

Present: Helen Illingworth (Chair), Elinor Mair, Gordon Lang, Elaine Murray, Niall Illingworth

Apologies: Rev. Scott Blythe, Dagmar Kerr, Cath Dunbar

Matters Arising:

- 1) Family Games Night 28th January – It was felt that the night had been successful, in that it was enjoyed by all who attended, and that there was a good mix of games which were suitable for the mixed age-groups.
The number of people attending was a little disappointing, particularly the lack of families with children, but it was great to have a group from Daniel House (Gordon McNally's home) there, and good to be able to re-connect with Gordon's fellow residents.
There was some discussion about the best way to publicise such events out-with the immediate congregation in future, perhaps making better use of social media, and also the need for our Session to consider ways in which we can try to identify how we can best serve the needs of our local community.

- 2) Children's Parties – it was noted that there had been positive feedback from families who had booked birthday parties and received the small party bags for the birthday girl/boy from the church.
Helen to clarify with Elspeth the current process for arranging access to the halls with the people who volunteered to be on the rota.

Boys' Brigade

Following concern expressed at the last Session meeting regarding the BB being unable to continue some of their previous fund-raising activities Helen had chatted informally with the BB Captain, Alastair Haw, about whether the wider congregation could support the group in any particular ways. Alastair said he would give this some consideration and email his thoughts at a later date.

Our group discussed the possibility, mentioned at Session previously, that an event such as the Christmas Tree Festival could be expanded and used as a fund-raiser which might support local youth organisations. These groups could be invited to participate – perhaps running a stall – rather than having to organise the whole event, as the BB did in the past.

Future Activities

There was general discussion of possible future events which the church might consider:

- 1) Easter Crafts - It was felt that the timings of Easter in relation to the school holidays was not conducive to holding a craft session for children. We discussed the possibility of inviting some of the local school children to decorate wooden egg shapes (similar to the wooden baubles that were done for the 2021 Christmas tree) which could be displayed outside the church.
- 2) It was suggested that when the roof project is complete and the scaffolding removed, it might be nice to hold some sort of celebration – perhaps an afternoon with some games or activities and burgers or hot dogs, and that we invite the neighbours as a thank you for their patience during the works
- 3) It was suggested that the Christmas Card delivery service could be reinstated with volunteers from the congregation.
- 4) It was suggested that consideration might be made of using the ground at the side of the church (which is likely to be in a poor state after the roof works), and at the side of the ramp access, to create a community garden.

Netherlee and Stamperland Mission Group

On Monday 6th March 2023 the Mission Group met and was constituted with prayer.

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| 1242 | Present | Alistair Gow (chair), Janet Barr, Nancy Fisher, Sheena Wurthmann, Jean Balfour, Doris Duncan. |
| 1243 | Apologies | Anne Mann, Marilyn Love, Jim Ferguson, Vicky Anderson and Christine McGowan. |
| 1244 | Minutes of Previous meeting | The minutes of the previous meeting of 3 rd October 2022 were approved. |
| 1245 | Cranhill | AG advised that Cranhill had now been united with Carntyne Church, but that clothing and other items were still being donated and taken by Gordon Lang to the “Cranhill Nearly New Shop”. |
| 1246 | Sri Lanka | It had been a pleasure to meet up with Gillian Mailer and her husband when they attended morning worship in February during their brief visit to the UK. After the service they provided a brief update on the continuing work at Netherlee Cottage but indicated that the situation in SRI Lanka remained difficult both in political and economic terms. |
| 1247 | Lodging House Mission | While there was no detailed report, AG advised that it was his understanding that owing to problems in securing the services of a volunteer chef, it had not been possible to resume the congregational rota on a Saturday. |
| 1248 | Christian Aid | AG advised that there had been a good response to the request to assist at the Art show to be held this year in the Clarkston Halls on Saturday 18 th March, after a 2 year absence due to Covid restrictions. |
| 1249 | Clarkston Churches Together | As a result of Carmunnock and Williamwood deciding to associate with other congregations, it was felt that the Committee should explore developing closer links with Busby and Greenbank with regard to mission, with the possibility of holding a joint meeting to establish what each was currently doing |
| 1250 | Eco Congregations | SW indicated that it was still her intention to explore the option of a joint bid for all the congregations in our “Cluster”, recognising that both Greenbank and ourselves had already received an award. As part of this initiative she also wished to involve the local schools who were actively involved in eco projects and encouraged to explore other opportunities in the community. |

- 1251 Starter Packs Noted that smaller items could be left in the cupboard in the Welcome Hall but that arrangements' (as per poster) could be made to uplift larger items.
- 1252 Starchild Members indicated how impressed they were by Michaela's rendition of the song she sang at the end of morning worship on 26th February and which she had composed in memory of her brother and looked forward to viewing the completed documentary when filming was completed. While AG had asked the minister if he new what the intended audience was, Scott said he did not know.

- 1253 Blythswood Shoebox Appeal While Elaine Murray had provided a number of pre-decorated shoe boxes, which were made available to members of the congregation, the number of filled boxes returned was significantly less than in previous years, although this was augmented by some members donating individual items. Given the reduced level of support and the transportation costs associated with the project, AG questioned whether it was appropriate to continue with the Shoebox appeal for a further year or if an alternative initiative could be developed. While no decision was sought, it was felt appropriate to raise the matter at this time with a decision to be taken at the May meeting, which would allow advance notice to be given to the congregation.
- 1254 Next Meeting It was agreed the next joint meeting would be held on Monday 8th May 2023 at 7.30 pm
The meeting was closed with the saying of the Grace.

Netherlee and Stamperland Church

Kirk Session – Planning and Communication Committee

Meeting Tuesday 28 February at 7.30 pm in the Lesser Sanctuary

Minute

SEDURUNT B. Cochrane, D. Levey, H. Bryce, M. Lang, E. Balfour, W. Povey, S. Moore, K. Baird
APOLOGIES D Henderson, J McIntosh, M. McFadyean

1. WELCOME Diane Levey welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer

2. MINUTES and MATTERS ARISING

The minutes for November were approved.

NINE LESSONS and CAROLS CATERING

Those involved in providing mince pies and mulled wine after the service, commented on the need to have folks to help clear up at the end of the event.

CHRISTMAS

A Christmas Day breakfast was distributed to about 25 members who live on their own. This was well received and the group felt that this kind of thing could be expanded. A discussion followed regarding how best to identify members who live on their own. GDPR means that the profile of members is not kept on a database. It was suggested that in future, elders could suggest folks in their district who could benefit from this sort of thing. There was a desire to do this again next Christmas.

Concern was expressed about those who do not receive the newsletter. Heather asked about the lists of members which was collated earlier this session regarding engagement of members with their district elder. Diane will speak with Stuart about this. The group are keen to compile a list of folks who would like communication but perhaps do not have elders.

3. FOODBANK

At Christmas 200 households were provided with presents for children and all adults. Each household got a "goodie bag" (biscuits, crisps, mince pies, chocolate etc) and £100 Farmfoods voucher. We also supported 2 local primary schools. For one we bought coats, shoes etc and for another all the kids were taken to the Tramway panto.

During the week before Christmas, as well as giving out food parcels (we doubled the amount), the foodbank gave out £20 Farmfood vouchers. Farmfoods are used as they don't sell alcohol or tobacco.

At this time of year, we are well off for most items, but toiletries and sanitary wear (pads) are needed as well as basic foodstuffs. The Foodbank are still running their fresh food initiative which enables clients to receive eggs, bread and fresh fruit and vegetables.

The foodbank could not run without donations, and they are very grateful for all of them; both monetary and in kind.

6. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Pancake event was well attended and raised £406. The Starchild event was also well attended and raised £540.

There will be an Easter Day breakfast.

Barbara and Marjorie suggested organising screening the Coronation in our premises and providing catering. Diane will speak with Scott and check hall availability. Barbara and Marjorie will take it from there.

Christian Aid events in May:

13 May is the Coffee afternoon and 21 May is brunch after the service.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with the saying of The Grace.

NETHERLEE AND STAMPERLAND ROOF PROJECT

GENERAL UPDATE

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RECOMMENDATION

The broad position with the roof works is that working, as is normal, on a contract of this nature, from the top to the bottom we should at last by 14th April have the main roof of the sanctuary (both the north and south face and the ridge) fully complete. The weather has been against us so that days lost to rain especially in November and March mean that the project will continue into June when the original completion date was scheduled as Easter. In light of the sanctuary roof being programmed for completion on 14th April some of the high level scaffold will come down as the contractor begins to work on the lower levels such as the roof and gutters above the north and south aisles, the chancel roof and the flat roofs at lower levels including the roof over the vestry and the other rooms at the ramp entrance.

At the moment costs are in equilibrium in that there have been no serious changes to contract prices and contingency sums. We have however exhausted the provisional contract sum allowed for rot repairs due to rot on the main roof but the charge for work to our masonry looks to be significantly less than the contract allowance, leading to a saving there. Rot works were needed on the chancel roof (modest) and rot works are also anticipated along the valley gutter above the south aisle where other works may be needed to address the cracking in the stonework there, subject to advice from our structural engineer when that area is opened up. Then in course of a CCTV survey of our drains a blockage was discovered in that south aisle area which may produce supplementary costs. These are the current budget uncertainties but my hope is that, in the way we got off lightly with the main roof works, we will avoid any large scale additional costs as the lower level works progress. The significant exposure works on the south face of the sanctuary will address the persistent water ingress in that area which, while known to the congregation for easily more than 20 years, could only be addressed by the large scale scaffold access now being applied.

Turning now to the financial aspect of the project and looking first in broad terms at the originally forecast project costs, we entered a contract for £732,370 to which we have to add professional fees of £70,000/£80,000. Allowing therefore for some uplift in the main contract because of the south aisle uncertainty we should plan in terms of a global figure of, say, £850,000. On the credit side we have a figure for congregational giving (including gift aid) of £56,000 and grant aid of £60,000 but the bulk of the finance comes courtesy of the General Trustees who issued a “determination” that the proceeds of sale of the Stamperland building (£591,128 net of expenses) and the proceeds of sale of the surplus manse at 109 Ormonde (at £390,000) must be applied to the roof repairs. At the outset we therefore had a total of £1,097,128 available to us. It is important to record that General Trustees on the sale of all churches and manses standing in their ownership normally apply a 10% levy on the congregation but they have waived that levy twice now since their focus was to see us deliver the large scale roof project in which we are now engaged.

At the point this update was prepared with all contractor`s and professional fees paid up to date we have in hand a credit of £576,907 (from donations, Gift Aid, VAT reclaimed, one grant, and the balance of the property sale money from 121 yet to be drawn down) and £45,000 remaining in grant aid promised but not yet received. Currently we have a balance on contractor`s original costs still to be paid at £297,928 which leaves us £278,979 in hand with the grant aid of £45,000 capable I would hope of covering any uplift in contract costs in the south aisle area, which will remain an uncertainty until we expose the hidden fabric there for examination by our rot contractors and by our engineer

If I can turn now to the scope of our roof works by way of what is not included I need to highlight that all of the current contract roof works relate only to the sanctuary so that the roofs over the halls (large hall, small halls and welcome hall) and kitchen were not originally included for cost reasons at the time the contract was signed since we had absolutely no idea of the money which might become available from the sale of the Stamperland sanctuary and manse, and, there was no question but that equivalent comprehensive works to the halls including re-slating could cost an additional £400,000 or more rendering the hall works well beyond our reach at that time. Now, however, just as we are more than half way through our roof project, and at a point where our scaffolding has opened up a clear view of the kitchen roof, we have become aware of the reason for the want of repair evident in the recent water ingress into the welcome hall.

The scaffold of course allows us to see what could not be seen at the commencement of the contract, namely, loose cracked and slipped slates and two flat roof areas one finished in lead and showing open joints and one finished in bitumen or similar where there is a significant crack where the bitumen meets the lead. In addition there are two old skylights one a three pane skylight which has broken glass and whose wooden frame is affected by rot. The water is getting in through the crack in the roof, running down a joist and dripping onto the welcome hall ceiling. The attached photos give a sense of the area and issues involved.

We have substantial funds available to us and they are ring fenced by General Trustees for roof works. We can therefore work to a budget covered entirely by the funds available to us and all the while our "other funds", our reserves, will remain untouched. We have much to be grateful for. My strong advice is that at a point within the next few weeks when we can see that the main contract is not subject to an unforeseen and dramatic uplift in costs we should ask the contractor to provide specifications and costs for the kitchen roof work for which I hold an informal guide of £90,000-£120,000. We have the funds, the men are on site and personally my view is that it is the worst possible look if members and visitors walk into the welcome hall after major roof works only to be greeted with water ingress and buckets

In closing I see these extra works as essential and commend them to Session but for the sake of completeness I have to emphasise that at some point in the short term (5 years) we will need to address the final remaining roof works, namely, the roof over the large hall which remember is older by five years than the roof over the sanctuary

Tony Ireland

11/04/2023

The first two shots here speak to the high quality work being delivered by our contractor... slates, leadwork, drains, and then the remaining shots speak to the need for repair on the kitchen roof



Kitchen roof shots

Roof view showing lead & bitumen, slates and 2 elderly skylights



Below shows the expanding damp patch in the welcome hall



Cracked glass in the three pane skylight and crack in the bitumen roof which looks to have been repaired historically and which has split again



Below rot in the skylight



Netherlee & Stamperland Church Fabric Committee Report

24 April 2023

All sums include VAT where applicable

Work Instructed

- Instructions have been given for replacement of the screen in the large hall with a wide screen TV together with a wooden cabinet for a cost totalling £6,633. There may be some minor extras once the job goes ahead. The Session Clerk, Finance Convenor and Minister agreed to proceed, in an effort to have the work complete in advance of the coronation, however there is a hold up due to the selected screen being the wrong size and the need to source an alternative
- CEE Ltd has been instructed to install a new wireless doorbell kit to replace the missing receiver in the small hall, and replace two faulty emergency bulkhead light fittings in the church, for £314.
- Diamond Air Conditioning has been instructed to proceed with a repair to one of the central heating boilers for £957.

Work Completed

- GEM Lift Services has carried out annual maintenance of the platform lift for £321.
- G Woods Ltd has carried out annual servicing of the manse boiler and gas fires for £216.

Work under Consideration

- Additional handrails to the centre and sides of the main entrance steps.

Roof project

- Subject to a separate presentation.

Netherlee and Stamperland (Church of Scotland)

General Fund Actual Cost vs Budget

Mar-23

	<u>Full Year Budget</u>	<u>Budget to Mar-23</u>	<u>Actual to Mar-23</u>
Income			
WFO	19,800	4,950	4,739
Gift Aid	125,500	31,375	30,485
Ordinary Offering	4,500	1,125	971
Other Donations (+ associated Gift Aid)	0	0	0
Tax Recovered	32,500	8,125	7,864
	<u>182,300</u>	<u>45,575</u>	<u>44,059</u>
Donations from Congregational Organisations	1,800	450	0
Other Income	1,800	450	49
Utility Warehouse Scheme	210	53	71
	<u>186,110</u>	<u>46,528</u>	<u>44,179</u>
Use of Premises	28,000	7,000	7,970
Transfer from General Trustees	0	0	0
TOTAL INCOME	<u>214,110</u>	<u>53,528</u>	<u>52,149</u>
Expenditure			
Ministries and Mission National Stipend Fund	128,804	32,201	32,201
Minister Tele/Post etc	1,400	350	309
Travel Expenses	1,500	375	576
	<u>131,704</u>	<u>32,926</u>	<u>33,086</u>
Pulpit Supply	540	135	60
Presbytery Dues	8,196	2,049	2,049
Ministry Costs	<u>140,440</u>	<u>35,110</u>	<u>35,195</u>
Other Salary Costs	16,000	4,000	3,975
Professional Fees	7,250	1,813	1,529
Repairs and Maintenance	18,000	4,500	1,826
Cleaning and Laundry	15,500	3,875	4,109
Council Tax	4,200	1,050	853
Grants to Organisations	250	63	21
Heating and Lighting	15,000	3,750	3,325
Other Expenses	3,000	750	194
Organ and Music	1,800	450	411
Printing and Stationery	2,500	625	149
Publicity and Advertising	200	50	0
Purchase and Maintenance of Equipment	400	100	0
Rates and Insurance	9,000	2,250	1,271
Telephone & Post/Church Office Exp's	3,500	875	418
Other Costs	<u>96,600</u>	<u>24,150</u>	<u>18,080</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>(237,040)</u>	<u>(59,260)</u>	<u>(53,275)</u>
Contribution from Res. Funds to M & M and Pres. Dues	0	0	0
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	<u>(22,930)</u>	<u>(5,733)</u>	<u>(1,126)</u>

<u>Variance</u>	<u>Actual to Mar-22</u>
(211)	5,465
(890)	34,750
(154)	1,064
0	10,000
(261)	9,011
<u>(1,516)</u>	<u>60,290</u>
(450)	450
(401)	760
19	27
<u>(2,349)</u>	<u>61,527</u>
970	8,814
0	0
<u><u>(1,379)</u></u>	<u><u>70,341</u></u>

0	37,895
41	287
(201)	185
<u>(160)</u>	<u>38,367</u>
75	120
0	2,237
<u>(85)</u>	<u>40,724</u>

25	5,050
284	1,318
2,674	1,184
(234)	4,390
197	822
42	0
425	5,627
556	230
39	531
476	0
50	0
100	0
979	2,298
457	676
<u>6,070</u>	<u>22,126</u>

5,985 (62,850)

0 2,007

4,606 9,498

Fund Analysis
As at March 2023

a. Restricted	Open. Bal.	Income	Dividends	Interest	Expend.	Transfers	Close. Bal.
Audio Visual Fund	0						0
Kean Bequest Fund	1,261						1,261
James Nelson Trust Fund	12,556						12,556
Stained Glass Window	2,572						2,572
Stanley Mair Memorial Fund	15,549		225				15,774
Thomas White Legacy fund	2,801						2,801
TOTAL	34,739	0	225	0	0	0	34,964
b. Designated							
Common Good Fund	0						0
Organ Fund	5,058						5,058
Property Fund	550,000						550,000
Stamperland Sale Fund	0						0
TOTAL	555,058	0	0	0	0	0	555,058
c. Unrestricted							
Fabric Reserve	543,832	192,462			379 (249,410)		487,263
General Legacy fund	266,307	25,474	789	174			292,744
General Fund	25,349	52,149			(53,275)		24,223
TOTAL	835,488	270,085	789	553	(302,686)	0	804,229
ALL FUNDS	1,425,285	270,085	1,014	553	(302,686)	0	1,394,251

Fabric Reserve Fund

Netherlee Roof project

Income

2021 - 2022

Grants	15,000.00	
Donations	48,692.00	
Gift Aid	7,341.25	
VAT refunds	56,504.08	
Proceeds from sale of property	574,138.27	<u>701,675.60</u>

2023

Listed Places of Worship – VAT refunded (Jan '23)	7,333.17	
January bankings	70.00	
Stamperland & Manse sale proceeds claim - Mar '23	158,570.58	
Listed Places of Worship – VAT refunded (Mar '23)	18,307.14	
Sale of books	60.00	
Listed Places of Worship – VAT refunded (Apr '23)	8,121.30	
		<u>192,462.19</u>

894,137.79

Expenditure

2021 - 2022

Loader & Monteith, Architects	31,271.59	
Sigma Surveys	3,588.00	
Principal CDM	1,200.00	
Will Rudd Davidson, structural engineer	900.00	
NBM Construction - surveyor	21,060.00	
Insurance	2,694.57	
Floor protectors	81.94	
J & E Shepherd	210.00	
John Fulton Plumbers	348,449.20	<u>409,455.30</u>

2023

John Fulton Plumbers (Jan '23)	39,490.90	
Loader Monteith (Jan '23)	2,248.48	
John Fulton Plumbers (Feb '23)	63,606.47	
Loader Monteith (Feb '23)	4,496.96	
John Fulton Plumbers (Mar '23)	46,460.44	
Loader Monteith (Mar '23)	2,267.33	
NBM Construction (Apr '23)	7,502.46	
John Fulton Plumbers (Apr '23)	81,070.03	
Loader Monteith (Apr '23)	2,267.33	
		<u>249,410.40</u>

658,865.70

Balance

235,272.09