

Minutes of Elders Meeting held on the 19th August 2021 at 7.30pm at Culduthel Christian Centre

Elders : Norman Cordiner, Allan Dunbar, Duncan Dundas, Angus Jamieson and Alasdair MacLeod.

Apologies: David Goudie

Secretary : George Mackenzie

The elders meeting opened with prayer

Devotion

Alasdair read from 2 Peter 3 v18.

v17 talks about the dangers of being led astray leading into v18 where there is encouragement to grow in grace in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Alasdair considered our church statement should reflect this and recommended "Making disciples that make a difference". The church leaders should intentionally spend time with a few so that they can help many. This was Jesus's example with the 12 disciples.

Duncan prayed

1. Leadership Course

A leadership course was discussed that could be used to help potential leaders develop their skills. For example, leadership in home groups and eldership.

2. Membership & Baptism

The elders had met with Mairi Gillies, Willie Hogg, Duncan Brown, Mike Crockett and Morrison and Aga Hamilton over the last few weeks and recommend them all for membership. They will be welcomed in at church services over the next few weeks.

James and Dawn Beaton and Iona MacFarlane have all requested church membership and will be visited by elders over the next few weeks.

The following baptism services have taken place:

13th June - Melissa O'Riordan

20th June - Michael Crockett

27th June – Willie Hogg (Loch Ness)

27th June – Fiona Hamilton

4th July – Marie Gillies

11th July - Iona MacFarlane

3. Rebuilding Church Life

Norman went through the various requirements and recommendations regarding church life and the pandemic. We are still required to wear masks at church services (but are hopeful this will be reviewed). At coffee times masks should be worn when circulating and people should maintain social distance and should be respectful of each other. Detailed notes will be in the weekly handout.

4. Communion

Communion will re-introduced on Sunday evenings and Wednesdays. Sunday mornings will continue to focus on families, children and youth.

5. Prayer Meeting

The coffee and prayer meeting on Wednesday evening 1st September, from 7.30 til 8.30, will focus on the rebuilding of church life and the appointment of new elders.

6. AGM

The AGM is set for 15th September.

The AGM notice and Annual Accounts will be sent out to church members on Friday 20th August. This AGM notice will include the normal items (Pastors report, accounts etc) together with youth items and the new elders appointments.

Alasdair will ask the prospective elders to prepare a statement about themselves by the morning of 30th August, which should be forwarded to the church secretary in order for it to be circulated to the church members, prior to the prayer meeting on Wednesday 1st September. Voting instructions will be emailed at the same time. Voting will be by email (except for those who don't use email).and all votes should be cast by Tuesday 14th September, to allow approval or otherwise at the AGM.

Alasdair will chair the AGM.

Activity reports will also be circulated to members. A note will be put in both the weekly notices and in emails to ask group leaders to submit reports to the church secretary

7. Home Group Meetings

These can recommence provided those attending are comfortable with meeting in homes. Otherwise, there are rooms available in the church.

8. Praise and Worship

Looking forward to church completely reopening without restrictions and full music bands and congregations

9. Employment Law

It was agreed to use a management company to provide employment services for the benefit of employees and the church.

10. 40th Year Anniversary

Next year is the 40-year church anniversary and it is envisaged that there will be an event to celebrate this.

Angus closed in prayer

Next Elders Meeting

Wednesday 23rd September 2021 7.30pm at Culduthel Christian Centre