

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ISLA SPEY DEVERON GROUP OF CHURCHES
HELD AT HOLY TRINITY KEITH ON 23RD FEBRUARY 2020 AFTER MORNING SERVICE**

1. The meeting opened with prayer
2. **Attendance** Revd Michael Last (Chair), Louise Monaghan (Treasurer) and 31 members of the congregations (List attached)
3. **Apologies** Susan Anderson, Helen Birnie, Mary Burnett-Stuart, Fiona Gordon, Alan Grimley, Rosemary Grimley, Cliff Jones, Val Jones, Hazel MacAngus-Gerrard, Jim McEwen, Pippy McEwen, Jean Smith, Ann Thomson, Richard Weston

Reverend Michael explained the purpose of this particular AGM. The new constitution had been agreed on 29th September 2019. ML had spoken to OSCR and there were 2 options to move the charity numbers forward. 1) to start from scratch with a completely new number. 2) to use one of the existing numbers and rename it. Option 2 had been chosen and Gordon Chapel's number had been used. This meeting will start the process of rolling the IDG and St Michael charities into the ISDG one but there was no report from St Michael's yet as there was a Trust Deed linked to their charity number which the new Diocesan Registrar was investigating.

4. **Minutes** of the Gordon Chapel AGM held on 9th December 2018 were approved. Proposed by Janet Philpott and seconded by Joan Marsden
Minutes of the IDG AGM held on 16th December were approved. Proposed by Rebecca Last and seconded by Hazel Welbon

5. **Matters Arising** None

6. **Reports**

- a) CLERGY Revd Michael presented his report for the year which had been circulated
- b) LAY REPS Nothing to report
- c) PROPERTY & REPAIR (Major) Lift had been installed at Gordon Chapel and Ramp had been built at Christ Church. There were some problems with the roof at St Michael but they were not felt to be serious.
- d) SAFEGUARDING Margaret Forsyth had sent in her report. There had been no change since last year. Clergy had to attend a safeguarding training annually. ML was talking to Denise MacFarlane, the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, to decide how safeguarding should be taken forward in the new group. Should it be one officer for all the churches or one for each church.
- e) OTHER REPORTS Busega Scotland, a small local charity working in Tanzania and supported by Gordon Chapel, had provided a report on their activities.

7. **Finance**

- a) Presentation of accounts. Louise Monaghan, the Diocesan Treasurer, presented the Gordon Chapel accounts for the year ended 30th September 2019. While largely historic they showed an increased surplus in unrestricted funds over the year. ML pointed out that the accounts had been independently examined by the former treasurer of the IDG as the previous examiner was no longer able to do it.
IDG accounts for the year ended 30th September 2019 showed an increase in total donations over 2018 and a surplus for the year.
Louise recommended that the congregations should be encouraged to give by standing order where possible to improve stewardship.
ML proposed acceptance of both sets of accounts from the chair which was passed unanimously. He thanked Louise for her work as Treasurer.

- b) Administration – winding up of accounts of IDG.
 Resolution of the Isla Deveron Group of Churches – wording had been drawn up by the Diocesan Registrar – to move the accounts of the IDG with their restricted funds to the Isla Spey Deveron Group. ML proposed the motion from the Chair and 16 members of the IDG voted for it.
 Resolution of the Isla Spey Deveron Group of Churches – again wording had been drawn up by the Diocesan Registrar – to join the Gordon Chapel and IDG accounts.
 ML proposed the motion from the Chair and it was approved unanimously.
- c) Appointment of Independent Examiner ML proposed that Mr S MacBeath of Keith who was the Independent Examiner for the IDG should be appointed to be the Independent Examiner for the ISDG. This was approved unanimously.

8. **Appointments and Elections**

- a) Election of Lay Representatives (1 from each congregation) The following were elected unopposed
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| Christ Church | Hazel Welbon |
| Gordon Chapel | Janet Philpott |
| Holy Trinity | John Kemp |
| St Marnan | Vacant |
- b) Election of Vestry Members (up to 3 from each congregation) The following were elected unopposed
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| Christ Church | Anne Exelby, Cliff Jones, Miranda Montgomery |
| Gordon Chapel | Dolly Grant, Myra Murphy, Amy Souter |
| Holy Trinity | Catherine Ellwood, Amanda Miller, Richard Weston |
| St Marnan | Mary Burnett-Stuart (subject to her agreement) |
- c) Election of Alternate Lay Representatives (1 from each congregation) The following were elected unopposed
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| Christ Church | Pippy McEwen |
| Gordon Chapel | Joan Marsden |
| Holy Trinity | Vacant |
| St Marnan | Vacant |

9. **Any Other Business** John Kemp proposed a vote of thanks to everyone who helped to maintain the churches.

Vestry Meetings A list of meetings for 2020 was circulated

10. **Prayer** The meeting finished with the Grace