

**Church of Scotland
Stewartry of Strathearn
Reordering of the Stewartry of Strathearn at Dunning**

A meeting of the Steering Group appointed to progress the Reordering of the Stewartry of Strathearn at Dunning, was held in Dunning Church Hall at 19.30 hours on Thursday 22nd May 2008.

Present Rev. Colin R. Williamson, Alfred Marshall and Secretary of the reordering group Duncan M. Dow.

Apologies received from Katrina Bell, Catriona Harrison and Raymond Young.

1. Other User Groups :

Alfred Marshall as Depute Convenor welcomed the representatives from other user groups of the church within the Dunning area.

The following groups were represented,
United Reformed Church in Dunning, (Christine Dickson and George Barrie)
Dunning Parish Historical Society, (Simon Warren)
Dunning Flower Show, (Kay Williams)
Dunning Tuesday Club Seniors, (Doreen Dunbar and Seamus Brown)
Dunning Tuesday Club Juniors, (Alfred Marshall)
Dunning Yoga Class, (Anyta Lodge)
Dunning Primary School, (councillor Ann Gaunt)

The Convenor explained the purpose and process of the Reordering Group to the invited guests as other users.

The Rev. Colin R. Williamson then explained that the Church of Scotland was undergoing a major change within the Stewartry of Strathearn, with the introduction of a Unitary Constitution, allowing the Kirk Session to work in a more flexible manner. There was a need to outline and justify that all Church buildings within the Stewartry are fit for purpose for the next chapter in the Stewartry.

He explained that the hall at Dunning Church was an Edwardian building, which was not fit for purpose in the present time. He also expressed satisfaction in the continuing co-operation with the United Reformed Church in Dunning, and the desire to meet the needs of migrant workers in the area, with the possibilities of holding Roman Catholic mass, being explored at present. He also emphasised that other perspectives could become available through time to other users with the introduction of the reordering process. The meeting went on a walking tour throughout the Church, to explain and outline the effect of proposed changes. The other user representatives were then asked for their views on the possible changes and how it would affect them.

The Yoga Class were enthusiastic, and indicated there was a possibility of forming a Rainbow Group if the facilities were upgraded.

The Historical Society indicated that the premises were too small to hold their monthly meetings, but the Church hall was ideal for their exhibition.

The Tuesday Club Juniors needed space for ball games.

The Tuesday Club Seniors indicated that ideally they would like more space, to allow individual groups to split up for separate discussions. They also explained that the present facilities were limited for holding a Christening Crèche which had been trialed recently. The Minister explained in some other reordered Churches a “Greeting Chapel” had been introduced, which allowed parents to see their children in care or at play, through a glass partition which retained the noise level.

Councillor Ann Gaunt indicated that there would be facilities available in the new Dunning School for other users to let, but also explained that the cost would be expensive as there needs to be two members of staff on duty, during hire periods. The Dunning Flower Show did not commit to using any improved facilities, but acknowledged that there had been favourable feed back, after holding last years show in the Church.

The Convenor thanked all the representatives for their interest, and input to the meeting, and agreed that they would be kept informed of future developments.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting : The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th April 2008. were agreed, and adopted as a fair and true record and signed off. These Minutes should now be made available throughout the Stewartry and on the Stewartry website.

3. Reordering Group Meetings : The Convenor and the Secretary indicated that they had both received feed back from members of the congregation, which indicated that confusion had arisen over the venue and date of the Group meetings. The Secretary explained that this issue had been addressed, and the confusion had occurred due to wrong information appearing in the Diary of Events and also on the Stewartry website. These problems had now been dealt with, and in an effort to assist in the future, it was agreed to publicise the details of future meetings in the Order of Service.

4. Feasibility Study / Art & Architecture : Raymond Young was to be asked the current situation, of a grant to cover the costs of a Feasibility Study in relation to the reordering process. It was hoped that he could also arrange for representatives from the Church of Scotland Art & Architecture Committee to attend the June meeting of the Reordering Group.

5. Dunning Church Pulpit Falls : The Rev. Colin R. Williamson indicated that he had received a request from a member of the congregation who wished to make a donation in some form to Dunning Church. After giving the matter consideration, he felt that the gift could be used as part / full costs of supplying pulpit falls, bible markers and table curtains, in the different colours of the seasons. In other words Green, White, Purple and Red. The Reordering group were to explore the costs involved and it would be implemented in conjunction with the Reordering of Dunning Church.

6. Date of next Meeting : The date of the next meeting of the Reordering Group was arranged for Tuesday 17th June 2008 at 19.30 hours in Dunning Church Hall.

As there was no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 21.15 hours

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Depute Reordering Group Convenor
Alfred H. Marshall 17th June 2008.

Secretary to the Reordering Group
Duncan M. Dow 17th June 2008.