

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

FOR 1 DECEMBER 2020

CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS

Mayfield Salisbury

The Clerk will report that she has received a call from Mayfield Salisbury signed by 167 members and 19 Regular Worshippers in favour of the Rev Dr Alexander Forsyth, Lecturer in Practical Theology, School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh.

Dr Forsyth preached as sole nominee on the 4 October, 279 voted For and 5 Against.

It will be moved that Presbytery:

1. sustain the Call to Dr Forsyth.
2. note receipt of a letter from Dr Forsyth accepting the Call and confirming that he has used no undue influence in obtaining the Call.
3. instruct the Clerk to make arrangements for the service of induction in consultation with the Moderator of Presbytery.
4. instruct that the prescribed edict be read on the two preceding Sundays.

FINANCE

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. approve the 2021 Budget. (Page 4)
2. note that Presbytery dues are reducing by one third.
3. note that £4,400 has been allocated to the Pastoral Care Team to provide individual supervision, spiritual direction and other means of offering support to Ministers and MDS workers who may be finding life and ministry particularly difficult due to Covid-19

Report

The Finance Committee have been active this year in ensuring that the resources of the Presbytery have been used to assist Kirk Sessions in addressing the challenges of the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Assembly Trustees made the decision to reduce Congregational M&M by approximately 18% in overall terms, with variances relating to the 3 year average of incomes, the Finance Committee seriously addressed itself to supporting congregations, by reducing the Dues for the working of the Presbytery. In 2021 it will cost approximately £150,000 to maintain the Presbytery. The Committee have assigned £50,000 to ensure an average 33% reduction. It is unlikely to continue into the next year, but should provide some respite as Kirk Sessions continue to address themselves to the financial challenges of Covid-19. Notice will be given, as usual to Treasurers in early January for payment by 31st January, and the Finance Committee would appreciate prompt payment.

The Finance Committee is keeping a watching brief on the finances and considering the effect of joining with other Presbyteries.

In helping the Finance Committee of the Presbytery and each Congregation reflect on the challenges ahead, a Financial Health Check Questionnaire will be sent out in the name of the Finance Committee in December to be completed by Treasurers by 31st January. This will be in line with the Finance Statistical Form for 121. We would politely request that each Treasurer will complete the form and return it to the Presbytery Treasurer. Questions will cover the years 2019, 2020 & 2021 and be in relation to Congregational giving, investment income, other regular income, bank balances, property matters, net assets, net reserves and how the Presbytery could provide support.

PROPERTY Cont.

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

5. St David's Broomhouse – grant retrospective permission to St David's Broomhouse Parish Church to conduct an emergency repair to the church roof at a cost of £29k inc. VAT to be funded locally; grant permission to apply to the General Trustees to draw down funds held on behalf of the congregation in order to pay for the work.
6. Fairmilehead – grant permission to Fairmilehead Parish Church to undertake emergency repairs to the roof of the Church Hall adjoining the sanctuary at an estimated cost of £162k inc. VAT and fees, to be funded locally.

Report

St David's Broomhouse has had a persistent and difficult to trace roof leak. Investigation has now traced the leak and it has been repaired as an emergency measure given the onset of winter and the need to protect the integrity of the building. We are seeking retrospective

permission for this work and a modest amount of additional maintenance work post repair to be paid for from funds held on behalf of the congregation with the General Trustees.

Fairmilehead Parish Church has also had a longstanding roof leak of a more serious nature. Over recent times this has become significantly worse and is doing serious damage to the building. An invasive investigation has identified the nature of the problem. The remedial work is major, but without it the building will continue to deteriorate, and the facilities become unusable. This is a health and safety issue and a missional impact issue. The estimated cost is £162k inc. VAT and fees with some of the funding to be raised locally in addition to an as yet indeterminate amount from an insurance claim.

Things to note:

1. The next meeting of the Property Committee will be held on January 19th. Papers should be submitted by January 12th by email to the Presbytery Office and to the Property Convener. Please do not post hard copies of papers to the Presbytery Office, which is only visited occasionally and your application may not be received in time.
2. There are two matters from the General Trustees' recent report to the October GA which should be noted.
 - 2.1. The report indicates that the GT's will no longer simply act on the recommendations of a Presbytery but, if appropriate, send an application back for greater clarification regarding the future of a building.
 - 2.2. CARTA will cease to exist from 31st Dec 2020 and its functions be subsumed within the responsibilities of the GTs. The exact processes involved are being worked out but it is hoped that information on the changes will be sent out before the end of the year.
3. The General Trustees are also producing a 'Toolkit' for Presbyteries giving guidance on processes that should be used to discern whether or not particular buildings have a future within the Presbytery Plan. This will become available soon and congregations will be sent a copy for information. How exactly it will be used within our own Presbytery will be discussed when the 'Toolkit' is received.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. grant permission to the congregation of St Cuthbert's to sell the property at 8 Arden Street, Edinburgh.

The Presbytery Office will close from Tuesday 21st December until Tuesday 5th January. For urgent matters during this time contact the Clerk on 07468 511724.

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|---|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| Presbytery of Edinburgh | Budget | Estimate | Budget | Variance |
| Annual Budget - General Fund | Year | Year | Year | Year |
| Year ending 31 December. | 2021 | 2020 | 2020 | 2020 |
| Expenditure | | | | |
| Local Staffing Costs | | | | |
| Presbytery Clerk - Salary | 48,576 | 48,576 | 47,520 | (1,056) |
| Presbytery Clerk - Employer Nic | 5,329 | 5,329 | 5,187 | (142) |
| Presbytery Clerk - Pension contribs. | 6,801 | 6,801 | 6,652 | (149) |
| Presbytery Clerk - Expenses | 1,000 | 304 | 2,400 | 2,096 |
| Sub-total | 61,706 | 61,010 | 61,759 | 749 |
| | | | | - |
| Presbytery Secretary Salary, Nic. & Pension cost | 22,595 | 22,595 | 22,106 | (489) |
| Honorarium - Presbytery Officer (Net of £922 JRS Claim) | 500 | 800 | 1,723 | 923 |
| Honorarium - Treasurer incl. Nic. | 4,080 | 4,080 | 4,080 | - |
| | 88,881 | 88,485 | 89,668 | 1,183 |
| Other Costs | | | | |
| Rent - Presbytery Offices | 7,000 | 14,940 | 14,847 | (93) |
| Insurances | 859 | 842 | 832 | (10) |
| Presbytery Meetings - Premises, Teas & Expenses | 500 | 33 | 2,000 | 1,967 |
| Audit Fee | 4,300 | 4,240 | 4,000 | (240) |
| Stationery, telephone, postage & internet | 3,000 | 2,833 | 3,800 | 967 |
| Professional Fees | 750 | 747 | 700 | (47) |
| Repairs & Renewals | - | - | 400 | 400 |
| Sundry Expenses | 900 | 888 | 900 | 12 |
| Depreciation of Equipment | | | | - |
| | 17,309 | 24,523 | 27,479 | 2,956 |
| Grants to Organisations | | | | |
| Edinburgh Churches Together | 2,250 | 2,250 | 2,250 | - |
| Other Requirements | | | | - |
| Property Inspections (See below) | | - | 23,000 | 23,000 |
| Pastoral Care | 6,500 | 5,805 | 6,500 | 695 |
| Parish Mission Grants (See below) | | 400 | 9,000 | 8,600 |
| | 6,500 | 6,205 | 38,500 | 32,295 |
| Total Costs | 114,940 | 121,463 | 157,898 | 36,435 |
| Less: Investment & Sundry Income | (8,500) | (8,886) | (7,700) | 1,186 |
| Assessments Required (Equal to Exps less Inv Inc) | 106,440 | 112,577 | 150,198 | 37,621 |
| Actual Assessments | 100,000 | 150,878 | 150,000 | (878) |
| Surplus (Deficit) for Year | (6,440) | 38,301 | (198) | (38,499) |
| Deduct Provision for 2021 Property Inspections (See above) | | (23,000) | | |
| Deduct Provision for 2021 Parish Mission Grants (See above) | | (8,600) | | |
| Accumulated Income Brought Forward | 40,981 | 34,280 | 34,280 | |
| Accumulated Income Carried Forward | 34,541 | 40,981 | 34,082 | |

