

Local Mission Church Leadership Team
Minute of meeting held on 7th January 2025 7pm

Attendees:

Members of the Leadership Team:

Rev. Scott Burton, Minister (chair)
Linda McGarry, Ruling Elder
George Mann, Ruling Elder
(one space remaining)

Additional Attendees:

Judith Norton, Session Clerk
Fiona Miller, Reserve Elder

Apologies received from Team members:

Rena Moore, Ruling Elder
John McGarry, Reserve Elder
John Johnstone, Retired Elder

1. Welcome & prayer – Scott welcomed all, gave opportunity for introductions and then opened with a reading from Matthew 10:29-31 and prayer
2. Minutes and matters arising/actions update:
 - Scott will liaise with Monica about home communion requests
 - Easter Fun Day – Scott to get info from Rachel Gilmour and send to Fiona for Bible Fun Club families along with a flyer when ready; Scott to ask Robert Wilson about driving a minibus to get people to event
 - Fiona to confirm date/cost for use of Slamannan Primary School gym hall for joint service on 4th May 2025
 - Scott to tell Janette/Sandra Anderson about source for bereavement cards
 - Scott to explore with Sanctus Media issues with the loop system
 - Scott to organise training for prayer for others
 - Jean Gilmour and Rena Moore are involved with Seniors' Lunch
 - Recruitment ongoing for Martha's Pantry and a few people have stepped forward
 - Policies to be shared in February after Kirk Session have approved
 - Display board for Elders, etc being sourced
3. General Items
 - Kirk Session Updates:
 - Letter sent to Orange Order to end the let. Response has been very negative. Judith and Scott meeting on 14th January with Orange Order members.
 - Costs for funerals and weddings have increased for non-members. Prices on the Contact page of website in PDF download.
 - Worship:
 - Update need to the worship prep sheet for when Scott is on holiday, covering support needs at Slamannan
 - Dates for World Day of Prayer service and Braes Pulpit Swap have been arranged, as well as Holy Week services for Wed-Fri only.
 - Ministry Updates:
 - Bible Fun Club still to start back; a good night for Nativity Evening
 - Seniors Lunch starts back in March
 - Martha's Pantry starts back this week
 - Upcoming Events:

- How do we help Slamannan members and community to access wider groups and events in the Union? Prayer events, Fellowship Groups, etc? Team to review range of activities and discuss next time.
- Easter Fun Day and Services discussed
- Joint services in Feb (Brightons) and May (Slamannan)
- Belong events: Fun Day and BBQ (flyer needed)
- Community Audit coming up in 2025
- Property:
 - Slates repaired
- Finance:
 - Budget in place for joint services and Seniors Lunch
 - Other financial needs covered by other teams
- Growth and change:
 - Scott to follow up with young couple who have been missing for some weeks
 - How do we encourage more families to attend? Especially adults? Explore a Slamannan-based event in June before summer break.
 - Explore advertising Seniors Lunch via social work – elderly residents unable to pay could attend without cost.

4. AOCB – no other business was raised.

5. Next meeting – Tuesday 6th May 2025, 7pm at Judith's home.

6. George prayed and then we closed by saying The Grace together.