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2020

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Minister's Report

This year I write my AGM report in the most extraordinary circumstances, the result of which we will not be having a parish AGM at the time advertised. In light of the Coronavirus – and the changes it will continue to cause - it is difficult to anticipate what the coming year may bring us. Likewise, some areas of consideration for the past year, such as managing visitors to The Church of the Good Shepherd or whether we continue accepting so many wedding applications in Lake Tekapo, have been decided for us by the closure of New Zealand's border and the long term downturn in tourism.

This does give us the opportunity to “trim our sails” and set a course that is far more focused on our local communities and on pastoral care of the local church rather than offering chaplaincy to the world. Having completed my post-graduate studies at the end of 2019 and having the support of Parish Council to reduce the number of weddings coming from outside the region it is my hope to give far more time to our local community and also to spend more time with my own family.

Over the past few weeks we have been experimenting with online ways of connecting with each other and the Easter service was broadcast on YouTube. Who knows, some of what we learn during this time could be applied to how we do things in future, allowing those who are unable to attend church gatherings to participate from home.

Up to the time of the coronavirus crisis Parish Council were exploring the employment of a youth worker who would also be available for 24/7 Youth Work at the Mackenzie College. Sadly, these aspirations have been disrupted, but we will remain open for opportunities to care for young people in our wider community.

Much work has been done over the past year exploring an alternative arrangement with Presbyterian and Anglican denominations in order to become an ecumenical “community church” rather than a cooperating venture. The process has been very positive in terms of the support shown by the leaders of each denomination and a draft constitution has been approved, and I am awaiting final approval before circulating it to the church membership for consideration.

In simple terms it will seek to “iron out” some of the inconsistencies and quirks in the current constitution – such as requiring a distinct Anglican and Presbyterian membership, and instead draw out the best of both in a way that empowers the local church for ministry.

My studies have qualified me to offer spiritual direction, a distinct branch of pastoral ministry focusing on an individual's relationship with God, discipleship to Jesus, through personal consideration on prayer life, biblical reflection and daily experience. It also qualifies me to be able to lead retreats, something that could have come in very useful if applied to the conditions of lockdown.

This, I believe, is a season for me (and for us as a church) to be even more intentional in seeking to be a church committed in our local communities. This means growing in our relationships with each other and the Lord. Often small, creative expressions of faith are more powerful than big strategies and events – when they are anchored in the love of Christ for us and our world. Thank you to our Parish Council, our pastoral care team, the worship teams, to Russell our administrator, to our guides, and all who offer hospitality and welcome on Sunday mornings.

May Christ continue to guide us by the power and life of the Holy Spirit into the fulness of God's Kingdom purpose here in the Mackenzie.

God bless,

The Reverend Andrew McDonald

Wardens Report

As I write this in Level 4 lockdown, and we are amidst a global pandemic of a virus called Covid-19. I can't imagine anyone of us would have thought this even remotely possible!!!!

We moved a motion at our AGM last year to move towards a different oversight for the parish and form a Community Church with direct oversight from Presbyterian and Anglican. This year had seen Andrew and Russell develop a constitution for our new entity the Mackenzie Community Church and thus our leaving UCANZ. We have to thank you both very much for all the work you have done on this, along with meetings with Presbytery and Anglicans. We very much look forward to this new chapter in our church life.

The Tekapo committee have tirelessly worked on the new landscaping at the church, and with the fence now completed the Church of the Good Shepherd, our new normal for tourism will allow some protection of the church and grounds. Thank you to all the Tekapo committee for all you do. During the year a very dear church member passed away and we wish to remember Lorna Inch, and hold Stewart in our prayers.

The Tekapo Bright Stars Trust have been able to repay the last of the loan made to them by the Parish, to them we say thank you and wish you all the best for this coming year.

We thank Jenny Kerr, our Parish Treasurer, this is a very difficult job when the books do not balance, but Jenny does a wonderful job at keeping everyone informed and ensuring we are prudent in our spending. Thank you Jenny.

The 'Church House' came to life in October, thanks to Peter and Chrissy Bell for enabling this to happen. Andrew had a concept and with the Grace of God, young people moved into the house to live together and follow a Christian path, with study, prayer and community. This concept proved to be rather exciting and it was embraced by many in our church community who had a shared meal on a Sunday evening. At the end of January we advised Peter we would no longer be using the House at Sloane Street.

The maintenance of the Fairlie churches and grounds has been overseen by June Taylor, we are very grateful to you June for all you do and the people who willingly help with cleaning, gardening and mowing of lawns, we say a very big thank you.

The Rev'd Andrew McDonald has lead and inspired us all throughout this last year. He has now completed his study. Andrew well done on finishing your studies. We thank Anna and the children for your support of Andrew and of the church. We are so blessed to be a part of your family growing up, we all very much enjoy the musical input at some services.

We are very blessed that so many of our church so willingly give of their time to partake in services, either musically, preaching or providing morning tea, thank you. We would also like to thank Anne Irving and the Pastoral Care team.

As we look to the future with our Mackenzie Community Church, may we share in the Love of Christ in the Mackenzie.

Stephen Adams – Vicars Warden

Sarah Wright – Peoples Warden

Statement of Financial Performance Summary

Mackenzie Co-operating Parish For the year ended 31 December 2019

	ACTUAL 2019	BUDGET 2019	ACTUAL 2018
REVENUE			
Donations, fundraising & other similar revenue			
Donations	141,876	122,450	131,153
Fundraising	12,865	6,750	8,230
Grants & Endowments	1,000	-	-
Total Donations, fundraising & other similar revenue	155,741	129,200	139,383
Revenue from providing goods & services	59,040	61,000	68,520
Interest & other investment income	22,561	24,040	22,836
Other revenue	2,217	-	2,126
TOTAL REVENUE	239,558	214,240	232,865
EXPENSES			
Volunteer & employee related costs	154,077	176,700	142,535
Costs related to providing goods & services			
Ministry expenses	14,917	11,100	11,877
Administration expenses	10,623	9,700	8,786
Property expenses	40,212	36,600	30,646
Total Costs related to providing goods & services	65,751	57,400	51,308
Grants & donations paid	18,194	14,250	12,201
Other expenses	5,316	6,050	5,559
TOTAL EXPENSES	243,339	254,400	211,603
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year	(3,780)	(40,160)	21,262

Statement of Financial Performance

Mackenzie Co-operating Parish For the year ended 31 December 2019

	NOTES	ACTUAL 2019	BUDGET 2019	ACTUAL 2018
REVENUE				
Donations, fundraising & other similar revenue				
Donations				
Cash Offerings - General		-	100	100
Cash Offertories - Fairlie		4,145	3,750	3,962
Cash Offertories - Tekapo		7,622	7,000	7,306
Direct Credit Offertories - Fairlie		22,306	21,500	21,787
Direct Credit Offertories - Tekapo		5,800	6,000	6,020
Envelope Offertories - Fairlie		7,959	7,750	7,803
Envelope Offertories - Tekapo		1,745	1,250	1,296
Donations - Church of Good Shepherd		88,265	75,000	79,277
Donations - General		850	100	1,050
Donations - Power Reimbursements		3,184	-	2,512
Missions Income - General		-	-	40
Total Donations		141,876	122,450	131,153
Fundraising				
Filming - Tekapo		600	2,000	1,652
Fundraising - CD Sales (Tekapo)		7,200	250	460
Fundraising - Preloved Clothing		1,000	2,000	2,000
Fundraising - Seed Sales		3,660	2,500	4,117
Fundraising - Bibles		405	-	-
Total Fundraising		12,865	6,750	8,230
Grants & Endowments				
Legacies & Bequests		1,000	-	-
Total Grants & Endowments		1,000	-	-
Total Donations, fundraising & other similar revenue		155,741	129,200	139,383
Revenue from providing goods & services				

Fees - Earth and Sky Tekapo		1,978	2,500	4,552
Funeral Income		3,005	-	-
Rental Income		1,250	1,000	1,390
Sale of Books and Postcards - Tekapo		18,952	12,500	14,700
Seminar Income		287	-	2,483
Wedding Income		33,568	45,000	45,395
Total Revenue from providing goods & services		59,040	61,000	68,520
Interest & other investment income				
Interest - Westpac Bank		51	40	39
Anglican CPT Interest Income - FIF	4	19,025	20,000	19,094
Presbyterian CPT Interest Income	4	3,485	4,000	3,703
Total Interest & other investment income		22,561	24,040	22,836
Other revenue				
Sundry Income		2,217	-	2,126
Total Other revenue		2,217	-	2,126
TOTAL REVENUE		239,558	214,240	232,865
EXPENSES				
Volunteer & employee related costs				
ACC Levies		335	500	320
Clergy - Stipends & Allowances		59,265	65,000	58,943
Clergy - Supervision & Training		1,747	1,000	665
Clergy - Travel		7,448	8,000	6,794
Clergy Conferences/Synod		265	500	504
Organist Expenses		2,400	3,000	2,845
Travel - Other		-	1,200	595
Wages - Office		10,873	10,500	4,800
Wages - Tekapo Cleaner		1,851	7,000	6,578
Wages - Tekapo Guides		69,893	80,000	60,492
Total Volunteer & employee related costs		154,077	176,700	142,535
Costs related to providing goods & services				
Ministry expenses				
Advertising		1,363	1,000	982
Church Supplies & expenses - Fairlie		1,618	500	741
Church Supplies & expenses - Tekapo		1,044	350	138

Education & Resources		-	-	50
Music and Copyright		-	-	282
Parish Activities		476	-	-
Pastoral Care Expenses		182	-	-
Seminar expenses		-	-	2,322
Tekapo Books/Postcards & Pamphlets		8,018	5,000	4,758
Wedding expenses - Tekapo		2,217	4,000	2,568
Youth & Childrens Ministry Expenses		-	250	37
Total Ministry expenses		14,917	11,100	11,877
Administration expenses				
Accounting Fees	4	2,700	3,200	2,700
Bank Fees		85	-	-
Computer expenses		942	500	594
General Expenses		303	500	295
PayPal Fees		478	500	125
Photocopier Lease Expense		576	750	321
Printing, Postage & Stationery		1,005	1,000	1,176
Telecommunications		2,821	3,000	3,329
Website Hosting & expenses		1,713	250	245
Total Administration expenses		10,623	9,700	8,786
Property expenses				
Cleaning		1,088	200	176
Consent Applications - COGS		5,661	-	-
Insurance		12,639	14,800	12,261
Light, Power, Heating		8,504	8,400	8,179
Rates		3,832	4,300	3,378
Repairs & Maintenance - Churches		7,446	6,600	6,571
Repairs and Maintenance - Organ		502	300	-
Repairs and Maintenance - Vicarage		540	2,000	81
Total Property expenses		40,212	36,600	30,646
Total Costs related to providing goods & services		65,751	57,400	51,308
Grants & donations paid				

Diocesan Quota	4	3,401	8,000	7,273
Donations & Gifts		6,407	1,500	186
Missions - Anglican Missions Board		1,200	1,200	1,200
Presbyterian Levies	4	5,537	250	242
UCANZ Levies	4	1,650	3,300	3,300
Total Grants & donations paid		18,194	14,250	12,201
Other expenses				
Review Fees		1,200	1,050	1,050
Depreciation	1	4,116	5,000	4,509
Total Other expenses		5,316	6,050	5,559
TOTAL EXPENSES		243,339	254,400	211,603

Statement of Financial Position

Mackenzie Co-operating Parish

As at 31 December 2019

	NOTES	31 DEC 2019	31 DEC 2018
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank accounts and cash			
Westpac Bank - Cheque Account		42,221	63,675
Westpac Bank - Simple Saver		8,562	3,241
Total Bank accounts and cash		50,783	66,916
Other Current Assets			
Debtors & Prepayments		23,400	9,000
Inventory		1,906	1,054
Total Other Current Assets		25,306	10,054
Total Current Assets		76,089	76,971
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments			
CPT Fixed Income Funds - Anglican	4	485,670	445,644
CPT Investment Funds - Presbyterian	4	111,604	108,119
Loan - Tekapo Bright Stars Community Trust	4	-	20,000
Total Investments		597,273	573,763
Fixed Assets			
Land (rating valuation)	1	2,933,000	2,933,000
Buildings (rating valuation)	1	852,100	752,100
Plant and Equipment	1	10,723	11,733
Total Fixed Assets		3,795,823	3,696,833
Total Non Current Assets		4,393,097	4,270,597
TOTAL ASSETS		4,469,186	4,347,567
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors & Accrued Expenses		4,940	4,385
Employee Costs Payable		5,846	4,261
GST		2,768	3,422

Income In Advance	23,913	-
Total Current Liabilities	37,467	12,068
TOTAL LIABILITIES	37,467	12,068
NET ASSETS	4,431,719	4,335,500
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
ACCUMULATED SURPLUSES		
Opening Balance	96,636	78,171
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year	(3,780)	21,262
Transfer from/ (to) Special Purpose Funds	(43,510)	(2,797)
Closing Balance	49,346	96,636
RESERVES		
Revaluation Reserve		
Opening Balance	3,685,100	3,685,100
Revaluation Land & Buildings	100,000	-
Closing Balance Special Purpose Funds	3,785,100	3,685,100
Opening Balance	553,763	550,966
Transfer from/ (to) Accumulated Funds	43,510	2,797
Closing Balance	597,273	553,763
Total Reserves	4,382,373	4,238,863
Total Accumulated Funds	4,335,500	4,431,719

A full set of Audited accounts are available from the Treasurer

Financial Report for the Year ending 31ST December 2019.

It gives me pleasure to present the Annual Financial Report and Statements of the Mackenzie Co-operating Parish for the year ending 31st December 2019.

Unfortunately, the Parish starting from an excess of \$21,262. last year, has this year made a loss of \$3,780. The Working Income was \$239,558: which was made up of Donations etc. \$141,876; Fundraising \$12,865; Weddings, sales of books, postcards, etc., hall hire etc. \$59,040; Interest etc. \$22,561; other income \$2,217. The Working Expenditure was \$243,339: which was made up of Volunteer and Employee costs \$154,077; GST related expenses, Including administration and property expenses \$65,751; Grants and donations \$18,194; and other expenses \$5,316.

The Parish total income was above budget. Donations at the Church of the Good Shepherd have risen again this past year. Fundraising efforts at the Church of the Good Shepherd, were about a third better than budgeted. Our thanks must go to the cleaner and the guides, all the volunteers, and Caroll Simcox and Russell Dunn for their most appreciated work in, at times, trying conditions.

The Pre-loved Clothing Shop continued their most appreciated support by way of a donation of \$1,000.00. The Parish thanks the Shop for this.

The Parish Council had drawn up a budget for the 2020 financial year showing a slight profit of \$4,069. Some of the income streams were conservatively estimated, tourists and weddings are difficult to predict, and now with Covid-19 the budget is rather out of date. The committee is hoping that some of the budgeted items will not cost as much as estimated and some plans will have to be put on hold.

The Lake Tekapo Bright Stars Trust has paid off their Loan in full, (used to upgrade the Guild Hall, in make it suitable for a kindergarten).

A big thanks must go to all those who support the Parish through their offerings, in whatever form they are made. This most needed support is very much appreciated.

A full Financial Report is available from me if you wish to obtain a copy.

Jennifer Kerr
Hon. Treasurer.
1st May 2020.

Offering Envelopes are available from me or if you would prefer to Direct Credit the Bank Account is Westpac – 03 1718 0021905 00. Reference Offering.

The Church of the Good Shepherd

Tekapo Chairs Report for 2019/20 (part year)

I write this report in the midst of the Covid 19 pandemic, thinking that nothing ever stays the same and the last 12 months have certainly proved that to be true

The committee have met regularly during the year at the Church and has been made up of Caroll Simcox, James Cage, Rosemary Brown, Angie Taylor, Krissy Rhodes, Snow Luxton, Andy Scrase and myself with Russell Dunn in attendance as the Parish Administer. Russell has been a very active and has provided valuable support to the committee. Andrew continues to serve us well whether it be in person and or by Zoom and always does so with a smile despite the miles he needs to travel in his commute between Fairlie and Tekapo and Krissy has looked after the minutes of the meetings during the year, often a thankless task but appreciated. At Christmas I stood down from the role as Chairman as I felt that after near on 6 years I have had a sufficient term in the lime light and it was timely for another chair to take over and my thanks to Andy who kindly agreed to become the interim Chair through to the AGM.

Over the past year we have focused much of our energies into completing the landscaping work around the church and I'm happy to report that we have been able to progress this work considerably. We celebrated this work with a service and function at the end of the year. Going forward we still have work to do around finishing the mound and tidying up the area in general. overall we should feel very pleased with this project to date.

During all this time our guides have work tirelessly to ensure that visitors can access the church and have done a stripling job in all weathers. Sally our resident gardener has continued to provide green fingers to the role, and we are sorry to see her move on earlier in the year.

During the year following numerous discussions with the Mackenzie District Council we applied for a resource consent to undertake commercial activities on and around the site of the COGS. This was approved in early March but unfortunately with the recent effects of the Covid 19 we have been unable to execute the consent with the Dark Sky Project as they have halted trading for an indefinite time. On a positive note this consent does give us the ability to have greater control over what commercial activities happen in and around the church going forward.

We said farewell to Lorna Inch who passed away after ill health. Lorna had given many years of service to the Church of the Good Shepherd and always took a strong interest in the affairs of the parish, the Church and the community of the Mackenzie. Her enthusiasm for all that she engaged in will be missed by us all.

I'm grateful as ever for the support show to me as chairman by members of the COGS committee. Your enthusiasm has made by role as the chair considerably easier and I appreciate that you all bring many different skills and talents to the committee table without which little would be achieved.

I stand down from the role knowing that during my time as chair we have been able to accomplish many things and it would be hard to list them all but for me the early childhood learning centre, the new fencing and landscaping project combined with a passionate committee who are prepared to always put their hand up stand will always stand out for me.

The year ahead will be a challenge for us as we manage the effects of Covid 19 and support the community which is greatly affected both economically and socially by the pandemic.

Phil Brownie

Pastoral Care Team Report

March 31st 2019 - March 31st 2020

The Pastoral Care Team has met on the 3rd Wednesday of each month throughout the year to discuss and action the needs of the parishioners and the wider community. Our meetings always begin with a short inspirational verse given by Jocelyn Carlton. This sets the tone for our meeting and gives us food for thought. Our members show sensitivity by acknowledging births, deaths, illness, loneliness and celebrations during the year.

We welcomed 8 new babies during this period. Each baby was given a small gift or book and some home baking for mothers.

It was particularly sad to have sent 16 sympathy cards to parishioners or family members of parishioners who had passed away during the year.

In Easter 2019 the team delivered 40 Hot cross buns and Easter eggs to senior members of the Parish and to those identified as needing support.

This year 2020, due to the pandemic lock down restrictions, we were only able to deliver Easter Buns to our senior parishioners and to the wider community who lived within the township. We contacted the country parishioners to check that they were coping and had support. Thanks to Andrew McDonald for collecting and freezing the buns for us so that we were able to deliver these during the lockdown. This was a good chance to make contact whilst observing the 2-metre distancing rule. We gave buns to Moreh Home residents and workers without the usual visit but wished them all a Happy and healthy Easter.

The over 80's afternoon tea in September 2019 was attended by approximately 36 and enjoyed by all. Thank you to those who set up the hall, provided the afternoon tea and attended to our guests. Our entertainers Barry Adie and Alan Kerr deserve a huge thank you as well. They were most appreciated and we received positive feedback.

In December 2019 we wrapped gifts containing truffles, biscuits and wafers for our senior parishioners and those who were ill and needing some extra support. These were delivered to Moreh as well and to local residents who had moved away from Fairlie.

Throughout the year the team makes many visits to parishioners and the wider community. Over 100+ visits with baking or flowers was made over this period, over and above the residents at Moreh who are visited regularly.

The team wishes to thank Bev Smith who makes our cards to go with each gift during the year as well as Easter and Christmas.

Since lockdown in March we have not been able to meet together but have made contact and visited folk within the township whilst observing our distance so as to keep everyone safe. When lockdown is lifted we look forward to resuming our usual monthly meetings and catching up with people who may have been missed during the lockdown.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the Pastoral Team members for their willingness to serve by giving their time, efforts, gifts, phone calls, visits and support to our Parishioners and the wider community. This is an example of serving God through our many different talents.

Anne Irving
Pastoral Care Team Convenor

Brightstars Report April 2020

The Lake Tekapo Bright Stars Centre has been operating for 2 and a half years now. This fabulous community asset has been home to much amazing learning for our tamariki, particularly in the outdoor spaces with our wonderful teachers. It has also allowed many parents to hold down employment that they may not otherwise have had the opportunity to.

The Bright Stars Trust Community Trust paid \$20,000 to the Church of the Good Shepherd in late 2019. This was the final amount owing on the loan for our wonderful new building facility. We offer a widespread community thank you for their assistance in helping us to make this happen so swiftly. Our big fundraisers from 2019 included The Cairns Golf Tournament and The Great Gatsby community night out. These fundraisers drew much community support as well as fantastic support from further afield.

It has been wonderful coming into this New Year debt free. We are planning on further fundraising this year through our, now annual, Cairns Golf Tournament along with another community night out. The planning and scheduling of these events, of course, will be dependent on the outcome of the current COVID-19 situation. We are keen to resume planning for these events as soon as the current Alert Levels are lifted.

In 2019 we completed our pergola which has been a huge asset providing much needed shade during the summer months and when the snow comes will allow for outdoor winter play space. Funds raised this year are to be utilised to complete the back fence and improve the playground facility including a natural environment area with boulders to support outdoor play. In addition to our planned fundraising activities, we have applied for a grant from Genesis to assist us with these projects.

The Bright Stars Trust Community Trust continues to meet monthly to support the centre in its operation. A representative also meets termly with Kindergarten staff and Playgroup parents to discuss any concerns, and to share plans and proposed events for the term ahead. This has been an important function of the trust, ensuring that the facility is meeting the needs of our user groups and our families. We will continue to work closely with Lake Tekapo Kindergarten and Playgroup to support their requirements going forward.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a thank you to the parish for your continued support and for your generous \$5000 donation in 2019, for which we are truly grateful. We are so pleased to have that final loan payment made and thank you for your understanding.

We trust you will have a great year ahead as we all navigate through this changing climate.

Sincerely,

Amanda Simpson

Chairperson
Lake Tekapo Bright Stars Community Trust

Property and Maintenance

ST STEPHENS

The removal of the laurel hedge along the neighbouring boundary, from the Church House to Gall St, has eliminated 60 metres of hedge pruning.

A new timber, and karaka green, colour steel fence has been erected. We are most grateful to those who made it happen.

Trees have been pruned to give clear way for driving around the church and walking along footpaths.

ST COLUMBA.

St Columba church has 'a beautiful new look' entrance doors. Peiter and Frina did a grand job.

New comfortable chairs have been purchased to replace some pews and are easy to reposition for small groups.

We wish to acknowledge those who...

Clean the churches,

Regularly spray weeds on driveways and parking areas,

Mow the lawns during the warmer season as required,

Clip hedges twice per year,

Weed, water and maintain gardens,

Come to emergency working bees,

And supply lovely food for Sunday morning teas.

We appreciate your time, hard work and kindness.

To those who so freely supply goods and services we sincerely thank you.

The Church Hall is at present in use as offices of Mackenzie District Council while their own lower floor offices are being refurbished.

Our hall bookings have been transferred to the Community Centre at no cost to the groups involved.

New locks, lighting and heating installed is without expense to Parish Council.

June Taylor

Minutes of AGM 28.4.19 following the 10am service at St Columba church.

Present: apologies from Sarah as this list has been mislaid.

Apologies: Jenny Kerr, Alistair Hay, Jo and John Wieldraayer, Stephen Adams, Alan and Blue Kerr.

The Tekapo committee met on Saturday 27.4.19 and voted on motion for AGM, re leaving current leadership.

Minutes from the 2018 AGM taken as read. Rev Andrew McDonald Agreed

Matters arising: none

Finance: Jenny Kerr unwell and not attending meeting. Ernst and Young have done a review of the Parish accounts, final review report is pending. Capital expenditure on fencing at COGS. Rateable and valuation of site difference of \$100,000. Jenny's report to AGM read by Andrew. Bruce Anderson spoke to Jenny's report, thanked her for all her work. As a Parish we need to be aware of large deficit for 2019 budget. Moved by Chair Rev Andrew McDonald/B.Anderson Agreed

Reports tabled as read: Second Hand Clothing shop, Property and Maintenance.

Amend that Kiri Bishop is still a member of Parish Council. S.Wright/S.Inch Agreed

Election of Parish Council: To elect current Parish Councillors for 2019: Steve Adams, Sarah Wright, Jenny Kerr, Audrey Mitchell, June Taylor, Kiri Bishop, Peter Bell. M.Hay/A. Heintz Agreed

Peoples Warden: Sarah Wright moved P.Bell 2nd A.Mitchell

Vicars Warden: Steve Adams

Synod Rep: Steve Adams – 3yr term with 1 to go.

General Business:

Motion: The Mackenzie Co-Operating Parish will explore available options for dissolving the current Co-Operating agreement (1988) and renegotiate a new local agreement with Anglican and Presbyterian partner churches – to form a Mackenzie Community Church. P.Bell/S.Wright

Questions from the floor: John Campbell asked would it enable Elders to be reinstated. Gwen Patton talked about communion card and Elders discern if Pastoral visiting needed in the community. Lois Cassie asked re calling a new Minister, ie from both Anglican and Presbyterian.

Stewart Inch spoke re motion – that it is empowering the Parish to research leaving the current leadership. Bruce Anderson supported this also.

Ballot taken – Russell Dunn to count the votes.

Votes counted – unanimous to go ahead and explore our Church Governance.

Bruce Anderson spoke re COGS and to charge tourists to visit the Church, he wishes Parish Council to look at this. He also asked re preservation of St Stephens church.

Stewart Inch spoke re COGS and the new fencing, he also asked re charging tourists to visit the Church.

Peter Bell spoke re charging at the COGS – stating it is an experience of “Encounter with God in the Mackenzie” and it would thus not be right to charge tourists to enter the Church.

Kiri Bishop spoke re how those who have gone before – gave a huge investment for the past as to leadership in the Church, thank you to those who have invested in the past.

Rev Andrew McDonald closed the meeting at 12.20pm with prayer.

