

Shaping Our meetings

A small group met together on Tuesday 29th of March at 9.30pm to discuss how we could shape the coming year so that we would be able to govern well, support the working groups and keep mission at the forefront of all we do.

The Following suggestions for discussion were made

The Year

- a) That the first meeting of the Kirk Session in Aug should be about prayer and vision for the coming year.
- b) That at the last meeting of the year in June all members of working groups should be invited along for a time of prayer and thanksgiving.
- c) That the KS meet at least once a term with consideration be given to meeting on occasion on a Saturday morning either solely for prayer or when necessary business.
- d) Suggested months to meet. Aug, Sep, Nov, Jan, March, May, June

Session Agenda

- a) Reports should normally be written and on the website before the meeting to allow elders space to consider items before the meeting
- b) To have a standing order that a max of 40 mins be given to governance issues at the start of the meeting, for their to be then a five minute break to allow the focus to move from “Trellis” to “Vine”.
- c) It would be good practice for elders to ask questions of detail before a meeting to those giving a report a chance to include that at the meeting and to allow the meeting to flow.
- d) Not all reports need spoken to

Working Groups

- a) For the working groups to be invited to a Session meeting to share their plans, outcomes, performance, needs and what can be prayed for. These sessions should not just be reporting or for accountability but to get the Kirk Session thinking.

Mission

- a) For the question of how we outreach to be part of all our conversations