

# BRIGHTONS PARISH CHURCH MINUTES



<b>Type of Meeting:</b>	Kirk Session
<b>Date and Time:</b>	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7.45pm
<b>Location:</b>	Brightons Parish Church
<b>Sederunt:</b>	Rev S Burton, Moderator and Elders: I Baillie, J Dick, J Falconer, A Gillespie, J Glass (Presbytery Elder), G Mann, A McDonald, C McEwan, H McManus, J Meek, J Norton (Session Clerk), P Paterson, B Rankine, M Scott, J Wallace, K Wansbrough
<b>Apologies:</b>	J Callahan, R Callahan, T Nimmo, W Tomlinson
<b>Absent:</b>	None

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<b>1. Constitution</b>	<b>1.1</b> The meeting was opened with a reading from Psalm 23 then constituted with prayer.	
<b>2. Sederunt</b>	<b>2.1</b> The sederunt, as above, were noted.	
<b>3. Conflict of Interest (new)</b>	<b>3.1</b> No new conflicts of interest were declared.	
<b>4. Minutes</b>	<b>4.1</b> The minute from 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 was approved (pp388-393).	
<b>5. Matters Arising</b>	<p><b>5.1 Kirk Session Away Day Notes</b> - the Moderator referenced the notes from the Away Day discussions as outlined in the Moderators Report.</p> <p>Two points were clarified under Group 1 notes on page 4 from the next 6-18 month discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lessons Learned Should read 'What Went Well, What Went Less Well, What would we Change, What did we Learn'</li> <li>• Pastoral Care 'Mixed visiting' meant visitors from more than one of the four Upper Braes congregations.</li> </ul> <p>No questions were raised. Any further thoughts or comments to be shared with the Session Clerk.</p> <p>Next steps: The Moderator with the Depute Session Clerk will collate key themes and bring these back to September Session so teams or individuals can be allocated for these to be taken forward.</p>	<p>..... <b>Moderator</b></p> <p><b>Elders</b></p> <p><b>Moderator/ Depute Session Clerk</b></p>
<b>6. Presbytery</b>	<p><b>6.1 General Feedback from Presbytery</b> – Jason Glass (Presbytery Elder) and the Moderator noted the key point from the last Presbytery meeting on 01 June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval to add Brent Haywood, Jim Hope, Donald Meek and Judith Norton to the register of worship leaders authorised under the scheme for local worship leaders.</li> </ul>	

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<b>7. Team Updates</b>	<p><b>7.1 Worship Team</b> – report accepted as tabled.</p> <p>The Moderator noted he had passed the first part of Supervisor Training so will take on his first candidate, Gayle Miller, in October. The Moderator noted Session’s role is to encourage Gayle, and to expect God to be at work through her.</p>	
<b>8. Correspondence</b>	<b>8.1</b> None	
<b>9. Roll Keeping</b>	<b>9.1</b> The Moderator noted interest had been shown in membership classes. A request for baptism had also been received from a new family. The Moderator noted there is an expectation for the family to be amongst us for a while before a baptism takes place.	
<b>10. AOCB</b>	<b>10.1 Resignation of Gordon Scott as Elder</b> - the Moderator noted Gordon’s request to step down as an Elder. He gave thanks to God for Gordon’s service and noted we look forward to continued fellowship with Gordon.	
<b>11. Services</b>	<p><b>11.1</b> The following services were planned:</p> <p>23rd June – Sunday School closing service                  27th June – half hour service with communion                  30th June to 11th August – 10.30am morning services with Summer Kids Club                  18th August – 11am welcome back service (not all age)                  25th August – evening service                  29th August – half hour service with communion                  1st September – all age communion service                  8th September – joint Upper Braes churches service at Slamannan</p>	
<b>12. Dates</b>	<p><b>12.1</b> Dates of future meetings/holidays were noted as:</p> <p>26th June 7pm for 7.30pm start: Upper Braes Kirk Sessions’ meeting                  1st to 14th July: Scott on study leave (Jill Dickson and Brent Haywood preaching)                  15th July to 4th August: Scott on holiday (Judith Norton, Jim Hope and Linzi Matheson preaching)                  4th to 20th August: Ian on holiday (Ian requested someone to pick up his district for Connect/Communion card distribution)                  10th September: Deacons’ Court followed by Kirk Session</p>	<p><b>Depute Session Clerk</b></p>
<b>13. Close</b>	<b>13.1</b> The meeting was closed by saying the Grace together.	<p>.....  <b>Moderator</b></p> <p>.....  <b>Session Clerk</b></p>