



**Church of Scotland  
Presbytery of Edinburgh & West Lothian**

***Steering Group***  
**Newhaven Church (NC)**  
**North Leith Parish Church (NLPC)**  
**South Leith Parish Church (SLPC)**

***Notes / minutes of Meeting No 6***  
***Held on Sunday 17 July 2022 @ Newhaven Church***

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>1</b>	Welcome	The Chair welcomed everyone to Meeting No 6 of the Steering Group.
<b>2</b>	Prayer	The meeting was constituted by the Chair with prayer.
<b>3</b>	Attendance	Int. Mod. Karen McKay(KMcK), Rev Iain May(IM), Rev Peter Bluett(PB), Anne Rutherford(AR), John Hodge(JH), Anne Lamont(AL), Keith Martin(KM), Stewart Lowe(SL), Gavin Booth(GB), Michelle Doig(MD), Sheena Glen(SG), Tim Bell(TB)
	Apologies	Jen Robertson(JR), Susan Edwards(SE), Colin MacNeill(CMcN)
<b>4</b>	Approval of minutes of meeting held on 26 June 2022	The minutes were reviewed and subsequently approved.
<b>5</b>	Collabarative Working Update	The three session clerks met early in June 2022. This was an informal chat getting to know one another and individual church information. They compared various areas e.g. Kirk Session structures (committees), Numbers serving on session, pastoral care arrangements and café operations. They felt it was a little early to make any proposals on committees for the new Kirks Session They will revisit this when there is a better understanding of the Steering groups priorities. They also thought they needed to

		<p>consider elders districts and informal pastoral care if it were to be envisaged that the new Kirk Session would have less serving elders than currently. They suggested to the steering group that we might arrange joint social events ahead of time to minimise any clashes of dates and have them displayed on the New Parish website. This would hopefully encourage wider participation and they would be seen as New Parish events (rather than individual church activities which other churches were invited to join. The steering group agreed that this was a good way forward.</p> <p>Suggestion that joint congregation meeting could have a quiz afterwards.</p> <p>Treasurers/Finance – See attached report.</p>
6	Communications	<p>The second update has been uploaded on the website and paper copies are available for those that do not have access to internet etc.</p> <p>It was suggested that the joint services should be uploaded to NLP and SLP website and the link circulated to allow it to be viewed by all. This was agreed.</p>
7	Finance for our New Parish	<p>JH – will circulate bank details for all Churches to deposit £200.00 to this for using if required for anything towards our New Parish. Ensure that JR is reimbursed for costs of the new website.</p>
8	Vision to Mission Narrative	<p>A short power point presentation was given going through a template for each congregation to complete with all activities that happen throughout the week. With this combined information this would allow us to put together our Mission Narrative. A full discussion took place on the most effective way to get a draft pulled together from the information supplied. It was agreed to have a short life working group consisting of the following people from the steering group – Peter &amp; John (Newhaven), Iain &amp; Gavin/Sheena (SLP) and Tim (NLP). All template to be completed and emailed to the chair by 1 August 2022, then all three would be put on the master template and passed to the short life working group for a draft to be ready to circulate prior to the next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022.</p>
9	AOCB	<p>Pastoral care for three congregations throughout this process. The group discussed how we would ensure we would be able to offer adequate pastoral support to all congregations throughout this journey. One suggestion was that we would put together a small group this requires further consideration.</p>
10	Date of Next Meeting	<b><i>Sunday 21 August 2022 after morning worship @ South Leith Church</i></b>
11	Prayer	The Chair closed the meeting with prayer

**Written by:** Karen  
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