

# Orphir & Stenness Church of Scotland Stated Annual Meeting

The Stated Annual Meeting of Orphir & Stenness Church of Scotland was held in the church on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**Welcome:** Rev Martin Prentice constituted the meeting with prayer.

**Apologies:** Peter Brass, Wilma Brass, Lynne Buchan, James Clouston, Tracy Linklater, Carol Mainland, Kathryn Sclater, Olivia Tait,

**Minutes of the Stated Annual Meeting** The Minutes of the previous Stated Annual Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016 were circulated and agreed to be a true minute. Approval of the minutes was proposed by Hugh Halcro Johnston and seconded by Liz Slater

**Opening Remarks** Rev Martin Prentice gave an update on his health issues and stated that he is no longer the locum minister for the charge, but would continue to take services a couple of times a month as required. He commented on the ongoing repairs and improvements to the church buildings. The community café every Thursday is very popular and a good way for people to meet together. He is doing some pastoral work in the community and visits the schools on a regular basis. The Rev June Freeth is the new Interim Moderator.

**Election of Board Members** Josie Spence, Elizabeth Williams and Linda Johnston were re-elected to the board on a motion proposed by Liz Slater and seconded by Morag Sinclair. Olivia Tait has retired from the board and will be thanked by letter by the Clerk for her work over the past years. Alfred Baird was elected to the board on a on a motion proposed by Linda Johnston and seconded by Margaret Linklater.

**Annual Accounts** Treasurer Hugh Halcro Johnston presented the annual accounts to the meeting. The accounts have been approved by the Trustees Meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017. There were no questions to Hugh Halcro Johnston and the chairman thanked him for his work throughout the year.

**Blue Door** A request has been made to be added to the list for a week in the Blue Door charity shop.

**Unitary Constitution** The proposed unitary constitution will be dealt with by the church Session

**AOCB** Graeme Brown raised the question of links with presbytery partner in Malawi. The Session will discuss this at its next meeting.

A there was no further business, the meeting was closed with the Benediction

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