

Netherlee and Stamperland Church

Congregational vote following morning worship on Sunday 20th February 2022

The purpose of the vote was to consider the Kirk Session proposal that the former Stamperland Church and hall building complex be sold or otherwise disposed of.

Those members and adherents of the congregation present were able to vote on the proposal after questions and discussion.

Rev Scott Blythe began by explaining the complex background that has led us to this vote, starting with the comments made by our then Interim Treasurer and Independent Examiner back in April 2021; when both expressed serious concerns about the “going concern viability” of Netherlee and Stamperland Church.

The Kirk Session has wrestled with this concern ever since, and at many meetings sought to find a way forward for our church. Towards the end of 2021 we formed the Buildings Futures Group of six experienced Elders to review our options and present their findings and recommendation to the Kirk Session. This took place in January 2022, and the proposal we have in front of us today was supported by the majority of the Kirk Session.

As Scott took questions from the congregation he repeatedly reminded members that nobody was happy at having to make this difficult decision. With each question Scott reassured the members that the points raised had been considered, but unfortunately could not excuse us from making sound decisions for the future of our church.

He concluded by saying we are not alone, and with the new Presbytery Mission Plan (from 2022/23 onwards) this scenario may be repeated across the Presbytery.

Stuart Buchanan (Session Clerk) explained how the vote would be carried out.

VOTING SLIP

I agree with the Kirk Session proposal that the former Stamperland Church and hall building complex be sold or otherwise disposed of.

Sunday 20 February 2022.

Yes	<u>127</u>	77%
No	<u>32</u>	19%
Abstain	<u>6</u>	4%

Stuart Buchanan
Session Clerk