

Stewartry of Strathearn

Reordering of the Stewartry of Strathearn at Dunning

A meeting of the Steering group appointed to progress the Reordering of Stewartry of Strathearn at Dunning was held in the Church Office Aberdalgie at 1930 hours on Tuesday 19th February 2008.

Present Rev. Colin R. Williamson, Katrina Bell, Catriona Harrison, Alfred Marshall, Raymond Young and Duncan M Dow Clerk to the Congregational Board.

The Convenor welcomed everyone at the start of the meeting.

1. **Minutes of previous meeting** - The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and fair record.
2. **Updates from previous meeting.**
 - a. Alfred Marshall provided photographs on a CD of three of the Churches within The Stewartry, with Forteviot Church to follow. These photographs are to be displayed on the Stewartry website.
 - b. Katrina Bell provided copies of the original plans of Dunning Church. It was agreed to take the original plans to Duncan Donaldson in Dunning to be framed. Colin agreed to take a colour copy to Danscot printers in Perth, to be copied on to a CD as a PDF which will enable the plans to be displayed on the website.
 - c. Catriona Harrison presented an article for The Banner and indicated that all the minutes to date were now displayed on the website.
 - d. Raymond Young apologised for the delay in obtaining further information from the Art & Architecture committee.
3. **Feedback from congregations to the Reordering Project.**
 - e. Aberdalgie - No particular reaction.
 - f. Forteviot - General approval with a note regarding the size of furniture, and a request for a toilet for Forteviot Church.
 - g. Aberuthven - General goodwill.
(The above three Churches were of the feeling that this should signal the start of a review of all the Churches in the Stewartry)
 - h. Congregational Board - General goodwill.
 - i. Dunning - Some positive reaction, especially from those that been on the tour of other Churches. Also some negativity towards change.
 - j. Dunning 12.30 Club - Possibility of it leading to an after school club.
4. **Preparations for Annual Stated Meeting.**
 - k. General consensus that this venue presents an excellent opportunity to launch the Reordering project.

(Katrina Bell may be unavailable for this date).

- l. Rev. Colin R. Williamson to introduce the Reordering Project to the meeting, and put it in the joint context of the Dunning Centenary and ensuring that all places of worship within The Stewartry are fit for purpose in the 21st century.
- m. Katrina Bell to invite Sarah and Richard Webb to come and assist us on the day.
- n. Alfred Marshall agreed to make four display boards, one for each corner within Forteviot Hall. Members of the Congregation will be invited to view the display stands, and make comments on stickers or to members of the group who will be in attendance at each corner.
The display boards will all be headed The Stewartry of Strathearn. They will display images of other Churches that have already undergone reordering. "Post it" notes will be available for reactions and comments on image numbers. A flip chart will be used to gather positive or negative comments. Members of the Group will wear name badges and will be in attendance at each point to encourage as much feedback as possible.
It is hoped to gain access to the hall the previous evening, to allow preparations to take place.
- o. Volunteers are to be recruited to visit other Churches that have been reordered and report back to the Group with comments and observations.

5. Provisional Agenda for March meeting.

- p. Review of feedback from Annual Stated Meeting.
- q. Consider further consultation procedures, e.g. a regular newsletter to follow the Annual Stated Meeting.

6. Provisional Agenda for April meeting.

- r. Interview process - Katrina and Raymond.
- s. Art and Architecture Committee - Raymond.

7. AOCB.

- t. Forteviot Stones still awaiting a decision from Historic Scotland. A reminder opportunity may arise when they are next visiting in this area.

The next meeting of the Stewartry of Strathearn at Dunning Reordering Steering Group was arranged for Tuesday 18th March 2008 at 19.30 hours in the Church Office Aberdalgie. The meeting Closed at 21.00 hours.

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Reordering Group Convenor
Raymond Young 18th March 2008.

Clerk to the Congregational Board
Duncan M Dow 18th March 2008.