

# ST MARYS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ABERFOYLE

Rector: Revd. Canon Richard Grosse

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## **Minutes of Vestry Meeting held in the Church Room On Thursday 18th January 2018 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Chairman: Revd Canon Richard Grosse, (Rector), Mark Seymour, James Gardner, Saffrey Miller, Judith Poulton, John Willis, Margie Stephen, Mary-Clare Brown and Susan Forsyth.

1. Welcome and Prayer: The Rector welcomed all to the meeting especially the 2 new Vestry members and opened with a prayer.
2. Apologies: Nick Cooke, Christopher Roads, Alastair Gardner
3. Approval of Minutes of Vestry dated 13th October 2017: These were approved by Vestry and signed by the Rector.
4. Matters arising from the Minutes:  
Church Heating and floodlighting. Christopher Roads had circulated an email prior to the meeting in writing which stated that it was hoped to install a new heating system in the summer subject to a grant being obtained. It was agreed to carry this subject over to the next meeting.

### ACTION Nick Cooke and Christopher Roads

5. Rector's Matters: The Rector reported he had received a thank you letter from those who attended the Christmas Services and were staying at the Rob Roy and how grateful they were for a lift back to the Rob Roy. This was much appreciated.

Gift of new Hymn Books: A long discussion took place regarding the proposed new Ancient and Modern Hymns and Songs for Refreshing

Worship. Vestry members had received various comments from Members via email before the meeting. It was agreed by Vestry members that the secret ballot agreed to at the last meeting of the Vestry should take place following this meeting, as set out in the minutes of 13th October 2017, despite the recent new proposals from Christopher Roads, circulated by email prior to this meeting. Mark Seymour as Secretary would act as teller. It was also agreed, in the case that the ballot was in favour of accepting the gift, that the Rector should proceed with a trial of the proposed hymn book from April to November. A long discussion took place as to whether a trial was necessary but the Rector explained that the matter must be put to the Congregation, taking account of Canon 22, which requires consultation of the congregation as well as Vestry members, as explained in his note to Vestry circulated prior to the meeting. He felt a new hymn should be sung at each service during the trial to familiarise the Congregation with the contents of the new book. The Rector agreed to proceed with this with the approval of the Vestry.

Ballot papers were distributed to members of the Vestry present with a return date of 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018. ACTION Rector

6. Financial Matters: Alastair Gardner, the Treasurer, was unable to attend the meeting but had presented a short summary of the present finances which is attached.

The Secretary pointed out that in addition approximately £6,000 was to be repaid to us in respect of the Rector's National Insurance Contributions previously paid.

Church Giving Fund: Vestry agreed that £300 was to be given to James Gardner as a contribution towards his expenses for his forthcoming official Diocesan trip in April with young people to Calcutta. The Rector asked James to provide a short report on the proposed Trip. ACTION Treasurer

Further decisions on distribution of the Church Giving Fund to be made at the next meeting. ACTION Treasurer

7. Secretary's Correspondence and other matters:

The Secretary reported that the CCLI subscription had been renewed.

The Secretary and Mary Clare reported they were looking for an electric piano from Free Cycle sites which could be used during concerts etc.

Judith Poulton and John Willis were given compliance papers to sign as new members of the Vestry.

8. Concerts and Events: The Rector thanked Mary Clare and Christopher for all their hard work. Christopher Roads had circulated a paper listing proposed future concerts.

It was agreed that the Summer Fair would be held on 9th June this year, Susan Forsyth agreed to co-ordinate it. ACTION Susan Forsyth

9, Fabric Matters: The Secretary pointed out that a Scottish Churches Utility Group, a buying Group, had been set up. ACTION Rector and Treasurer

10. Vestry Dates

It was agreed that the July meeting should be changed to either 29th June or 13th July. Susan Forsyth to advise Vestry of the preferred date.

The Secretary circulated the Ballot Papers to Vestry in connection with the proposed new hymn book.

The Rector closed the meeting with a prayer and thanked everyone for attending.

Date of Next Meeting: Friday 20th April 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

## CONCERT REPORT DATED 17 JANUARY, 2018

### SUMMARY

This brief report follows on from the report to Vestry dated 12 October 17.

### DETAILED REPORTS

**Sun 19 Nov. Gordon Ferries.** Lute and early guitar specialist, Gordon brought along a variety of instruments including an archlute and gave a virtuoso demonstration of their capabilities across a wide selection of music. Mary-Clare had sent out 30 invitations to selected guitar pupils + parents but did not receive one reply. Disappointing audience size of 26

**Result:** Ticket Sales: £260 (+Gift Aid = £325). Performers Fees + expenses: £300. **Profit £25.**

N.B. The figures given for 'Profit' do not include the EMS grant element nor the cost of printing leaflets or our contribution to PRS.

### FUTURE PROGRAMME

In the last fortnight, the programme for 2018 has had to be considerably revamped; four of our prospective performers have either not responded to confirmatory emails or have had to pull out. The confirmed programme is now:

- 21 January: David Hamilton, Organ;
- !8 February: The Holland Savaloni Duo: Lee Holland (flute) and Sasha Savaloni (guitar);
- 18 March: Opus Duo: May Halyburton (double bass) and Jane Colvin (cello);
- 15 April: Edinburgh Renaissance Band;
- 20 May Chris Nickol, Organ
- 17 June : No concert
- 15 July: Feis Fhiort
- 19 August: Organ Recital TBC
- 16 September: Alastair Savage and Friends
- 21 October: Monzani Trio (flute, violin, cello);
- 18 November: St. Petersburg Resurrection (Russian) Choir

Christopher Roads