

**EDINBURGH SLATEFORD LONGSTONE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
THE KIRK SESSION MET ON MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2012 AT 7.00PM IN THE SESSION ROOM**

Sederunt: Mesdames L Baillie, B Bald, S Davidson, A Fairley, M Fulton, J Gordon, M Hynd, M Marshall and S Riddoch
Messrs C Campbell, Rev M Frew and I Welsh

Apologies: Mesdames L Campbell, C Edwards, J Fox, S Ward and R Welsh

The Rev Michael Frew opened the meeting with a reading from 1 Peter chapter 5 vv1-5 and a prayer.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of meeting Monday 8 October, previously circulated, were approved.

2. Communion Roll: Session noted

- a) Deaths: Nil
- b) Additions: Nil
- c) Removals: Nil
- d) Change of Address: Hugh Campbell to Flat 301 Carlyle Court, 173 Comely Bank Road, EH4 1DJ

3. Minister's Report

Start! Course: The minister reported that this course is now complete. Ros Fraser assisted with the course and two members attended. They are being contacted to discuss their next steps

Andy Haddow: The minister informed Session that Andy Haddow, who was on placement with us a few years ago, is minister elect of Coldingham linked with Eyemouth. His induction is on Friday 16 November, and he hopes to attend

Crèche: Sheila Ward has indicated that although she is willing to arrange this, it might be better – given her work situation – to approach someone else. She is still willing to be part of a rota

Session Conference: The following arrangements were agreed for the next Session conference:- Suggested date is Saturday 7 September 2013 and we will try to book Heriot Watt Chaplaincy Centre. Rita's course does not finish until June or July and we agreed we would wait until after this to hold the conference.

4. New Elders

Session was invited to put forward names for those they feel may be suitable for approach to be considered for the Eldership. Names suggested were Helen Carruthers, Sharon Taylor, Michael Taylor, Janette Pollock, Dennise Brown, Ian Brown. It was agreed approaches would be made to all of those named. The minister will make the initial approach and the individuals will be told they can speak to any current Elders if they want to find out more about it before making a decision.

5. Pastoral Care

The newly formed Pastoral Care Team held their first full meeting late October. Currently they are just settling in and the congregation will need time to get used to approaching the Elders with specific responsibilities.

6. Worship Committee

Nothing to report

6. Board Report

Roof Repair: The roof repair is going well and should be finished next week.

Memorial Garden: Edinburgh & Lothian Green Space Trust is to visit the next Board meeting to discuss ways they may be able to help us with the memorial garden.

7. Presbytery Report

Nothing to report

8. Correspondence

Fresh Start: Ian McFadden of Fresh Start has requested to visit the Church to explain what they do and how they work in tandem with Bethany. Session agreed to invite Ian to come along and speak to the congregation.

9. Any Other Business

Session Privy Purse: Mary Hynd advised she has had notification from the Bank that they have closed the Session Privy Purse account as they no longer run the type of account we were using. It was agreed we would leave the Privy Purse dormant and consider holding specific collections if required for specific items.

Easter Communion: As Easter falls on Sunday 31 March it was agreed we would hold communion on this Sunday and cancel communion on the first Sunday in April 2013.

10. Dates of Next Meetings: These were fixed for Monday 14 January 2013, Monday 4 March 2013 and Monday 13 May 2013 to be held at 7.00pm in the Session Room.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 8.00pm with each blessing the others.

SUZANNE E RIDDOCH
Session Clerk

REV. MICHAEL W FREW
Moderator
