**Kelty Evangelical Church AGM 2026**

**Venue – Church Building: Date / Time – Wednesday 30th September 2026 at 7.30pm**

# **AGM** Minute

**Chairman** – Eric Wardlaw: **Trustees** – Eric Wardlaw: Hank John and John Langlands:

**Minute Secretary –** Margaret Langlands

**Present – Eric & Anne Wardlaw, John & Margaret Langlands, Hank John, Winnie Crawford, Jonny & Louisa Coombs, , David Wardlaw.**

**Agenda**

1. **Open – Scripture Reading and opening Prayer –** Hank – Spoke about being Courageous and having Love from 1 Cor ch16 v 13,14
2. **Financial Report** – **see page attached** - Eric gave a report on the finances. Income £12.969.76 slightly down from the last two years. There are regular givers on Stewardship gift aid and others use the offering box. Expenses £11,718.07 Slightly down from previous year. Biggest expense was Speakers Expenses £4410.00. Year Balance £1,251.69 leaving a total balance of £50,957.98. Finances were approved.
3. **Elders Report** – John gave the Elder's report – **see page attached**. Discussion took place regarding the fall in numbers on the Sunday evening zoom service and the lack of support from our own fellowship. Family Service attendance also varies. We miss regulars who are now not able to attend through deteriorating health.
4. **Ambassadors –** Winnie reported as follows - The group split into two age groups, the high school children did some bible study with Magda, the younger children stayed with myself or Kayleigh. We had a together time of song first before separating. We finished the year with a prize giving with every child receiving a book. We have changed the routine this year, High School children will stay in the church service and the primary age children will leave for Sunday School. Magda and I will do a two-week rota and see how that works out in the meantime. This year we have Olivia as an assistant and she leads the memory verse section of Ambassadors.
5. **Facebook report** –Billy has asked Magda to help with weekly Facebook posts.
6. **Building maintenance** – David reported that the roof repairs were now completed, with smaller routine maintenance job carried out throughout the year.
7. **Craft Night report; Children & Youth Bible Study** – Winnie reported as follows:-

**Craft Night**

This continues with a regular group of ladies with some new faces joining us occasionally. We have regular 12/13 who attend, top numbers could reach 18 if everyone manages. The group have a group chat on whats-app where I can post church events. As a result of this, some ladies enquired about our Christmas service in the community centre, however the event had just passed. I posted an alternative choice for them and 5 ladies went to a service in Cowdenbeath and gave very positive feedback. Some of the craft ladies helped with a craft/lunch day for the community at Easter. Although we did not have big numbers, there was positive feedback from those who attended. We will look at the possibility of a Christmas craft/lunch day with a short gospel message.

**Kids' Club**

Over the last year the club has been attended by around 12 children. They have enjoyed time together to play, sing songs and hear the gospel. We finished at the summer with a bbq which was attended by around 16 children, including a family nearby. The children received a book for their attendance at kid's club. Once again, our numbers dropped after the holidays due to children moving on to High School, some outreach was carried out at the coal race in the hope of other children from the community joining us. A big thankyou to all our volunteers, Kayleigh, Shona, Helena, Elaine and Priscilla.

**Youth Bible Study**

Continues with Robbie. Although he is the only person attending, it has been very valuable to him. He expresses how much he loves it and misses it if we have a holiday. We have been looking in the book of Genesis, mainly at the characters and their faith and flaws, and yet God uses them and blesses them. This has been impactful for Robbie as he can relate to it and shares his views through discussions. We are about to start looking at Joseph.

**8.** **Youth report –** Winnie reported that they can have 8 teenagers and sometimes more. They have games, eats and a message each week. Billy is normally there but could do with more help.

**9.** **Drop in Café** – Anne reported

The café continues to operate as usual each Thursday morning with the exception of a short break over the Christmas period. Attendance has decreased slightly following the loss of two regular attendees who sadly passed away earlier this year. The number of remaining regular attendees has remained steady, with several others attending on an occasional basis. Members of the church also continue to support the café, contributing to its ongoing operation and providing a welcoming environment for those who attend. It was encouraging during the June Mission Week to welcome the American team to the café. This provided a good opportunity for the gospel to be preached to those who were there. In October we will be hosting a Macmillan coffee morning.

**10.** **Approval of Trustees - Eric; Hank & John** – approved

**11.** Hank closed in prayer

Minute Secretary

Margaret D. Langlands

**Elders' Report 2026**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Opening Remarks**

**Scripture Focus:** *"They that go forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them."* – Psalm 126:6

As we gather for this year's Annual General Meeting, we look back on a season of faithful teaching and preaching during our Sunday morning and evening services, as well as our continued efforts to reach the local community with the gospel, through our weekly activities, mission events, Community Centre Services, leaflet and scripture distribution.

Ministry is rarely about instant results. It requires the patience of a farmer, a willingness to labour, and an unshakeable faith that God ultimately gives the growth. As Elders, we are acutely conscious of our responsibility to make the most of every opportunity to ensure the Word is preached before the door of evangelism closes as we see more opposition to Christian witness in the public square and in Kelty — recalling Timothy's exhortation to be prepared "in season and out of season." Jesus said in John 9 – work while it is day for the night comes when no man can work – the opportunity is gone.

**Fellowship & Ministry Updates**

We are profoundly thankful for the family of believers who regularly attend the Sunday services, and for those who faithfully minister preaching the Word and those who serve faithfully each week. However, we note that attendance at our evening Zoom service has been declining, mainly because of health problems and others going to glory. We need to encourage others to regular attendance this service; otherwise, if numbers continue to drop, we will need to prayerfully consider discontinuing it.

We also want to highlight several key updates from the past year:

- **Church Membership:** Our current Fellowship consists of 28 members and 19 attendees. Since our last AGM, we have been blessed with 2 baptisms and have welcomed 4 new members into the fellowship, while 3 members have moved on.
- **Financial Stewardship:** The Elders are deeply grateful for the consistent financial giving that sustains the ongoing work of the Fellowship.
- **Volunteers:** While we are thankful for those serving in the Ambassadors, the Children's Club and Youth activities, we have an urgent need for more workers in these areas, as well as volunteers for door-to-door leaflet distribution.
- **Missions & Outreach:** Attendance from visitors was lower at our June mission, in the Community Centre for Sunday Services but as a result three new people have attended the Family Service. The Heralds team was less involved this year and the Elders plan to engage with Rob Bell soon to discuss future missions.
- **Gala and Coal race** stand was well attended this year with children and adults stopping to talk and taking literature – tea and coffee on the stall was a big attraction.

- **Building Search:** Our search continues for a suitable, reasonably central, ground-level building to better serve our congregation and outreach work.

**Expressions of Gratitude & Ministry Overviews**

Our church family thrives because individuals step forward to serve with passion and consistency.

1. We are grateful to Winnie for leading the Sunday School and to Magda, Helena and Kayleigh who ably assist Sunday by Sunday. And to Winnie and her team for their faithful service with the Children's afterschool club, Youth Bible Study, Youth Club and Craft night. She was also involved in the stalls at the gala and Coal Race.
2. We are also thankful to Billy for his involvement in the Youth Club, investing his time and energy into supporting and mentoring the young people. Also, his management of the church Facebook, IT and Chairing Services. He is also involved with the mundane - Cutting the grass at the back of the Church.
3. We are grateful to David Wardlaw: for the management of the Property, Fabric, and Maintenance. The smooth running and safety of our physical space depend heavily on practical stewardship. David sourcing contractors, and ensuring we remain compliant and safe. Also stepping in personally to fix, maintain and care for the building in his own time behind the scene.
4. We want to thank Anne and Eric for their dedication in running the Drop-In Café. This work is essential to reach the community and provide an environment where they feel welcome.
5. We also thank Hank and Christian for their involvement in the after-school club each week during the school term.
6. We would like to thank Margaret Johns for organising the monthly meeting at Moir Court and baking for the afternoon tea over many years. Latterly there has been a decline in numbers and Margaret felt it had run its course, finishing in the Summer.

**Looking to the Future**

Scripture reminds us that *"where there is no vision, the people perish."* Looking ahead, the Elders have reaffirmed our core focus: to ensure the church remains relevant in todays society, to actively serve and engage with our local community, to support our present activities and to encourage visiting mission teams.

Ultimately, the overarching aim of the church remains unchanged: to see people come to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour and to help them grow deeply in their faith.

The Elders are profoundly grateful to all who serve in the various Ministries. The Bible would remind us that your labour is not in vain. We will never know the full extent of how we have blessed others until we reach heaven. You will hear them say, it is because of you

that I am here. We look ahead to the coming year with joyful expectation, confident that the Lord will continue to honour the work of our hands as He has done over the past years.

Hebrews 10:24-26

Let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

KELTY EVANGELICAL CHURCH

**31-May-26**

Annual Financial Report

| **Income** | **2025 / 2026** | 2024 / 2025 | 2023 / 2024 |
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| Stewardship KEC Online | **£7,370.54** | £9,647.83 | £10,751.60 |
| Offerings | **£4,346.22** | £2,856.59 | £1,802.00 |
| Gifts | **£520.00** | £340.00 | £200.00 |
| Café | **£733.00** | £705.00 | £591.27 |
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| **Total income** | **£12,969.76** | £13,549.42 | £13,344.87 |
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| **Expenses** | | | |
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| Utilities (electricity / gas ) | **£1,508.26** | £1,391.43 | £1,022.41 |
| Insurance (ansvar insurance company) | **£1,131.56** | £1,034.80 | £942.02 |
| Fife Council (rate relief) | **£0.00** | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Scottish Water | **£0.00** | £0.00 | £851.00 |
| Speakers (expenses and gifts) | **£4,410.00** | £4,020.00 | £4,670.02 |
| Other Gifts | **£1,000.00** | £3,400.00 | £0.00 |
| Gospel outreach | **£1,079.24** | £474.81 | £1,229.07 |
| Building | **£20.32** | £317.18 | £1,034.51 |
| General expenses | **£394.00** | £200.00 | £143.09 |
| Sunday School & Childrens Club Expenses | **£429.46** | £1,031.72 | £696.19 |
| Church Provisions | **£737.23** | £354.70 | £882.53 |
| Youth | **£1,008.00** | £819.00 | |
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| **Total expenses** | **£11,718.07** | £13,043.64 | £11,470.84 |
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| **Income less expenses** | **£1,251.69** | £505.78 | £1,874.03 |
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| **RBS Business Account - Dunfermline East Port Branch** | **£50,957.98** | £49,706 | £49,201 |