

**EDINBURGH SLATEFORD LONGSTONE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
THE KIRK SESSION MET ON MONDAY 14 JANUARY 2013 AT 7.00PM IN THE SESSION ROOM**

Sederunt: Mesdames L Baillie, L Campbell, A Fairley, M Fulton, J Gordon, M Hynd, S Riddoch and S Ward
Messrs C Campbell and Rev M Frew

Apologies: Mesdames B Bald, S Davidson C Edwards, J Fox, M Marshall and R Welsh
Messrs I Welsh

The Rev Michael Frew opened the meeting with a reading from Psalm 148 and a prayer.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of meeting Monday 5 November, previously circulated, were approved
2. **Communion Roll:** Session noted
 - a) Deaths: Agnes Thomas of 20 Redhall Gardens
 - b) Additions: Nil
 - c) Removals: Nil
 - d) Change of Address: Mary Millar of Haugh Park to Davidson House, 266 Colinton Road, Edinburgh

Session noted:

Attestation of the Communion Roll as at 31 December 2012.

Annual Statistics: The Clerk has submitted Annual Statistics as at 31 December 2012 to Presbytery as follows:

Members as at 1.1.12

261 (incl 2 adherents)

Removed	by death	10	
	by transfer	5	
	otherwise	6	-21

Added	by profession	0	
	by transfer	0	+0

Members as at 31.12.11

240 (incl 2 adherents)

Supplementary Roll as at 31.12.11

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Session noted and accepted the statistics.

It was also agreed that we should check the Supplementary Roll against the Electoral Roll to see if anyone has left the Parish.

3. Minister's Report

Start! Course: One of the attendees on the course has indicated she is not yet ready to come to Church membership. The minister has still to visit the other attendee.

Crèche: Janette Pollock has agreed to organise a crèche rota to provide cover when there are young children at Church.

New Month / New Worship: The minister reported that with Rob Mackenzie's imminent departure from St David's Broomhouse, there was some uncertainty over the future of these joint events. However, the deacon at St David's has indicated that she is keen to be involved in the sharing of the leadership of these. Marion Henderson has also agreed to help with the musical input. Session agreed that if people are willing to organise these services then they should continue.

Prayer Service: The minister reported that the numbers attending these services are small and asked Session for their view on whether these should continue or not. The minister will seek the views of those attending to see if they wish to continue. One of the aims was to bring more people along to a more informal type of worship and prayer but this aim has not been achieved. In view of the small numbers attending it may be more sustainable to have a prayer meeting rather than a prayer service. Session agreed they would be happy for this to continue in whatever format the attendees would prefer.

Fresh Start: Session was reminded that Ian McFadden of Fresh Start would be visiting on Sunday 24 February and speaking to the congregation about the work Fresh Start does.

Frontline Course: The minister would like to run another Lent course as the one last year had around 15 attendees and was well received. He has found material from The London Institute for Contemporary Christianity called Frontline and this looks like suitable material for a 6 week course. Session agreed to this course running.

Holy Week: Holy Week Services are still to be arranged but Session agreed to participate in whatever the minister feels is appropriate when he meets with local churches to discuss.

4. New Elders

Sharon Taylor, Helen Carruthers and Dennise Brown have agreed they would like to explore further. The minister and session clerk will meet with the 3 interested parties for at least 2 meetings. Janette Pollock declined as she does not feel eldership is for her. Michael Taylor and Ian Brown declined at this time due to other commitments.

Pastoral/

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5. Pastoral Care

Jean Gordon reported that no-one has mentioned any regular attendees who have not been coming to Church. Alison Fairley also reported that she has not had much activity on the bereavement front either. It was agreed it is likely to take some time for people to get used to our new way of working and reporting things to the appropriate elders.

6. Worship Committee

Bereavement Service: Those involved in the organisation felt it was very worthwhile with those attending appreciating the service.

Cake Sunday: This will be Sunday 27 January and arrangements are well under way.

7. Board Report

Edinburgh & Lothians Green Space Trust: Mark V??? came to talk to the Board about the Memorial Garden. We will have to do some work on this ourselves if we wish to progress.

Budget: the Board has set a budget of around £59,000 for 2013 and we will hold a joint meeting with Board and Session members on 4 March to agree the budget.

8. Presbytery Report

Local Churches: Alan Cobain will be leaving St Nicholas, Sighthill in February and Rob MacKenzie will be leaving St David's, Broomhouse in February. The minister spoke to Grant Gordon, Convenor of the Deployment of Resources Committee to find out if these resignations would affect our own position. We have had written confirmation that both congregations would be allowed to call a minister on reviewable tenure. It is expected Slateford Longstone will be reviewed at some point in 2013.

Safeguarding: We will in future have to submit 2 copies of our Safeguarding Register for the annual inspection of records.

Word Mission Committee: China **sorry Mike I didn't take any notes here can you help??**

Mission Partners: George & Margaret Shand will be on deployment within Presbytery in April and it is hoped there may be an opportunity for people to meet with them during this visit.

Heart & Soul: The Heart & Soul event will again run in 2013 – details to follow when they are known.

9. Correspondence

Children & Young People's Worker: Suzi Farrant is looking for a congregational contact for various ages throughout the congregation. Suzanne Riddoch will be the contact for Sunday Club, we will get a name for Lazer Group and Sheila Ward agreed to be the contact for young adults.

10. Any Other Business

Cradle Roll: Marion Fulton wants to know how the Cradle Roll system works as she has recently taken over this work for the Guild. The minister will liaise with Marion to organise this.

11. Date of Next Meeting: This was fixed for Monday 4 March 2013, joint meeting with Congregational Board at 7pm followed by Session meeting immediately after, to be held in the Session Room.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 8.15pm with each blessing the others.

SUZANNE E RIDDOCH
Session Clerk

REV. MICHAEL W FREW
Moderator

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| 1. Opening devotions | 8. Pastoral Care Report (if required) |
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| 6. Minister's Report | 13. Any Other Business |
| 7. New Elders follow up | 14. Date of next meetings |