

## **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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

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

The meeting opened with Convenor Raymond Young welcoming Sarah and Richard Webb two local architects, who had been invited to assist the Group in this respect, also Michael Archibald a student within the Stewartry who had previous experience in Chairing a reordering group in respect of the North Church Perth.

#### **1. Design Brief**

- a. Alfred Marshall to take pictures of Stewartry of Strathearn Dunning.
- b. Katrina Bell to get copies of the original plans, ( which should then be framed for preservation).

#### **2. Appointment of architects**

- c. It was agreed that contacts with architects ( including David Murdoch) be delayed until later in the year, after more visits have been carried out.
- d. Interview process - Katrina Bell and Raymond Young to prepare a paper for the March meeting.
- e. The committee looked at photos of work by various architects brought by Sarah and Richard Webb. These included Page & Park (St Francis; St Andrew's Dennistoun - Glasgow); Malcolm Fraser Holyrood - Edinburgh ); LDN ( Marchmont St Giles - Edinburgh; St John's Perth); Smith Scott Mullan (Cramond - Edinburgh); Lee Boyd (Greenbank - Edinburgh); Mackenzie Strickland (of Aberfeldy) (North Church Perth)

#### **3. Kinross Church**

Philip Gay is to be asked to come to our March or April meeting.

#### **4. Church of Scotland**

It was agreed that the Art and Architecture Committee should be invited to one of our meetings at a later date. Meantime Raymond Young is to make contact with them to identify smaller Churches that have been modernised recently and which might be good to visit.

#### **5. Programme of visits to Churches**

- f. It was agreed that we should encourage members of the congregation (and not just from Dunning) to visit other Churches and report back with their likes and dislikes.

It was suggested that congregation members who took part in the tour, take the lead and invite someone to join them.

- g. The visits should identify what activities happen, including different uses of the Church, take photographs and if possible the name of the architect ( where possible ).
6. **North Church Lessons ( Michael Archibald)**
- h. Keep people involved, explain why change is necessary and the long term benefits and outcome.
  - i. Hold meetings about it, pointing out the benefits it will bring to the next generation and get groups like the Tuesday Club involved
  - j. Be totally radical from the start, think out of the box, eg the North Church has coffee during the service and people are able to slip in and out.
  - k. During the discussion it was accepted that we should be careful regarding screens both for their dominance and their location inhibiting flexibility.
7. **Communications**
- l. It was agreed to address the need for the case for change in the Banner before the AGM. Colin and Catriona Harrison agreed to work up the case and publish it in the February edition.  
This should include.
    - I. Why it should be done and the theological basis.
    - II. The work that has already been done to Churches within the Stewartry - eg Aberuthven lighting and extension.
    - III. Funding should be mentioned.
    - IV. Responsibility for future generations to worship.
  - m. Draft copy of the project to be circulated electronically to enable comments from other members of the Group.
  - n. Use the AGM to look for volunteers to visit other Churches.
    - I. Photographs of other Churches to be submitted to Alfred Marshall for display on boards.
    - II. Katrina Bell to organise “post its” to receive comments.
  - o. Distribution of information to be co-ordinated throughout the Stewartry, with the same information at the same time.
  - p. The Stewartry website is to be used as a source of information.
8. As there was no other competent business to discuss the meeting closed at 21.00 hours.

The next meeting of the Stewartry of Strathearn at Dunning Reordering Steering Group was arranged for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 19.30 hours in the Church Office at Aberdalgie.

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Reordering Group Convenor  
Raymond Young 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

Clerk to the Congregational Board  
Duncan M Dow 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

