

## **BASIC INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS**

### **NAME OF COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE:**

Life and Work Advisory Committee

### **BRIEF SUMMARY OF AREA OF WORK:**

The Committee serves to advise the Editor on matters relating to editorial policy and content. This includes advice on the suitability of advertisements within Life and Work (in print and online). Issues generally crop up between meetings and advice is generally sought from the group by email. Decisions ultimately lie with the Editor, but the group plays a key role in assisting the Editor to reach a final decision over publication.

### **CONVENER:**

Rev Dr John Ferguson, minister at Peterculter.

### **NUMBER OF MEMBERS:**

Six plus the Convener and Principal Clerk of the General Assembly, who serves in an ex officio capacity, with one member also serving as a member of the Life and Work Business Committee, a group of the Mission and Discipleship Council charged with dealing with matters relating to the business of the magazine and website.

### **FREQUENCY, TIMING AND VENUE OF MEETINGS:**

The Committee meets twice a year, generally in March and October but is utilised between meetings by email when the Editor requires urgent advice on a sensitive issue.

### **EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS:**

Members are asked to attend as many meetings as possible: the dates are set by consensus and to respond to any emails from the Editor with thoughts and opinion as required.

### **GENERAL SKILLS/EXPERIENCE SOUGHT:**

A common sense approach and strong understanding of the work and place of the Church of Scotland in society today, coupled with an interest or experience of working within a media environment - print, broadcast or online - would be helpful. Knowledge of social media would be appreciated, but is not essential.