

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

The Kirk Session met on-line (using Zoom) on the evening of 8 April 2021. The Rev. Hilda Smith opened the meeting with a short reading from Psalm 46 (verses 1-7), before constituting the meeting with prayer.

Sederunt

Rev. Hilda Smith (Moderator), Ian Davidson, Jessie Cranston, Margaret Davidson, Mary MacDonald, May Taylor and Sandy Taylor.

Apologies for Absence

Edna Armstrong, Elma Munro and Margaret Jacobsen.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Kirk Session held on 23 February 2021 were read and approved; proposed by Ian Davidson, seconded Margaret Davidson.

SAFEGUARDING

No report

TREASURER

No report

FABRIC

Ian reported on a number of fabric issues, providing an update, outlining proposed actions and requesting approval for certain actions, as follows:

i. **Church Roof**

Ian reported the need for work to be undertaken to prevent a significant deterioration in the church. Ian recommended the use of the £40,000 in the Renewal Fund for church repairs, given that we (will acknowledge) that we are not going to be able to build the Link Corridor at this time. Ian advised that to do so we would need to gain the consent of certain funders, to use donated funds for these purposes.

Included in this work is the need to replace lead flashings. **Decision: The KS agreed this work.** Ian to expedite on receipt of tenders.

ii. **Church Entrance Door**

The Side Door has suffered irreparable damage and is in need of replacement. Ian offered his view that the door although specified and supplied as an external door has not lasted as expected. **Decision: The KS agreed this work.**

iii. **Roof/Lead Flashings to Hall Roof**

iv. Ian reported on the findings and advice from ACC Builders who have undertaken work but finds that there remains a dampness problem. Ian is of the view that is a condensation problem, and is considering whether passive vents to the roof void would address the problem. The Presbytery Property Convenor has been invited to provide further advice on a solution.

v. **Redecoration of the Hall**

Ian spoke to the state of decoration of the Hall and his recommendation that we refresh it before opening again. Ian suggested a work party to do the walls and employment of a contractor to do the woodwork. Ian reported an estimated cost of £900 for this painter work, to be met from the Fabric Fund. **Decision: The KS agreed this work.**

vi. Grass Cutting

Ian suggested that we reduce the frequency of cuts by 2, to 3 cuts per annum, and we look to create a wildflower garden, which will require some work in the first instance.

ATTESTATION OF RECORDS

Hilda spoke to this item, addressing a list of reports/ledgers to be approved by the Kirk Session, Inc.

- Register of Baptisms
- Fabric – Manse Condition Survey
- Kirk Session Minutes (Session Clerk awaiting return of the ‘KS Minutes Binder’)
- Congregational Roll (May updated Members of the current numbers. The KS discussed the status of certain members and movement in numbers.) (May to bring an update to the next meeting)
- Safeguarding Register (self assessment needs to be completed)
- GDPR Checklist (Sandy to bring forward a note on the things we need to do in this regard)
- Ministry & Mission mandate (Mary to clarify the need for a mandate?)

UNCERTAINTY, CHURCH OPENING and WORSHIP

a. Hilda spoke to the planned meeting with the Rev. David Mitchell and the future of Mid Argyll churches, in light of a move to address the falling number of Ministers and congregation numbers.

b. On the question of Church opening we resolved to re-open as of 6th June, and thereafter weekly. **Decision: The KS agreed that we should dispose of old seat pads, which were unclean, or beyond repair and cleaning. It was agreed that new seat pads would be provided.**

BENEDICTION

The Rev Hilda Smith closed the meeting with the Benediction.

Moderator *(date)*

Session Clerk *(date)*