

Minutes of Elders Meeting

Date: 7th October 2021

Time: 7.30pm

At: Culduthel Christian Centre

In Attendance

Norman Cordiner, Alan Cuthbert, Allan Dunbar, Jonathan Dunbar, Duncan Dundas, David Goudie, William Hamilton, Angus Jamieson, Alasdair MacLeod, Daniel Stephen

Apologies

George Mackenzie

Devotions

Alasdair led us with some devotions as he has been preparing this week for Harvest. The Old Testament harvest festival was a time to stop and give thanks for the Lord's gracious provision making provision for the poor and vulnerable.

There was a time of prayer.

1. Membership

The following have been welcomed into membership Melissa O'Riordan, Willie Hogg, Michael Crockett, Marie Gillies and Iona MacFarlane.

Duncan Brown, Morrison and Aga Hamilton will be welcomed into membership in a service as soon as possible.

There was a time of prayer for the above mentioned folks.

2. Financials

Duncan Dundas tabled a report for the preceding 2 months. Duncan was asked to pull all income and expenditure together for future reports. There was an update on the Harvest Foodbank appeal.

3. Future Speakers

Alasdair noted that Pastor Wahabi Osagie from Jesus House would be sharing on prayer and fasting on 24th October, Matthew Skirton of OM would be preaching on 15th May 2022

4. Equipping and support for new elders

Alan Cuthbert is proposing to speak with the new elders to produce a list of topics / questions that it would be helpful to cover, such as pastoral care, dealing with bereavement, visitation, link elders.

It was agreed that they would meet and pull together a list of items for discussion. Alasdair will also meet with the new Elders to look at topics covered and explore possible ways of delivering this support before the next Elders meeting.

5. Listening Ear

Janet prepared a paper regarding a drop-in place which was circulated in advance of the meeting.

The Elders are generally supportive of this proposal, but more detail is required to allow this to proceed.

Alan Cuthbert and David are to meet with Janet to discuss further.

6. Track and Trace

A paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting which looked at church services beyond level zero. There was some discussion on the paper, and agreement on the wording was reached to allow an email to be sent to the fellowship this week.

The Risk Assessment will require to be updated.

7. Fellowship weekend at Faskally 11-13 March.

There was a discussion on a proposal from Hazel Ferrier who has got support from a core group to organise a fellowship weekend. It was noted that Alan Imrie has raised some questions from health and safety perspective and that infection control needs to be considered. There is a need to revisit when the Covid situation is clearer.

Whilst there is a desire to encourage, there are also reservations due to Covid-19 issues. More detail is required.

JD is to feedback to Hazel.

8. Discipleship

This is central to the re-building of the church and the fulfilment of our mission. Fred Drummond emphasised this on Sunday. Equipping 1:1 and in relational groups of various sizes with the objective of growing disciples who can disciple others.

A discipleship strategy will be shared at homegroup leaders meeting 2nd December. Alasdair noted that discipleship groups / homegroups need to grow and become more important in the fellowship.

As leaders, our commitment to relational discipleship will influence others to follow.

9. Pastoral Update

It was noted that the pastoral care was delivered as a team ministry and not just the pastor only.

There was a discussion on current pastoral issues.

10. Next Meetings:

Elders and team leaders Thursday 28 October 7:30pm at Culduthel Christian Centre

Elders Meeting November 18th November 7:30pm at Culduthel Christian Centre

11. AOB

Alasdair away on training course in Nottingham on 13th and 14th October.

Alasdair on holiday Sunday 17th October to Sunday 24th October.

Leadership Course: A leadership course was discussed that could be used to help potential leaders develop their skills.

12. Prayer

The meeting closed with a time of prayer