

BRIGHTONS PARISH CHURCH MINUTES



Type of Meeting:	Kirk Session
Date and Time:	Tuesday 10 th September 2024 at 7.45pm
Location:	Brightons Parish Church
Sederunt:	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, W Tomlinson G Miller (visiting on placement)
Apologies:	J Callahan, R Callahan, T Nimmo, J Wallace
Absent:	None

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1. Constitution	1.1 The meeting was opened with a reading from Philippians 2:1-4 then constituted with prayer.	
2. Sederunt	2.1 The sederunt, as above, were noted.	
3. Conflict of Interest (new)	3.1 No new conflicts of interest were declared.	
4. Minutes	4.1 The minutes from 25 th June (pp394-395) and 4th August 2024 (in hunc effectum) (pp396) were approved.	
5. Matters Arising	5.1 Kirk Session Away Day Notes - the Moderator noted the points gathered from each of the groups had been documented and would be collated further, so next steps could be brought to the November Kirk Session. Moderator Moderator
6. Presbytery	6.1 General Feedback from Presbytery – Jason Glass (Presbytery Elder) and the Moderator noted the key points from the last Presbytery meeting on 31 August: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Moderator of the Presbytery appointed (Rev Francis Derek Gunn). • Upper Braes Union agreed and accepted; the Moderator acknowledged at Presbytery how the four congregations had come together well. • Union for Bainsford and Grahamston United LEP was also accepted. • Encouraging that those churches moving into union had a focus on opportunity and hope; request to hold those clusters struggling with hurt and tension in our prayers. • Ian Baillie (Pastoral Assistant and Locum for Bonnybridge St Helens) is stepping back from locuming on 22 December. • Rev Jim Cowan is stepping back from locuming at Laurieston and Redding & West Quarter in January 2025. • Rev Sandra Mathers will return to worship with us following the Upper Braes Union. 	

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<p>7. Discussion Topic</p>	<p>Union Preparations:</p> <p>7.1 Pastoral Assistant Interview Panel - Session unanimously approved the proposal for the interview panel as outlined in the Moderator's Report.</p> <p>7.2 Logo Designs - Session were asked to vote on the design and colours as per the process outlined in the Moderator's Report.</p> <p>7.3 Elders' Survey - Session were asked to complete the survey form with regard to their plans and wishes for service and membership going forward, as outlined in the Moderator's Report. The Moderator noted that it was most likely additional Elders from Brightons, beyond the proposed 9, would be needed to make up the 15 Elders on the united Kirk Session.</p> <p>7.4 Designation for buildings of Upper Braes Church - Session voted for the two buildings to be called 'Slamannan/Brightons Ministry Centre'.</p> <p>7.5 Meetings of the new Kirk Session of Upper Braes Church - Session unanimously approved the proposal, outlined in the Moderator's Report, to meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.15pm, either using the Small Hall at Brightons and/or rotating to Slamannan, Blackbraes and Shieldhill, and Muiravonside (until the buildings are sold).</p> <p>7.6 First meeting of new Kirk Session of Upper Braes Church - Session unanimously approved the proposal, outlined in the Moderator's Report, for the new Kirk Session meet on Saturday 2nd November at 9.30am to elect the initial group of Ruling Elders.</p> <p>The Moderator noted the need to set a sense of direction and momentum and to get onto the Mission Plan which was the purpose of the Union.</p> <p>It was suggested Ian Baillie (Pastoral Assistant) asks on his visits if anyone housebound would wish a lift to the Sunday morning church service.</p>	<p>Elders</p> <p>Elders</p> <p>Pastoral Assistant</p>
<p>8. Correspondence</p>	<p>8.1 None</p>	
<p>9. Roll Keeping</p>	<p>9.1 Since the last meeting, the deaths had been noted of Bill Miller (04 July) and Irene McNab (04 August). The Moderator commended the families of Bill and Irene to our prayers and gave thanks for the fellowship shared with them.</p> <p>9.2 The Moderator noted Jane Kennedy and Mike and Eilidh Ferguson had started membership classes. Mike and Eilidh have also requested baptism for their daughter Marsaili.</p>	

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<p>10. AOCB</p>	<p>9.3 It was also noted Janice Blackley had requested to transfer her lines, which have been sent. The Moderator gave thanks for Janice's fellowship.</p> <p>10.1 Faith Mission bookstall – Session approved the request from Wendy and Cammy Dick to hold a bookstall on Sunday 27th October. The moderator noted the bookstall would now come under the Discipleship team and any further requests would be made to the Discipleship Team Convenor, Minister and Session Clerk.</p> <p>The Moderator introduced Gayle Miller, who is on an 8 month placement at Brightons as she trains to become a full-time minister of Word and Sacrament. Gayle will start on 1 October and will spend 10 hours per week with us. Gayle's main focus will be discipleship and working with young people.</p> <p>The Moderator also invited Elders to speak with him on any thoughts/questions on the Holy Spirit teaching series and if what was being covered was as per expectations from the paper discussed at the May Kirk Session.</p>	<p>Elders</p>
<p>11. Services</p>	<p>11.1 The following services were planned:</p> <p>22nd September – Organisations' Dedication service 26th September – half-hour service; Ian Baillie leading (added post meeting) 29th September evening – Jill Dickson preaching; Rev Jim Cowan leading 6th October – harvest service 27th October evening – Linzi Matheson preaching 3rd November – joint service at Brightons of Upper Braes Church</p>	
<p>12. Dates</p>	<p>12.1 Dates of future meetings/holidays were noted as:</p> <p>14th-20th October: Scott on holiday (Donald Meek preaching 13th; Gayle Miller 20th) Saturday 2nd November 2024 9.30am-noon – Kirk Session of Upper Braes Church</p>	
<p>13. Close</p>	<p>13.1 The meeting was closed by saying the Grace together.</p>	<p>..... Moderator</p> <p>..... Session Clerk</p>

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