MINUTE of MEETING of the KIRK SESSION of BARNHILL ST. MARGARET'S PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND held a Zoom meeting on Tuesday 28 September 2021

WELCOME

The Interim Minister welcomed everyone to the Kirk Session meeting.

CONSTITUTION of KIRK SESSION

The Interim Minister, the Rev Dr Andrew Gardener opened the meeting with a Bible reading from Psalm 100 followed by a prayer.

SEDERUNT/ APOLOGIES

There were 25 members present and 7 apologies all as specified in the Sederunt Book.

MINUTE OF MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 31 August 2021 approval delayed.

The Minute of Minute Apart Meeting was approved.

MATTERS ARISING

- 1. Property One.
- 2. Trees at main door require trimming. Neighbour has requested we trim the trees. Session Clerk will write to the neighbour.
- 3. Beth Duncan has requested the missing ribbons in the pews be replaced to protect social distancing.
- 4. 121 George Street have stated money received from renting of the manse should be paid into the Fabric Fund. It was agreed by Kirk Session the Fabric Fund will reimburse the General Fund for monies spent renovating the manse ready for occupancy.
- 5. New tenant in the manse. The garden must be tidied to a specified standard. It was agreed we remove the £200 monthly charge from the rent and the tenant make their own arrangements.
- 6. The day to day running of the manse will be taken by Gilson Gray. This was approved by Denise Melville and Lindsay Darroch.

AOCB

Denise Melville asked if Door Duty Team Leaders could now supervise the counting and banking of collection money.

There will be a Kirk Session meeting on Tuesday 07 December 2021 at 19:15. This will be held in the Church Hall.

We will have face to face meetings October to December this year. It was felt Zoom meetings for January and February will be better especially with cold weather and potential snow and ice.

FINANCE

Wendy Butter presented the accounts for 8 months to 31 August 2021. Actual income was £101,122 and actual expenditure was £87,164. The leaves a surplus of £13,958.

There was no Presbytery report for this evening's meeting.

PRESBYTERY REPORT

REPORT on CHURCH WEBSITE

There was no update for the Church Website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Broughty Ferry Churches Group (BFCG) report was circulated to elders by Graham Wightman.

Linda Marsh circulated the Outreach report to elders.

EQUIPPING the SANCTUARY for LIVE STREAMING

A small group met with Scott Reynolds in the Church on Wednesday 22 September to discuss steps currently taken in Monifieth Church to enable the streaming of services. A visit to Barnhill St Margaret's Parish Church has been arranged for Wednesday 20 October when the group will be able to see the equipment being used.

ECO CHURCH/ GREEN ISSUES

There was no report available for this evening's meeting.

KIRK SESSION COMMITTEES UPDATE More work is needed on the committees update and work is still in progress.

CONTRACTS for STAFF The working group, Jack Laidlaw, Wendy Butters, Anita Jamieson and Norma Holmes met on Zoom to discuss the kind of employment policies Kirk Session will need to adopt LETTING of MANSE when offering Contracts of Employment. Some detailed thought was given to Holiday and Sick Pay. Work is proceeding on a handbook which needs to be developed to go alongside contracts. Further meetings and consultations with staff will be held during October 2021. OCTOBER COMMUNION The Communion Service for Sunday 31 October 2021 was discussed. This will be our Interim Minister's first Communion with us and requested a walk-through of procedures. ARRANGEMENTS Various ways of distributing the elements were discussed. Possibility of distributing the bread and wine at the door as people arrive. Provision of gluten free bread will be made available Communion invitations could be printed for elders to deliver. Also email invitations. **ZOOM SERVICE** The Interim Minister will be away on Sunday 28 November 2021. Rev Jack Laidlaw will be asked to lead this Service SAFEGUARDING There was no Safeguarding report for this meeting. CORRESPONDENCE There was no correspondence for this meeting. PROPERTY MATTERS 2 Session Clerk read out the Minute Apart of Thursday 12 August 2021. This was approved. DATE of NEXT MEETING Tuesday 26 October 2021 at 19:15. This meeting will be held in the Church Hall. BENEDICTION The meeting closed by saying the Grace to each other.