



The Church of Scotland

The Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale

Specific Purpose Meetings 26 September, 28 September & 2 October 2023

Notices of Motion (as at 4pm, Monday 25 September)

The Convener of the Mission Plan Action Group has given notice that on the report of the Group he shall ask for the following amendment to be moved

Insert a new section 2 and renumber

2. Amend the Mission Plan in respect of factual errors contained in the Draft Mission Plan
 - a. In the entry for cluster ek2, in respect of the Building Missional Reason, amend to read “Phase one: Charge one. East Kilbride: Moncreiff should be the main place of worship. Charge two. Main place of worship for charge two, please see B* statement below.”
 - b. In the entry for cluster e6, in respect of Slamannan, delete ‘Guardianship’ and insert ‘Sisted Vacancy’
 - c. In the entry for cluster eB, amend the note on closure of buildings to read ‘Bo’ness St Andrew’s Church B will close following the union, when refurbishment work is completed on the former Bo’ness: Old Church.’
 - d. In the entry for cluster eG, amend the ‘future map’ legend to read ‘yellow - charge one, orange – charge two’.
 - e. In the entry for cluster s7, in respect of Strathaven: Trinity, in the ‘From’ Staffing box insert ‘& 1 x 0.5 MDS’.

Motion (add new Section 2) in the name of Rev Scott Burton

Insert a new section 2 and renumber:

“2. Instruct the Mission Planning Action Group to revise the draft Mission Plan, ensuring that the allocation of ministries figures given by the General Assembly of 2021 to the legacy Presbyteries (Falkirk 15.5; Hamilton 34.5; Lanark 9.5) is maintained.”

Counter Motion to sections 2-7 in the name of Rev Dr Peter Donald

“2. Defer consideration of its Draft Mission Plan until a future meeting held at the earliest practical opportunity to allow

- a. The Mission Plan Action Group to communicate to Kirk Sessions the precise rationale behind its decisions for each local situation where it has departed from the proposals made within clusters, and
- b. Kirk Sessions to submit to the Mission Plan Action Group such clarifications and detail in order to help a refining of the Draft Mission Plan before its next submission to Presbytery.”

Motion (add new Section 2) in the name of Rev Michael Fucella

Insert a new section 2 and renumber:

“2. Amend the Mission Plan by deleting every instance of the phrase ‘main place of worship’ (or similar language) in cluster entries and instead designating all buildings to be retained be equally designated ‘mission spaces’.”

West Area (26 September)

Motion (add new Section 2(a)) in the name of Brian Martin

Insert a new section 2(a) and renumber:

“2(a) Amend the entry for cluster w1(one) to amend the building classification for Coatbridge: Blairhill-Dundyvan Church from B to B*, Coatbridge: Middle Church from B to B* and Coatbridge: Middle Halls separate halls, same site from B to B*, and insert a note in the narrative ‘B* Statement – Coatbridge: Blairhill Dundyvan Church, Coatbridge: Middle Church and Coatbridge Middle Halls are categorised as B* to enable the place of the buildings to be reviewed and whether there is a requirement for a missional space in the Western area of Coatbridge, with the review also considering plans for the significant reconfiguration of both Church buildings that will be needed to make them an effective missional space for the community should either be selected. This review, including a business case for financing any redevelopment and ongoing use within the united charge, is to be progressed and assessed at the first annual evaluation of the PMP at which point any, or all buildings not chosen will revert to a B Categorisation and close.”

Motion (add new Section 3(a)) in the name of the Convener

Insert a new section 3(a) and renumber:

“2(a) Amend the entry for cluster wA adjusted Quarter to insert ‘*’ after ‘Dissolved’ and insert a note in the narrative ‘* Presbytery shall offer to enter a six month period of consultation with the congregation of Quarter to ascertain whether there is any realistic option other than Dissolution and if so bring a revision in the first review of the Presbytery Mission Plan.”

Motion (add new Section 2(a)) in the name of Rev Christopher Rankine

Insert a new section 2(a) and renumber:

“2(a) Amend the entry for cluster wC to amend the building missional reason by inserting after ‘in Hamilton’ the words ‘and the possibility of further buildings for Missional purposes in both areas’, and amending both B* statements to insert after ‘B* -’ the words ‘Following a review of all buildings,’ insert after ‘within Blantyre’ and ‘within Hamilton’ respectively the words ‘and whether any other missional spaces may be required within the new united parish’, and replace the words ‘with the’ with ‘with any”

Motion (add new Section 3(a)) in the name of the Convener

Insert a new section 3(a) and renumber:

“2(a) Amend the entry for cluster wF by deleting ‘Note – The Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre building is on long term lease (FRI) by Bellshill: Central and has not been categorised by the cluster’, inserting a new line in the Building table ‘Bellshill: Central (Orbiston) separate church and halls, separate site, Cluster n/a, Category B*’ and insert a note in the narrative ‘B* Statement - Bellshill: Central (Orbiston) separate church and halls, separate site – should the building not be leased on a revised long term lease or sold to the present occupiers then the building will revert to a B categorisation and be sold with immediate effect.”

Motion (add new Section 2(a)) in the name of Rev Sarah Ross (seconded: Malcolm McIntyre)

Insert a new section 2(a) and renumber:

“2(a) Amend the entry for cluster ek2 to amend the building classification for East Kilbride: Moncreiff Church from B to A”

Motion (add new Section 2(a)) in the name of Stewart McNeil

Insert a new section 2(a) and renumber:

“2(a) Amend the entry for cluster cB to amend the building classification for Holytown Church from B to B* and Holytown separate halls, separate site from A to B*, and insert a note in the narrative ‘B* Statement – Holytown Church and Holytown Halls are categorised as B* to enable the buildings to be reviewed to determine which will be retained, with the review also considering a plan for the significant reconfiguration of the Church building that will be needed to make it an effective missional space for the community should it be selected. This review, including a business case for financing any redevelopment, is to be progressed and assessed at the first annual evaluation of the PMP at which point the building not chosen will revert to a B Categorisation and close.”

East Area (28 September)

Motion (add new Section 3(a)) in the name of Marion Campbell

Insert a new section 3(a) and renumber:

“3(a) Amend the entry for cluster e5 to amend the building classification for Haggs separate halls, separate site from B to B* and insert a note in the narrative ‘B* Statement - Haggs hall to be reviewed as part of the phase two adjustment process and if not required to support missional activities would revert to a B and be disposed of.”

Motion (add new Section 3(a)) in the name of Eddie Colliar

Insert a new section 3(a) and renumber:

“3(a) Amend the entry for cluster e10 to delete the closure note wording “Grangemouth: Abbotsgrange Church B, to be disposed of at time of phase one union” and insert “If reconfiguration of Grangemouth: Zetland Church requires an alternative venue for the duration of any works Grangemouth: Abbotsgrange Church should be used and then disposed of as soon as the works are complete. If limited reconfiguration works are required and the congregation can reasonably use the building at the same time then Grangemouth: Abbotsgrange building will be disposed of at the date of the phase one union.”

Motion (add new Section 3(a)) in the name of the Convener

Insert a new section 3(a) and renumber:

“3(a) Amend the entry for cluster eF to insert ‘*’ after ‘Dissolved’ and insert a note in the narrative ‘* Presbytery shall offer to enter a six month period of consultation with the congregation of Bothkennar and Carronshore to ascertain whether there is any realistic option other than Dissolution and if so bring a revision in the first review of the Presbytery Mission Plan.”

Motion (add new Section 3(a)) in the name of the Convener

Insert a new section 3(a) and renumber:

“3(a) Amend the entry for Falkirk: St. Andrew’s West to insert ‘*’ after ‘Dissolved’ and insert a note in the narrative ‘* Presbytery shall offer to enter a six month period of consultation with the congregation of Falkirk: St. Andrew’s West to ascertain whether there is any realistic option other than Dissolution and if so bring a revision in the first review of the Presbytery Mission Plan.”

South Area (2 October)

Motion (add new Section 4(a)) in the name of Rev Michael Fucella

Insert a new section 4(a) and renumber:

“4(a) Amend the entry for cluster sB to amend the building classification for Black Mount Church from B to A and Black Mount halls, separate halls, same site from A to B”

Motion (add new Section 4(a)) in the name of Rev Sandra Black

Insert a new section 4(a) and renumber:

“4(a) Amend the entry for cluster sE to amend the building classification for Newmains: Coltness Memorial Church from B to A”

Motion (amend new Section 4(a) Rev Sandra Black) in the name of the Convener

Amend the proposed new section 4(a) in the name of Rev Sandra Black by deleting ‘A’ and inserting ‘B*’ and insert a note in the narrative ‘B* Statement – Newmains: Coltness Memorial is categorised as B* to enable the congregation to focus on a plan for the significant reconfiguration of the building that will be needed to make it an effective missional space for the community. This is to be progressed and assessed at the first annual evaluation of the PMP and if significant progress cannot be made, including a business case for financing the redevelopment, the building would revert to a B Categorisation’