



## Stirling Eco-Congregation Network

*7.30pm, Wednesday 3 September 2014  
St Ninians Parish Halls*

### Present:

Margaret Warnock	ECS & Callandar Kirk
Dave Garner	Balfron Parish Church
Phil Harris	North Church, Stirling
Rev Jim Landels	Allan Church, Bannockburn
Douglas Savage	
Jon Cape	Stirling Methodist Church
Tom Pollock	St Ninians Old Parish
Michael Adam	

**Apologies:** Heather Escala, Dunblane Cathedral; Kathrine Gardner, Bridge of Allan; Kate Nash, St. Mary's, Dunblane

1. The meeting was chaired by Margaret Warnock, and Michael Adam took the minutes. It was noted by MW that the accepted procedure is for the hosts to provide a chair (normally) and minute taker. **NOTE – ALL**

2. Margaret welcomed all attendees to this planning meeting, and opened proceedings with a prayer taken from this year's Creation Time material (see <http://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/materials/creation-time/> )

There was a brief review of last year's activities, noting that the proposed cycle ride had not gone ahead but had been deferred to 2015 (see below).

MW noted that Kathrine Gardner has stood down as the Stirling Network Co-ordinator. Thanks to Kathrine were expressed, for all her work for the network, and Tom Pollock kindly agreed to take up the role as co-ordinator.

### 3. Purpose of Group

It had been previously agreed that a planning meeting would be required once a year, to establish a programme for the forthcoming year. A principal role of the Group would be to share ideas.

### 4. Programme Ideas

It was confirmed that there should be 3 network meetings and one planning meeting during the year, plus potential extra events or activities. Target dates would be end of October, Feb/March, early summer, and another planning meeting at end of August.

The following ideas for meetings/activity days were decided upon:

28/10/14 (or 4/11/14): Jon Cape to give talk on disinvestment from fossil-fuel based corporate investments and Operation Noah. **ACTION: JC to confirm date and that the location of talk would be Stirling Methodist Church.**  
(A talk on fracking by Adrian Shaw would be a standby alternative)

18/02/15: Visit to the Allan Church, Bannockburn, for a presentation and tour on the activities there to 'Eco-upgrade' the hall and other church rooms, and on other eco-led activities and ideas put into action. **ACTION: DS/JL to confirm date and agreed action.**

?Spring 2015: Arrange collaboration with St. Columba's on a film night there, in their newly refurbished hall (with another MacRobert outing as a standby option).  
**ACTION MA/TP to discuss with St Columba's.**

(Take One Action Film Festival noted as a source of ideas for suitable films:  
<http://www.takeoneaction.org.uk/events/festival/>)

Early summer or late August: Dunblane to Doune (and back) family cycle ride; lead to be taken by Dunblane Churches. **ACTION: HE to contact other Dunblane Churches and Stirling Cycle Hub and commence making detailed arrangements.**

## **5. Other Business**

It was noted that a Local Network Seminar was being held in Dunblane Cathedral on 6 September from 11am – 3.30pm. MA & TP were due to represent Stirling Network, (and in the end JC also attended).

Eco-Congregation Awards: - MW encouraged all members to re-apply for ECS awards, noting that existing awards are time limited. **NOTE - ALL**

People's Climate Mobilisation : - This September, world leaders are coming to New York City to talk about how to address the climate crisis. This is a crucial moment; and this movement seeks a change of course by building a new economy through efforts to reconceive corporations and redefine economic progress. We need to do this in order to address the greatest crisis in the history of mankind. For more details see:

<http://350.org/peoples-climate-mobilisation-a-global-invitation/>

## **6. Next Meeting:**

At Stirling Methodist Church on 28 October 2014 at 7.30 pm (tbc)

MJMA 11/9/14