

CHURCHES TOGETHER in GLENROTHES & DISTRICT

Trinity Church Leslie, 14th October 2009

PRESENT: Richard Gilmour - Church of Christ
Rev Kathryn Price - Coaltown of Balgonie
Irene Belton - Glenrothes Baptist
George Carratt (*mins*) - King's Covenant Fellowship
Betty Nicol - Leslie Baptist
Sarah McDowall - St Columba's
Una Fidoe - St Luke's
Rev John McLean, Allan McDonagh, Marjorie Cowie, Joy Allan - St Margaret's
Rev Allistair Roy, Ena Harley (*chair*), Constance Robertson, Clare Atkin, Mary McIndoe - St Ninian's
Margaret Duffy, Pat McAuley - St Paul's and St Mary's
Rev Mel Griffiths, Irene Ross - Trinity

Apologies: Wilma Page, Rev Alex Forsyth, Chris & Dawn Hinton, Fr Gerard Hand, Rev Diane Hobson, Jim Bowman, Joan Grant.

1. **Opening**

Welcome Ena warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Worship Mel read from Romans 5, invited us to join in sung worship and then led us in prayer.

2. **Minutes**

Approval of the September minutes was given by Richard Gilmour.

3. **Correspondence**

The Kingdom Centre has granted approval for Churches Together to have a table to sell Christian Christmas cards on 13th & 14th Nov from 10 am till 4pm (near Argos). Church representatives are encouraged to intimate this to their congregations. Those who want to volunteer should contact Jean Christie on 773874 (help will also be needed out with the above times). Please pray for this witness to touch our town. Arrangements will progress and be updated at the next meeting. Clare and Sarah to supply seasonal message cards to be given to customers.

The Kingdom Centre has given approval for Churches Together to sing Christmas Carols on Rothes Hall steps from 11-1 on Sat 12th Dec 2009.

4. **Matters Arising**

Billboards – as we are unable to progress this at present, we could explore Christian Advertising Network options. For more information please check www.churchads.org.uk/2009/index.html as there may be an opportunity for us to support a project.

Churches Together Joint Events - the ministers fraternal has met twice to discuss how to engage with the Christian Community. There is a consensus that we should evaluate our purpose and vision for meeting together. A number of opinions were voiced and some thoughts from the fraternal were aired. It was generally felt that before we plan any more events there should be a consultation on how the congregations view Churches Together. This could involve a time of reduced profile/activity during the consultation prior to a 're-launch' around Pentecost 2010. Kathryn offered to draft some questions for use in a survey: others would contribute in the preparation of this. Items for consideration include parochial events we would be willing to lay aside to enable joint opportunities; when should we stop for a break; the purpose in meeting together. Possible timescale (to be ratified) continue current agenda until after Week of Prayer, February – develop consultation, March – clear agenda.

Action

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Week of Prayer Connie & Kathryn are attending a conference on 13th Oct and will report back in Nov.

Christian Viewpoint the Glenrothes Gazette editor has not yet responded.

Christian Healing some of the churches are exploring expressions of Christian Healing and after considering Healing on the Streets (<http://holytrinitystandrews.blogspot.com/2009/04/hots-healing-on-streets.html>) and Healing Rooms (www.healingrooms-scotland.com/) have organised Quiet Space. Next session on 8th Nov 2-3pm at St Columba's. More details and poster are available on Churches Together in Glenrothes and District web page (address at end of minutes).

Quiet Day for Scotland on weekend nearest to St Andrews Day. Recommended resources available on ACTS web site http://www.acts-scotland.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=242&Itemid=137.

St Ninian's Charity Shop Grant application forms are now available for any local projects looking for funding. Closing date 13/11/09. Successful applicants to receive funding in March 2010.

Guild open Meeting Andrew McLaren to speak on Prisons. Tues 12/01/10 7:30pm at St Margaret's, open to all.

5. AOCB

Coaltown of Balgonie URC, being the only Church in the village, is seeking to be recognised as an ecumenical centre for all Christians. Churches Together support this application.

Futures Group Presentation – held until after Churches Together consultation.

Healing Rooms Presentation – held until after Churches Together consultation.

Next Meeting is on 11th Nov St Paul's

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| Schedule | 9 th Dec St Columba's (after service) |
| | 13 th Jan Markinch |
| | 10 th Feb St Margaret's |
| | 10 th Mar Christ's Kirk |
| | 12 th May St Luke's |
| | 9 th June AGM Coaltown URC. |

Close The meeting closed at 9:10pm. We joined hands and said "The Grace".

Diary Oct

16th Fri 7:30pm @ Markinch Church Hall. Wine Tasting £3.50 743251 (Glenrothes-Böblingen Ecumenical Group)

30th Fri 7:30pm @ St Paul's Church. Ceilidh (Glenrothes-Böblingen Ecumenical Group) £4 stovies, trifle. BYOB.

Nov

8th Sun 2-3pm @ St Columba's. Quiet Space

17th Tue 6:30pm. @ St Margaret's. Prayer for GROW.

27th Fri 7:30pm @ Glenrothes Baptist. Bruce Davies concert (in aid of GROW)

28th Sat Noon & 7:30pm. The Scotland Trust - National Day. <http://www.scotland-trust.org.uk/>

Dec

3rd Thur 7pm @ Salvation Army. Catch the Fire, Give Christmas Away.

<http://catchthefireglenrothes.viviti.com>

12th 11am-1pm @ Rothes Halls steps. Carol Singing.

For further information, please check

<http://www.gkcarratt.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/gct.html>