dressing-up would not take place
this year. Café Kirk may possibly be affected by development of
alternative venue in the Village.

Fabric	Manse Bathroom – Alexander Duthie & Sons and North East Interiors had been contacted and appointments made to obtain quotations. Once in receipt of the quotations Zoe would be requested to contact the Insurer.
Accessibility to Church	Improvements to the path from the pavement/car park were discussed to increase accessibility by wheelchair and motor scooter to the Church. Alex Cattenach, builder, had been contacted regarding visit and quotation for resetting of pathway slabs at the east corner. Further consideration to be given on ways to facilitate smooth access.
Publicity	Information for ‘Newsy’ had been sent to Melanie Torrence. The Car Wash was highlighted on the front-page of the Church Website. Once approved by the Presbytery the documents produced during the Presbytery Local Church Review will be posted on the website. CD’s of the morning service were available for use by interested parties and requests should be made via Jennifer Leighton. If posters or publicity are required to promote the Skateraw Fair, Holiday Club or any other events, please liaise with Wendy Croft.
Web Master Report	Webmaster had received good input for the website from various sources. Reachout items could be reproduced via digital medium. It was felt we had a good website.
Local Church Review Acceptance	Acceptance of Documents. LCR01, LCR02, LCR03 to be sent to Presbytery. Document LC03 was compiled by the visiting Team. The report was friendly and commending with two recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The minister takes study leave to which he is entitled; and b) The congregation re-establishes a regular opportunity for prayer. No Board action was required at this time. 5-Year Plan Update referred to Session. A good job done by everyone involved and especially on 5 th May.
Service Recording Rollout Update	In addition to the small red ‘recording on’ indicator light previously discussed it was suggested and accepted that an another indicating activity for ‘minister microphone’ would be helpful.
Internet Options For the Church	In reconsideration it was felt that a mobile solution, as opposed to fixed-line, would be the preferable option and easy to upgrade. It was agreed to try Mobile at 8GB per month. Steve would install. Once installed a small team would meet to discuss governance and follow up with a report to Board.

Stewardship

There was nothing to report as, due to commitments, a meeting had not taken place. However, it was intended to meet soon.

Extension Committee

Nothing to report.

AOCB

There were a number of people who experienced difficulty in hearing what had been said at times during the Service last Sunday. Hugh would endeavour to resolve.

Primary School Sports Day to take place on Thursday 13th June. Permission was sought to allow parents and participants access to Church lavatories from 9.30 am. to 12.00 noon. Jennifer Leighton would open up Church and ensure all in order until midday.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st August 2019 at 7.00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with the Grace.

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Convenor

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Clerk