

## ISLA SPEY DEVERON GROUP OF CHURCHES

### Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30p.m. in Holy Trinity Keith and via Zoom

1. **Opening Prayer including RIP** with Reading for the Feast of Timothy and Titus. Remembering those from the congregations who had died during the year especially Audrey Abelsmith and Margaret Christie from Gordon Chapel and Pippy McEwen and Anne Exelby from Christ Church, Huntly.
2. **Attendance** There were 10 in person and 17 attending via Zoom including Louise Monaghan, Treasurer, for Items 1-6. Rev'd Michael Last was in the Chair. List attached
3. **Apologies.** Amy Souter, Moira Middleton and Susan Anderson from Gordon Chapel; Miranda Montgomery, Hazel Welbon and Janet Gordon from Christ Church; Rebecca Last from Holy Trinity and Jean Macdonald from St Michael's.
4. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were accepted. Proposed by Dolly Grant and seconded by Catherine Ellwood.
5. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere.** None
6. **FINANCE**
  - a) Presentation of Accounts Louise, the Treasurer, presented the accounts up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 which covered 10 months of the combined group. The previous year's figures were for Gordon Chapel as the Charity number had been transferred so were meaningless. There are 3 types of accounts, ordinary, designated and restricted. On the ordinary account there appears to be a surplus of £13282 but this includes income and expenditure of designated funds. The underlying position is a deficit of £8901. This needs to be addressed so that the assets of the grouping are not used for running costs. Ideally members of the congregation should give by Standing Order and should review their payments regularly. On a positive note the investments in the Provincial UTP have increased in value and provided income. Next year's accounts will still be unusual as the previous year will only show 10 months of group figures. Rev'd Michael pointed out that the group had combined assets of over £400,000 excluding buildings. This figure needed to be remembered when listening to his report. Rev'd Michael thanked Louise for drawing up the accounts and proposed that they should be accepted. The AGM accepted them.
  - b) Appointment of Independent Examiner Rev'd Michael proposed that Mr S MacBeath, Treasurer of St Rufus Church, Keith should be appointed. This was accepted.
7. **REPORTS**
  - a) Lay Reps Nothing to report. The 2021 Diocesan Synod had been held via Zoom but it was hoped that the 2022 would be hybrid.
  - b) Property & Repair (Major items)
    - i) Christ Church Section of ceiling had fallen down during lockdown. The whole ceiling had been checked and repaired in traditional fashion.
    - ii) The Aberchirder and District Men's Shed had made a new notice board for St Marnan's
    - iii) Major work had been done to the boiler in the Rectory. Thank

you to Richard Weston for his work on the tower at Holy Trinity and installing the swift boxes.

c) Safeguarding Catherine and Caliegh had attended the online safeguarding training session 1 organised by the Province and were booked to attend session 2 next week. There had been no safeguarding issues during the year. The Annual Safeguarding Return had been completed and sent to the Diocese.

d) Other reports Busega This report was on the Group website. John Carney added that one girl was going on to study for A levels which showed the progress that had been made since the charity had been established. He thanked individual members of the ISDG for their support and in particular the ISDG for their regular donations.

e) Clergy Rev'd Michael presented his report (attached). He thanked Rev'd Peter, Megan and the Eucharistic Ministers for their help over the year as well as those who had provided music. Amanda Miller thanked Rev'd Michael for all he has done during the year to encourage the grouping and particularly his work in Dufftown. Rev'd Michael said that the final paperwork to bring St Michael's into the grouping had now been signed and that Angela Dow had drawn up draft plans for the church at St Michael's to go to Moray Council for pre-planning approval. Rev'd Michael thanked Gillian Hood for her quiet work as Secretary over the year.

#### 8. **APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS**

a) Lay Reps to serve for one year.

Christ Church Jen Bressers-Stuart p. Miranda Montgomery s. Rosemary Grimley  
Gordon Chapel Joan Marsden p. Brenda Shepherd s. Janet Philpott  
Holy Trinity Amanda Miller p. Geoff Macangus-Gerrard s. Megan Cambridge

b) Vestry Members to serve for 3 years. Up to 3 from each congregation

Christ Church Miranda Montgomery and Richard Brown to continue  
Gordon Chapel Amy Souter, Dolly Grant and Daphne Stevens to continue  
Holy Trinity Catherine Ellwood and Richard Weston to continue  
Megan Cambridge had been coopted onto the Vestry but was now proposed  
by Richard Weston and seconded by Hazel Macangus-Gerrard  
St Marnan's Karen and Keith Davids to continue  
St Michael's Alastair Locke to continue; Jean Macdonald proposed by Daphne  
Stevens seconded by Jen Bressers-Stuart

c) Alternate Lay Reps to serve for one year

Gordon Chapel Sarah Johnson p. Gillian Hood s. Myra Murphy  
Holy Trinity Geoff Macangus-Gerrard p. Amanda Miller s. Jen Bressers-Stuart

There being no other nominations the above members were elected.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** None

10. The meeting ended with the Grace