

# CHRYSTON PARISH CHURCH

## Finance Team

Meeting 19th January 2026

### Note of Meeting

1.	<b>Prayer</b> Mark Malcolm opened the meeting with prayer.
2.	<b>Appointment of Convener</b> George Tinning proposed Les Moore as Convener. This was agreed.
3.	<b>Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025</b> The congregational accounts and Kirk Session accounts were discussed and it was agreed that they be submitted to the Kirk Session for approval.
4.	<b>Future years' accounts</b> It was noted that the accounts of charities whose total income exceeds £250,000 must be compiled using the Charities SORP. As the total income of the church was approaching £250,000, it was agreed that Les Moore would contact Stewardship, a company specialising in preparing the accounts of charities, to establish what service they offer and the cost of using their services.
5.	<b>Budget 2026</b> The Budget was discussed and it was agreed that it should be submitted to the Kirk Session for approval. Following approval, Les Moore would contact the chairs of Working Teams to confirm the budget allocated to them. It was noted that recent problems with the lift had raised again the possibility of the need for replacement. It was agreed that Dave McLaren would continue to have dialogue with Kone about options for replacement.
6.	<b>YPFW: Pay award</b> It was agreed that the pay award be 3.5% with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2026.
7.	<b>Bank Accounts</b> It was agreed that George Tinning and Les Moore would liaise and identify suitable interest-bearing savings accounts for funds held by the Kirk Session and congregation.
8.	<b>Hall lets</b> The significant increase in hall lets, due both to increased usage and increased charges, was noted. It was felt that external usage is almost at capacity so as not to interfere with church activities.
9.	<b>Church House rental</b> It was agreed that the rent be frozen for another year, reflecting the excellent relationship with the current tenants.
10.	<b>Insurance Broker arrangements</b> It was noted that the broker for the church's insurance had now transferred from the Church of Scotland Insurance Company to Howden Insurance. Dave McLaren had established contact with company, which is settling into the Church of Scotland business.
11.	<b>Vending Machine</b> A local company had offered a trial of a vending machine at no cost with a small commission based on sales. It was noted that the Finance Team, subject to sight of a contract, saw no financial risks to the congregation. It was agreed that Mark Malcolm would consult on the operational impact of the proposal.
	The meeting was closed with prayer.