

## LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

The Kirk Session met on-line (using Zoom) on the evening of 23 February 2021. The Rev. Hilda Smith opened the meeting with a short reading from Isaiah (verses 8-11), before constituting the meeting with prayer.

### **Sederunt**

Rev. Hilda Smith (Moderator), Elma Munro, Ian Davidson, Jessie Cranston, Malcolm MacFadyen, Margaret Davidson, Margaret Jacobsen, Mary MacDonald, May Taylor and Sandy Taylor.

### **Apologies for Absence**

Edna Armstrong.

### **MINUTES**

No minutes were circulated for approval.

### **VIRTUAL MEETINGS**

the Kirk Session formerly agreed to continue the work of the Kirk Session by meeting on-line.

### **CHURCH ACCOUNTS**

Our Treasurer, Mary spoke to our financial position highlighting the difficulty experienced in January when 'we had a big deficit' and again when preparing a 2021 budget, due to uncertainty, recognising amongst other things the downward trend in members income and the consequences arising from the lack of church fundraising activity.

Members put a number of questions to Mary, including one relating specifically on the reported £4,000 investment funds, and another about War Stock? (*It has since been established that the War Stock is no longer in our portfolio*).

**Decision:** Mary to enquire about the potential to realise the investment asset, with the potential to repay the Project Fund.

**Decision:** Agreed the transfer of £5,000 to the General Fund as above.

**Decision:** The Church accounts were unanimously agreed.

### **CHURCH OPENING and WORSHIP**

Members discussed the re-opening of the Church, as we anticipate the Scottish Government's plans to move out of lockdown.

Although there were two 'thoughts' as to how this would be best managed, Hilda made clear her position that we should not look to re-opening before May/June.

**Decision:** Given the majority view, it was decided to defer any decision to open the church, and that review this issue again in mid-March.

**Decision:** Elders were asked to determine – through enquiry – the e-mail addresses of members of the church, in order to facilitate communication with the congregation.

Hilda committed to continuing use of on-line resources to publish a weekly 'Reflections'.

### **BENEDICTION**

The Rev Hilda Smith closed the meeting with the Benediction.

