



Up & Coming Team Meeting

DATE: Monday 25th November 2025
Time: 8pm
Location: Manse

Agenda

1. Welcome and prayer

Peter started the meeting with a short devotion and a time of prayer.

2. Apologies

Apologies from Jessie, one of the Ruling Elders from Kirk Session who would now attend Up and Coming. We Acknowledged that George would be stepping down from this group

3. Minute of last meeting

- a. Matters arising not covered elsewhere

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections. There were no matters arising that are not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

4. Ministry Updates:

- a. Sunday School

Alie reported that all groups are doing well with some notable growth happening. Leaders happy with extra support – Dixcee specifically had appreciated the extra support. Lots of groups seen growth, with new folks starting and some young people returning. Alie reported that there has been a notable increase in boys particularly in FLAIM. Also noted that a couple of families are now regularly coming from the Maddiston area.

Finally, the various groups are getting ready to participate in the nativity play with plans in development.



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b. Girls' Brigade

The group are doing well and the numbers are good. Maggie did share a concern that there are rumours that the Girls Brigade could possibly run out of funds nationally by 2027

Scott asked about young leaders – Maggie reported that she feels the current girls she has preparing for leadership are not yet ready.

c. Boys' Brigade

Planning to have a service in May, rather than March, including for Anchor Boys. Scott to explore what this might mean for the Girls Brigade, as they are still likely to have their service in March.

d. Schools' work

Scott reported that work is now underway in 3 schools. Working mainly in classes but there is hope that there will be access to more assemblies in the new year.

Positive feedback from Wallacestone Primary; a thank-you letter received from the Parents' Association.

SU at Wallacestone has 36 children attending; P7 numbers dropping off, but 17 new P4 attendees.

High School SU has 27 students attending regularly. Joseph from HS started attending church; Scott may chat with him about his experience and what has led him to start attending church

e. Youth Worker Committee

Committee is to be wound down now that Caroline's appointment has been made. Care for Caroline will transition to the new Youth Project Management Team consisting of Scott, Peter and Carolyn W. An induction plan for Caroline is being worked on and will be finalised shortly.

f. Additional Support Needs



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Attempts to introduce ASN initiatives faced challenges. One of the children was a wee bit resistant to leaving their group while Alexanthimos' approach may have unintentionally created some pressure for others.

g. Build the Braes

Nothing to report here. All appears to be going well and this is overseen by Doug and Rachel.

Scott raised a question about possible support for the Wednesday Bible Fun Club at Slamannan. Scott reported that there are small numbers at the moment and that he will be meeting with the leaders to understand more, and what support is needed.

5. Updates from Kirk Session relevant to Up & Coming

It was felt that there was nothing to report at this time.

6. Events:

a. Christmas –

A brief discussion was had sharing about plans for Christmas and the upcoming nativity play. There were no action points raised.

7. Discussion Items:

a. Question for Kirk Session (Dec)

No questions were raised

b. Future Items:

No questions were raised

8. AOCB (*please advise ahead of meeting*)

No AOCB were raised

9. Date of next meeting TBC

The meeting closed with a time of prayer