

ABBOTSHALL PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, KIRKCALDY  
CONGREGATIONAL BOARD

Church

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018

At which place and date the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Stated Meeting of Abbotshall Parish Church took place.

The Interim moderator welcomed all present and opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present:

Interim Moderator, Ena Hudson, in the chair and 35 Members.

Minutes:

The minutes of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Stated Meeting, which took place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016, were read. There were no matters arising and acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Michael Petrie and seconded by Anne Moyes.

Trustees Report:

The Treasurer distributed copies of the Congregational Accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 to all Members present at the Annual Stated Meeting.

The Session Clerk drew attention to the Structure, Governance and Management and Statistical information contained in the Trustees Report section of the Congregational Accounts. She provided an overview of the information contained therein and advised that this information is updated every year.

She went on to speak about the transition of Rev. Rosie Frew from Abbotshall to Bowden in Melrose, the appointment by Presbytery of an Interim Moderator and the formation of a Nominating Committee to find a new minister for Abbotshall.

She spoke about new members being welcomed to Abbotshall but that there had been a fall in overall in the membership.

There were no questions at this time.

Any questions arising from any of the information contained in the Trustees Report can be addressed either to the Session Clerk or the Treasurer at any time.

Financial Statement:

The Treasurer advised that the Financial Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 is, as always, an integral part of the Congregational Accounts. He went on to give an overview of the information contained on each page of the Financial Report, highlighting the sources of income, expenditure and investments.

The Treasurer provided a reminder of the role and responsibility of the members of the Congregational Board in monitoring the Church income and approving expenditure.

The 2017 financial activity was similar to previous year. The budget published in Q1 2017 had shown a potential shortfall in income for 2017. However, due to two generous legacies the income for 2017 had exceeded the budget prediction. A considerable amount of money had been spent on refurbishing the manse, with some further work and expenditure being carried into 2018. This had resulted in expenditure exceeding income resulting in use of money from the Reserves Fund. It is hoped to replenish the Reserves.

The number of supporting households had once again fallen in 2017. The remaining households had again increased their giving and fundraising groups and rental from use of the Halls had contributed greatly to income.

The Treasurer advised that the Congregational Accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 had been reviewed by the Independent Examiner, approved by the Trustees and signed by the Treasurer and Session Clerk on behalf of the Trustees, and will now be submitted to Presbytery before being sent to 121 George Street and to the Scottish Charities Regulator.

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There were no questions at this time.

The Treasurer advised that he would be happy to respond to questions on the Financial Report now or at any time.

Budget:

The Treasurer drew attention to the budget for 2018 which is contained on the last page of the Financial Statement. The projected income for 2018 shows a considerable shortfall over expenditure. He advised that again this is a cautious budget due to the unknown amount of income from the use of premises and other fundraising sources. The challenge in 2018 will be to increase income and reduce the shortfall in income over expenditure and to replenish the Reserves Fund. .

There were no questions.

The Interim Moderator thanked to Treasurer for all his work in producing the Financial Report and maintaining the accounts.

Congregational Board Members:

The Clerk advised that Tom Scott has stood down as a member of the Board at the end of 10 years and he thanked him for his work as a Board Member. During 2017 Sheila Jamieson had joined the Board.

There are places on the Board and new members would be welcome at any time. Nominations to the Board can be made at any time to either to the Session Clerk or the Clerk to the Board. There were no nominations and no volunteers at this time.

Interim Moderator:

The Interim moderator spoke about the work of the Nominating Committee in its search for a new Minister for Abbotshall. She thanked locum ministers Catriona Morrison and Marc Prowe for their work in leading services each Sunday.

Vote of Thanks:

Euan Fraser proposed a vote of thanks to everyone associated with Abbotshall Church, the Office Bearers for their hard work around the Church and to Interim Moderator, Ena Hudson, for her help and guidance during this period of searching for a new Minister.

There being no further business the Annual Stated Meeting was closed with the Grace.

Chair

Clerk