

ST MARYS  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ABERFOYLE

Rector: Revd. Canon Richard Grosse

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**Minutes of Vestry Meeting held in the Church Room on  
Friday 3rd May 2019**

**Present:** Rector, Rev. Canon Richard Grosse, Chairman, Mark Seymour, Secretary, Margie Stephen, Judith Poulton, James Gardner, Alastair Gardner, John Dymond, Mary-Clare Brown, Christopher Roads, John Willis, Susan Forsyth

1. The Rector welcomed all to the meeting and opened with a prayer.

2. **Apologies:** Elizabeth Roads

3. **Approval of Minutes of Meeting of Vestry dated 18th January 2019**

These were agreed as correct and signed by the Rector.

4. **Matters arising from the above not covered in this Agenda**

None.

Church Heating and grants - rectory insulation: Christopher Roads intimated that The Canon 35 Application is ready to be submitted, and the Rector agreed to deal with this. Action **RECTOR**

The Rectory insulation matters are in hand.

5. **Rectors Matters**

None

6. **Financial Report and Treasurers Matters:**

The Treasurer explained his financial report which is attached to these minutes. He intimated that he would like to start paying off the loan, ie £1,000 per annum. He also wishes to enable electronic payments through the

bank rather than issuing cheques. It was agreed that Mark Seymour would be the secondary person for internet banking matters. It was also suggested that Mark Seymour be appointed the Gift Aid Secretary so as to avoid any confidentiality issues in respect of sums donated under Gift Aid Action **TREASURER**

Church Giving: The Treasurer explained £600 was available this financial year, and after discussion, it was agreed £300 would be given to the Chesney Trust, and £300 to Trossachs Search and Rescue. It was agreed that a donation would be given to CINI at a later stage. Action **TREASURER**

The Rector thanked the Treasurer for his report and hard work.

#### **7. Secretary's Correspondence and other matters:**

The Eco Congregation Membership has been renewed at no cost to Vestry.

The Church Inventory is yet to be completed and Mark Seymour is dealing with this. Action **MARK SEYMOUR**

#### **8. Concerts and Events:**

Christopher Roads had circulated a report which is attached to these minutes, together with a balance sheet regarding the Church Concerts and explained this in full to the meeting. He said that he had applied for a further grant of £3,000 from Enterprise Music Scotland which is funded through the Scottish Government.

New banners have been acquired. Discussion took place regarding the concerts and it was agreed that we needed to attract larger audiences if possible in order to boost funds and cover the costs of artists.

Christopher thanked Melanie Grosse for all her hard work providing tea and cakes for the concerts, which was much appreciated.

The Rector thanked Christopher and Mary-Clare for all their hard work. Action **CHRISTOPHER ROADS**

Mary-Clare pointed out that we needed to acquire a keyboard for use at concerts and also during church services.

SUMMER FAIR: Susan Forsyth reported on progress for this years Fair to be held on Saturday 8th June. A number of table holders have been secured which included Church Tables, Tombola, Mary Bates, Willow lady, a new Jewellery lady, The Aberfoyle Bowling Club, Green Routes plants (charity), Trossachs Search and Rescue. The Rector was organising Chairs and Tables, Gazebos were to be acquired if possible from Kinlochard Village Hall. Melanie Grosse and Judith Poulton have agreed to help on the day.

Action

**RECTOR, SUSAN FORSYTH, CHRISTOPHER  
AND ELIZABETH ROADS**

## **9. Fabric Matters:**

None - The roof inspection had been carried out last year.

## **10. AOCB:**

It was agreed that there would be NO July meeting.

John Willis raised the matter of our dwindling congregation and outreach and it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting in October. James Gardner agreed to lead this and prepare a paper for discussion.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Friday 11th October

The Rector thanked all for attending, and closed the meeting with a Prayer.

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Treasurer Report

**1. Headlines**

- Start of Financial year (as at 01/10/18)
  - a. Restoration Account - £2,227
  - b. Vestry Account – £ 15,346.96
  
- Current balances (as at 30/04/19):
  - a. Restoration Account - £2,227
  - b. Vestry Account – £ 11,538.57

**2. Actuals year to date**

The table below is an extract from on-line banking where I have summarised the total income and expenditure by month for the financial year.

Month	Debit Amount	Credit Amount
<b>Oct Total</b>	£4,910.25	£4,305.20
<b>Nov Total</b>	£5,846.79	£9,591.77
<b>Dec Total</b>	£4,360.50	£4,128.64
<b>Jan Total</b>	£12,086.71	£5,477.13
<b>Feb Total</b>	£5,823.97	£6,654.16
<b>Mar Total</b>	£4,653.16	£4,100.45
<b>Apr Total</b>	£4,000.66	£3,616.30
<b>Grand Total</b>	£41,682.04	£37,873.65

**Net excess : £3,808.39 before Gift Aid submission**

**3. Smith and Williamson / Robert Sutherland Investments Income**

Smith & Williamson (St Marys)		Smith & Williamson (R Sutherland)	
Dec 18	£489.64	Jan 19	£319.72
Mar 19	£508.86	Mar 19	£288.59

#### 4. Recent Income & costs highlights

##### Expenditure:

##### Standard costs

Council Tax : £264, now £268

Insurance : £112

Insurance : £120

Stipends + pension : 2,859, now £2,916

Office (quota) : £560 now £616

Clear-Business: £62

##### Income :

St Andrews linkage : £1,338 (Monthly)

##### Electricity

SOUTHERN ELECTRIC 736116621 (Rectory)	Nov	£180.42
SOUTHERN ELECTRIC 928075621 (Church)	Nov	£362.02
SOUTHERN ELECTRIC 736116621 (Rectory)	Feb	£177.96
SOUTHERN ELECTRIC 928075621 (Church)	Feb	£467.30

##### Extraordinary Items this year

HMRC ( Morris & Young ) : £5,998.77 (Nov)

HMRC ( Morris & Young ) : £2,026.70 (Feb)

##### January – Payments:

Floodlighting:

Cotterells : £1,605.68

Tam Mackie : £2,824.00

Window Cleaning : £100

St Andrews Share of HMC rebate: £2,399.51

Viking Stationary: £411.43

CCLI - £113.55

Financial Examination: £291

##### February – Payments:

St Andrews Share of HMC rebate: £810.68

##### March – Payments

Pipe organ Maintenance - £168

Hayes and Finch - £27

##### April– Payments

Clergy Conference - £134

## May – Payments

PPL PRS Ltd – 103-93

Stirling Fire Protection - £72.84

**Concerts** - See separate report by Christopher Roads

Alastair Gardner

Treasurer

## CONCERT REPORT DATED 1 May 2019

### GENERAL

The Enterprise Music Scotland year runs from 1 May 2018 to 30 April 2019 so this report covers the whole of that period.

### DETAILED REPORTS

20 Jan 19: Les Trois Blondes. A pleasantly well-attended concert of 48 people, although some came and went. Concert much enjoyed by the audience, although Fergie would have played much longer if allowed to! Box office £418.90 + gift aid of £77.50. Fee £300. **Profit £118.90.**

17 Feb 19: Ines Zimmerman (flute) and Kevin Duggan (organ). An excellent concert with the organ and flute/recorder matching surprisingly well. I later discovered that Ines is an international flautist of some renown who had flown over from Geneva just for us, so our thanks to Kevin for arranging this. Attendance: 37, Box office: £439.90 + gift aid of £91.25. Fee £200 + travel of £100.

**Profit £139.90.**

17 Mar 19: Allander Jazz Band. By all accounts, a thoroughly enjoyed concert! The band's relaxed style was much enjoyed by the audience. Attendance: 47, Box office £383, Fee £240. **Profit £143.**

28 April 9: Kentigern String Quartet. We were delighted to welcome back the Kentigern who once again gave us a virtuosic and varied programme, sadly only enjoyed by 30. Box office £280 + gift aid of £62.50, Fee £600 + £45 expenses. **Loss £365.**

### THE YEAR IN OVERVIEW

We have been extremely fortunate to have had several performers who have played for us for very little money! This has meant that overall, we have just about covered ourselves. Against that, the Alastair Savage and the Kentigern concerts made a resounding loss, and the Monzani a modest loss.

Although the change to voluntary contributions has resulted in a small diminution of donations, overall gift aid covers this. It also allows an approximate halving of our PRS liability. It is proposed to trial a change to a 'retiring collection'.

A full set of accounts is attached. Points to note are that the loss shown, £258.87 includes attendance at the EMS Tours Conference of £25 which I forgot to claim. It also includes a new set of verge signs, in orange, as the old ones are getting tatty and faded. Also, remember that against the figure of loss

should be set £251.68 profit made in 2016/17. However, it should be noted that even if only 2 or 3 more people attended these concerts, we would be in the black.

**Comparisons:**

	Seats Sold	Income (before GA)
2017-18	344	£3461.35
2018-19	417	3571.10

Contract Agreement / Mar 27 2025 April 13	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT PRICE	THE	BUYER	QUANTITY	EST. PRICE	NS	TRAIL CASE	BUYER'S TV	CPA	MARK
18762013	REFUR 202718	466.54							-783.32		
	RES.G. 01	300.00							-68.52		
	RES.G. 01	376.00							233.10		
	18762013		200.00					134.06	2302.40		248.00000000000000
	SEC. CHG.								2302.40		
20252013	Chia Kwok, 2025	188.00		230.00	20.00	20.00	-170.00		2301.75		43.30
12472013	Lab Mater	182.00		220.00	0.00	0.00	-140.00	148.70	1923.75		39.98
12482013	Open Training								1923.75		
18382013	Time Warner, 2025	437.00		380.00	60.00	60.00	-60.00		1,493.01		82.30
	50 min. one hour										
	Service, 2025										
13192013	Lab Fee	270.00		600.00		200.00	-290.00	22.42	2100.32		21.25
18392013	Abuse 300g	240.00		400.00	40.00	40.00	-516.80	72.78	1,983.54		82.50
14172013	Lab Fee	600.00		600.00	0.00	0.00	-200.00	95.00	1,484.54		78.75
13112013	Open Conference	600.00		600.00	0.00	0.00	-200.00		95.51		
14112013	SEC. CHG.										
22012013	Residence, 2025	418.00		300.00	0.00	0.00	-91.00	49.08	876.51		75.50
12112013	Lab Fee							168.00	876.51		
13122013	Open T. after	79.50		300.00	200.00	200.00	-60.00		67.05		91.23
14122013	Res. 2025 (one 20min. Conf) and Key-Exchange								67.05		
	Service										
13022013	Lab Fee	383.00		240.00	0.00	0.00	-47.00	38.25	892.51		6.00
13122013	Abuse 300g	280.00		500.00	14.00	14.00	-462.00	45.42	839.21		62.90
21022013	Lab Fee								839.21		
21022013	Residence, 2025	280.00		500.00	14.00	14.00	-462.00	75.43	764.11		62.90
28022013	Lab Fee							102.97	764.11		
28022013	Lab Fee	227.10		200.00	20.00	20.00	-211.40		258.67		641.80
	2025										641.80



## FUTURE CONCERTS

The concerts arranged for the next year are:

19 May: David Hamilton (Organ);	£150 + expenses
June: No Concert	
21 July Feis Fhiort;	Fee: £120
18 Aug: Sax Ecosse;	Fee: £600 + expenses
15 Sep: Pure Brass;	Fee: £600 + expenses
20 Oct: Atholl Duo (flute and marimba):	Fee: £300 + expenses
17 Nov: Pistons & Pipes + Sally Carr (soprano) + timpani	Fee: £600 + expenses
19 January: Sarah Harrington (cello) + friend TBC	Fee: £300 + Expenses
16 Feb: Engegard String Quartet	Fee £600
15 Mar: Les Shankland's Chapterhouse Singers: Faure Requiem	Probably £600 inc. expenses
19 April: Genovia Bassoon quartet	£600
17 May: Andrei Soyuz Lyra vocal quartet	£600

This will be a financially challenging programme, with 6 concerts @ £600. However, it will be varied, with some highlights, particularly the November concert which, if all can be arranged, should produce quite a loud noise, and the Faure Requiem in Lent.

Bookings for 20/21 season have already started.