



## West Lothian and Falkirk Eco-Congregation Network

*Notes from meeting on  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
Torphichen Parish Church*

The meeting opened with a welcome and a prayer by Linda Jones of CAFOD – see <https://breathenetwork.wordpress.com/2009/07/10/walk-lightly-a-prayer/>

### **1. Should the Church Invest in Fossil Fuel Companies? Adrian Shaw, Church of Scotland Climate Change Officer**

Adrian gave an introduction and then led a discussion on this topic. A Church of Scotland briefing on Divestment is attached with these notes.

### **2. Network News**

**Torphichen** had recently hosted the Climate Justice baton (see <http://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/get-involved/events/baton-relay/>) and one of their congregation has composed a “Fanfare for the Baton” to welcome the Baton to the church (see <http://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/news/baton-relay-from-kirk-yetholm-to-selkirk-via-torphichen-cop21baton/>).

### **3. News from Eco-Congregation**

The recent Edinburgh network meeting where leaders of four Scottish denominations spoke about “Why Christians care for Creation” was well attended with some people from this network’s churches travelling in for the event. A video and the text from the talks are now available at: <http://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/news/video-and-notes-from-edinburgh-event-now-available/>.

The local networks Seminar took place on 28<sup>th</sup> September with John Ferguson (formerly of the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency – SEPA) and now at Eco IdeaM Ltd) as the speaker. The powerpoint from his presentation is available at <http://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/lomond/presentation-from-john-ferguson-of-ecoideam-ltd-now-available-to-download/> and the report of the day will be also soon be available on the website.

### **4. Network Planning**

Patricia Chapman and Sarah Young from St Ninian’s Craigmalen attended the Local Networks Seminar. One of the ideas shared there was from networks such as Aberdeen and Edinburgh, who have recently held a bigger scale network event aimed at reaching out to more congregations and individuals in their areas. It was suggested that this was something that the West Lothian and Falkirk network might want to try.

It was agreed to discuss this at a planning meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016, possibly at St Ninian’s, Craigmalen (tbc)

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