

**EDINBURGH SLATEFORD LONGSTONE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
THE KIRK SESSION MET ON MONDAY 4 MARCH 2013 AT 7.45PM IN THE SESSION ROOM**

Sederunt: Mesdames L Baillie, B Bald, D Brown, L Campbell, S Davidson, A Fairley, M Fulton, M Hynd, M Marshall and S Riddoch
Messrs C Campbell and Rev M Frew

Apologies: Mesdames H Carruthers, J Fox, J Gordon, S Taylor, S Ward and R Welsh.
Mr I Welsh

The meeting followed a joint meeting with the Congregational Board and Presbytery's Local Church Review team.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of meeting Monday 14 January 2013, previously circulated, were approved.
2. **Communion Roll:** Session noted
 - a) Deaths: Anne Williamson, Ashley Hall, Ashley Hall Gardens, Linlithgow
Helen Paton, 4 Peatville Gardens, Edinburgh
 - b) Additions: Nil
 - c) Removals: Carol & Bill Edwards, 45 Kingsknowe Road North, Edinburgh
 - d) Change of Address: Nil

Safeguarding Congregational Register: The clerk presented the Safeguarding Congregational Register noting there are 38 current names on the register and 7 removals. Names removed are Kelly Evans, Joan Rhodes, Julia Riddoch, Kirsty McAdam, Carol Edwards, Sheila McCrum and Margaret Tully. The register was approved by Session.

3. Minister's Report

Fresh Start: Following on from the visit by Brian Wilson we are considering how we can do something practical to assist. One suggestion is we put out a collection box for unwanted household goods that may be useful for starter packs. Session felt this would be a good idea in principle. More work required to identify people who would want to co-ordinate this. We will put a notice in Kirk News and weekly notices to see if we can get any volunteers to assist and progress from there. Transport would be available if required to take goods to the warehouse.

Holy Week Services: These have now been arranged between Slateford Longstone, St David's Broomhouse and St Salvador's Episcopal Church at Stenhouse. Evening Services will be held at Slateford Longstone on Tuesday, St Salvador's on Thursday and St David's on Friday.

Office Bearers Conference: We are awaiting confirmation that we can use Heriot Watt Chaplaincy Centre for our conference on Saturday 7 September 2013.

Gideons: A representative from Gideons would like to come and speak at one of our Services. We will decline for a Sunday morning but will pass contact details on to Church organisations we think may find this of interest to them.

4. New Elders

The minister reported that the proposed date for Ordination is Sunday 17 March however, as Helen Carruthers is still unwell and may not be able to make 17th March we may postpone until Sunday 14 April. The minister will speak to Helen, Sharon Taylor and Dennise Brown to agree the date. The second reading of the Edict will still take place on Sunday 10 March and Session will still meet on Sunday 17 March to hear any objections regardless of potential date change. This will mean everything will be in place for whatever date is agreed.

5. Pastoral Care

Nothing to report.

6. Worship Committee

Nothing to report.

7. Board Report

Nothing to report.

8. Presbytery Report

George & Margaret Shand, Jerusalem: As previously advised George & Margaret Shand will be on deputation in late April, and a meeting has been arranged for all interested at Slateford Longstone on Tuesday 23 April at 3.00pm.

Fairtrade: Presbytery passed a resolution encouraging congregations to seek Fairtrade status, which involves supporting Fairtrade Fortnight, promoting Fairtrade products and using them at all meetings for which the congregation has responsibility. The Church will buy Fairtrade tea and coffee and provide to the Guild and Over

50s groups to try. We will get feedback from their members and if this is positive we can consider moving towards becoming a Fairtrade Congregation.

Welfare Reform: Presbytery is encouraging congregations and office bearers to be well informed about the changes to the benefits system. It was agreed we will hold off on getting any further information on this for now.

Public Entertainment Licences: The City of Edinburgh Council has now agreed to exempt certain events for the need for a licence.

- a) Free to enter events where the capacity is less than 500.
- b) Public entertainment events where the capacity is less than 250 and the organisers are e.g. a religious group, even if an entrance fee is charged.

9. Correspondence

Nothing to report.

10. Any Other Business

Additional Publicity: Session was asked to consider their Policy on putting out additional fliers with Orders of Service or generally publicising upcoming entertainment events. It was agreed we would promote events of a Christian nature and where there is a connection with someone from the congregation. 2 examples of events we would support are the Olivia Giles Concert being organised by Marion Marshall and the Easter Play of which the minister is a trustee

11. Dates of Next Meetings: These were fixed for Sunday 17 March 2013 at 10am, Monday 29 April 2013 at 7.00pm with Congregational Board to discuss our responses to the Local Churches Review and Monday 13 May 2013 at 7.30pm with Presbytery Representatives carrying out our Local Churches Review all to be held in the Session Room.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 9.10pm with each blessing the others.

SUZANNE E RIDDOCH
Session Clerk

REV. MICHAEL W FREW
Moderator

KIRK SESSION AGENDA FOR MONDAY 13 MAY 2013 at 7.30pm IN THE SESSION ROOM

1. Opening devotions
2. Apologies for absence
3. Meeting with Local Churches Review Committee
4. Communion Roll
5. Minister's Report
6. Personnel Issues
 - Presbytery Elder – Rita Welsh
 - Board Members – Suzanne Riddoch, Lin Baillie, Alison Fairley, Mary Hynd, Jean Gordon, Sheila Ward
 - Lily Campbell, Ian Welsh – Please advise if you wish to stand down from this position
7. Presbytery Report
8. Date of next meetings