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The Kirk Session met at 19.00 hours on 14 February 2024 in the Killellan Halls. The meeting was constituted in worship and prayer by the Moderator.

2. Sederunt and Apologies: the names of those attending were noted, with apologies from Gillian McFarlane.

3. Minutes of previous meetings: had not yet been circulated and would be approved at next meeting

4.Correspondence/reports - Session Clerk

Helen gave the following update

The annual attestation of records had taken place on 7 February and all approved by Presbytery, subject to one further form for the Property records.

The Property report required submission of S6 Form which was presented to the meeting and duly approved.

5.Matters for discussion:

1. Langbank Church

A meeting of the Kirk Sessions of both churches was scheduled to take place on Monday 19 February.

The Moderator outlined that the Presbytery plan was for Langbank and HKK to come together, as a union with Langbank as a Local Mission Church. One Minister for both churches.

At the meeting in January with the facilitators Eleanor and Lorna the idea of a Linkage had been floated. Yet the straw poll at the elders meeting on 5 February appeared to favour a union

Looking at the pros /cons

* Linkage – no change for the running of both churches
  + Minister had to attend KS meetings at both churches
* Union – name of Parish likely to change
  + If a local mission church formed at Langbank more scope to be part of the community
  + One church in a union – one KS and one set of office bearers
  + Heavy burden on Office Bearers of combined churches

Discussion focused on several points in particular:

* Effect of Union/linkage on attracting a new Minister
* Burden on Minister
* Uncertainties on how it would work in practice
* How we could work together and collaboratively

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* Historical misinformation
* Other linkages

The preferred option was agreed to be linkage with a view to working towards a union.

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Need C standard certificate to be allowed to call a new minster

Discussion of getting the whole house up to standard. To be progressed and further reports submitted.

c) . Safeguarding: Sandra asked the session to ratify the appointment of Carol Rankin to the Pastoral care team. Approved

d) Finance

The Moderator outlined that her duty was to look at finance and to that end wished to meet with our Communications Officer to learn about her role and with the BB over the captaincy as well as looking to the BB to increase their contributions for their let of the halls.

e) It was understood that a letter of concern on the current Kirk Session structure was being circulated by Ian Jackson which had been signed by some of the elders. Agreed that this would be duly considered by Session once submitted. The Moderator set out that all elders should be aware of their vows as Elders and serve on one of the Teams. It was important to get the right structure and gain the elders’ support

Date of next meeting to be intimated.

The meeting finished by saying the Grace together.

Signed

Moderator Session clerk

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