

ST MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ABERFOYLE

Rector: Revd. Canon Richard Grosse

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**Minutes of Vestry Meeting held in the Church Room
On Friday 13th October 2017 at 7.30 p.m.**

Numbering is in accordance with the Agenda and the minutes in accordance with the order in which each item was taken in discussion

1. The Rector welcomed all to the meeting and opened with a prayer.
2. Apologies: Alastair Gardner, Mary-Clare Brown, Anne Winther, Jean Sykes
3. Approval of Minutes of Vestry Meeting dated 13th July - to be dealt with later in the meeting following the discussion regarding the purchase of new Hymn books.
5. **RECTORS MATTERS: New Hymn Books**. A memo signed by Margie Stephen, Nick Cooke and Anne Winther had been circulated to Vestry pointing out they were unhappy about the decision taken by Vestry at the last meeting not to proceed with the proposed new Hymn book as proposed at the July meeting . The Rector had prepared a lengthy paper in response on this subject which he presented to the meeting. A lengthy discussion followed. A vote was taken and agreed that the decision taken by the Vestry at its July 2017 meeting not to proceed with a new Hymn book be set aside. It was further agreed that a Postal Ballot will take place following the next Vestry meeting in January, by when the Rector will have researched a further Hymn Book - the updated version of Ancient and Modern. Mark Seymour (Secretary) will be the teller of votes and will notify Vestry of the result. The agreed wording for the Ballot is "Does Vestry agree to receive a gift of an additional hymn book".

The Rector agreed to circulate the first lines of Hymns contained in the updated version of Ancient and Modern before the next meeting. ACTION: RECTOR

Margie Stephen was asked to prepare a short note justifying the use of a new Hymn book ACTION: MARGIE STEPHEN

The Minutes of the last Vestry meeting were then approved and signed by the Rector.

4. RECTORY INSULATION: This is in hand together with the grant application. An Energy Performance Report has been done on the Rectory in 2016 giving a rating of F/G which is the lowest band. A SECC Building Grant could cover the Rectory together with Church Heating and Flood Lighting.

Christopher Roads presented his story board setting out options for the church heating. An updated version will be placed in Church for the AGM in December.

The Rector thanked Christopher Roads and Nick Cooke for all their hard work on this.

5. RECTORS MATTERS

The Advent Service is being drafted and will be in St Andrews, Callander at 11.15 on 3rd December. There will be no service in St Mary's and these points will be advertised in the Church Bulletin.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT AND TREASURERS MATTERS

Alastair Gardner had circulated his report setting out the financial position showing a surplus of £2,560.

There being no questions, the Rector thanked Alistair in his absence for his report.

7. SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

Membership of Vestry: Members retiring are Alastair Gardner (to be re-elected) James Gardner (to be re-elected) Nick Cooke (to be re-elected). Margie Stephen wishes to retire but remains as a member of the Vestry as Lay Reader. Jean Sykes wishes to retire from Vestry, as does Anne Winther. Saffrey Miller has become an ex-officio Member in accordance with the Synod resolution.

Possible future members of Vestry were discussed

ACTION - SECRETARY to approach potential candidates

2017 General Synod Meeting: Nick Cooke commented on the General Synod the very useful debate on Climate Change and Fossil Fuel investment. It was noted that, in accordance with the Synod resolution, the Alternate Lay representative becomes an ex officio member of the Vestry.

James Gardner reported on the progress of electing a new Bishop for the Diocese. Nominations have been received, which will be followed by selecting a suitable candidate, with a Service of Consecration of the new Bishop planned for 21st April 2018.

The Rector thanked Nick and James for their comments.

8. CONCERTS AND EVENTS

Christopher Roads had prepared a paper for Vestry regarding the Concert Series. The concerts are going well and organ recitals were extremely popular, although the organ will require tuning before each performance. There will be no concert in June 2018.

It was agreed to investigate the organist from Edinburgh and the Edinburgh Church Choir. Christopher reported that he and Mary Clare were working on next year's programme. He asked for help in circulating leaflets to advertise future concerts. Nick Cooke agreed to cover Doune, Margie Stephen - Croftamie, Christopher Roads - Aberfoyle, Mark Seymour - Buchlyvie and surrounding villages.

The rector thanked Christopher.

9. FABRIC MATTERS - covered under item 4

11. AOCB - None

Date of next Meeting Friday 19th January 2018

Future Meetings: AGM Sunday 10th December, Friday 19th January 2018, Friday 20th April, 2018, Friday 6th July 2018 and Friday 12th October 2018.

DRAFT Approved awaiting Signature