

Netherlee & Stamperland Church

Fabric Committee Report

5 June 2023

All sums include VAT where applicable

Work Completed

- Access AV has been paid £3,725 for supply of the large hall video screen in advance of installation, due to preparatory work being delayed.
- John Kenny has painted the new external fire exit doors from the large hall for £270.
- CEE Ltd has installed a new wireless doorbell kit to replace the missing receiver in the small hall, and replaced two faulty emergency bulkhead light fittings in the church, for £314.
- Tri Group Ltd has carried out annual maintenance of the fire shutter in the kitchen for £401.
- Diamond Air Conditioning Ltd has carried out central heating boiler repairs for £473.

Work under Consideration

- Additional handrails to the centre and sides of the main entrance steps.
- Removal of front two pews in the sanctuary and replacement with movable seating

Roof project

- Subject to a separate presentation.

Present: Helen Illingworth (Chair), Rev. Scott Blythe, Niall Illingworth, Dagmar Kerr, Gordon Lang,
Elinor Mair, Elaine Murray

Apologies: Glenda Cook, Cath Dunbar

Matters Arising:

- 1) Helen had received an email from Alistair Haw, BB Captain, in response to our enquiry about what help the church might offer. In essence their main issue is shortage of leaders, with concern about filling leadership roles when current leaders step down. A recent appeal to parents for help had elicited no response.

He also reiterated their inability to run the money raising events they have previously organised (Christmas Fayre and Christmas card deliveries) due to over-stretched leaders and lack of parental support.

Our group felt that this situation should be made known to the congregation, and an appeal for help made, although we recognise that lack of volunteer help is a difficulty facing many groups and that, realistically it is unlikely that many volunteers would step forward from the congregation. That said, it would be defeatist not to ask.

- 2) The rota of elders opening the halls for families who have booked birthday parties continues to work well, and the small party bags we give to the birthday boy or girl are much appreciated. Families now also receive instructions on how to use the coffee machines to make 'proper' coffee if wanted, and this has also been favourably received.

Community Events:

It was proposed that the next family social event, to particularly include the residents of Daniel House (Gordon McNally's home) would be a Beetle Drive, with a proposed date of Saturday 9th September 2023.

Discussion took place about the Christmas Tree Festival, which we hope to make a bigger event, perhaps raising money for some of our local community groups.

It was agreed that an appeal would be made for people to join a small organising committee which would initially meet before the summer break to begin planning this event. It is hoped that while our church youth groups may not be able to organise a large event such as this, they may like to participate by running a stall, as well as entering a tree.

Thank You Gifts

It was agreed that the usual small tokens of appreciation (a box of sweets, with a thank you card) would be given to the leaders of voluntary youth groups associated with Netherlee and Stamperland Church.

The meeting closed with the Grace

FINANCE AND INSURANCE REPORT TO KIRK SESSION

MONDAY 5 JUNE 2023

1. FINANCE REPORT

You will have already seen my latest report in the May newsletter. The May figures are not yet available but the trend in the first 4 months of the year is better than the budget as I highlighted in the newsletter.

Dennis Burt has decided the time has come to retire from the Finance Committee as Gift Aid Convener and from doing the Sunday cash count. All conveners will need to pick this up from now on,. Ronnie Mair is available to provide advice to any convener not sure of the procedure or if he is not available please contact me.

I should like to record our thanks to Dennis for his careful and diligent oversight of our Gift Aid records for more years than I care to remember. I am currently looking for a successor.

Hall Lets

At the last meeting of the committee we reviewed the current letting charges and decided with effect from 1 September 2023 our halls letting charges will be increased from £17.50 to £20.00 per hour. Lets for parties to non-members will be increased from £20.00 to £25.00 per hour. When compared with other churches we are still lower but we are narrowing the gap. We are still considerably cheaper than the charges levied by the local authorities. The office has advised lessees of the changes in good time for them to plan for next session.

2. INSURANCE

Renewal of our insurance cover took place on 28 May 2023.

A new EMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE Certificate has been posted on the notice board in the Welcome Hall.

Our premium for the year to 27 May 2024 has been reduced to £6,572.02 down from last year's figure of £8,627.26 due to the disposal of the Stamperland site and Manse. Values have been increased in line with inflation with the terms of the policy broadly similar to last year. There is no insurance matter to which I need to draw Kirk Session's attention.

John Montgomery
Finance Convener
29 May 2023

Netherlee and Stamperland Kirk Session

7.30pm Monday 5th June 2023

Location: Netherlee and Stamperland

Safeguarding Coordinator: Bruce Young and Jane Curror

Report on Safeguarding

Volunteer Recruitment Progress

Both safeguarding coordinators have been working with various church organisations taking a number of volunteers through the Church of Scotland recruitment process. As per the CoS Safeguarding process, the relevant Kirk Session requires to approve all recruitment once the candidates have secured PVG clearance.

A number of volunteers listed below have now received full PVG clearance and therefore the Kirk Session is asked for it's approval to accept them as recruits.

Below are the recruits by name, position and organisation.

Boys Brigade

Scott Selbie – BB Officer

Josef Hedinger – BB Officer

Monday Lunch Club

Connel Cranston – Pastoral Care Worker

Gordon McNally's driver's group

Gordon Lang – Pastoral Care Worker

Alistair Gow – Pastoral Care Worker

Sheena Wurthmann – Pastoral Care Worker

Here ends the report

Again, please contact Bruce or Jane if you have any further questions on Safeguarding or think that you know of areas that could be looked at/improved.

Bruce Young (Netherlee and Stamperland Safeguarding Coordinator)

Jane Curror (Netherlee and Stamperland Safeguarding Coordinator)

For training needs please contact: Safeguarding@churchofscotland.org.uk