

**Church of Scotland
Meldrum and Bourtie Parish Church**

**Minutes of the Annual Stated Meeting
Held in Meldrum Parish Church Hall on Wednesday 20 March 2019**

The meeting was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Reverend Alison Jaffrey.

1 Minutes of previous Annual Stated Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2018, previously posted on the Church website and distributed to all in attendance and summarised by the Session Clerk were approved by Willie Paterson and seconded by Jean Mitchell.

2 Presentation of Annual Accounts:

Copies of the 2018 accounts were distributed to all in attendance, (*copies may also be downloaded from our website*). The accounts and report were approved at the Kirk Session meeting on 13 February 2019 and signed off by the independent examiner on 20 March.

The treasurer, Willie Paterson, presented an overview of the 2018 annual accounts. All sections of the accounts were covered giving explanations where necessary to the satisfaction of all in attendance.

The treasurer gave thanks to the Kirk Session for their support during the year and to Elaine Buck, who does a power of work recording the income into the donations coordinator programme and in preparing the gift aid claims, to the Minister, Session Clerk and Eileen Oliver who all helped preparing the report. The treasurer went on his appreciation to all those who assist on a weekly basis with collection and counting of the offerings and to those who volunteer as finance coordinators. As stated in the report, volunteers are the lifeblood of the church and without them it would not be possible to continue so thank you all.

The treasurer concluded his report and stated he was happy to try and answer any questions on the report and the accounts; no questions asked.

The Moderator commended Willie for all the demanding work he does in keeping the accounts in order throughout the year, preparing the Accounts for inspection and having them ready for submission to OSCR. The congregation endorsed the Moderators comments with a round of applause.

3 Moderator's Comments:

The Moderator reflected on the past year, remembering two of our most active elders, Ruth Richardson and Winnie Reid who we lost in 2018. Thanked all who Sunday by Sunday ensure our Churches are comfortably warm and paths free of snow and ice, thanking Isobel our cleaner, our team of church officers for all the background work that makes this possible, it is greatly appreciated. The Moderator reflected on her sadness that as she comes to the end of her time with us here in Meldrum & Bourtie she has not been able to bring to a successful conclusion our plans for the refurbishment of our Church building but is sure that, with Gods help, we will succeed. The Moderator went

on to thank all who have supported her over the years and especially thanked our Session Clerk, Treasurer and elders for all their hard work in this year past and commend them to you as examples of unstinting service to God and to the people of this congregation.

In conclusion the Moderator stated that she will take so many happy memories and good lessons learned with her and will continue to pray for us all on our continuing journey.

4 Session Clerk's Comments:

Moderator, once again, I would just like to say thank you on behalf of our congregation and the Kirk Session for all the challenging work and support you given to us all over the past 12 months.

And indeed, as this will be your last business meeting with us, I would also like to thank you for all you have done in your Ministry here in Meldrum & Bourtie over the past 8 years 8 months. You have been a comfort to many, an inspiration to many others. We will all miss you Alison, you, Andy and the boys will always be in our memories and in our prayers.

Thank you.

The business being concluded the meeting closed with all present saying the Grace.

Signed _____ Moderator _____ Session Clerk

Rev.....

William Dalzell