

Dingwall Baptist Church Consultation and Decision Making

DINGWALL BAPTIST CHURCH GUIDELINES FOR CHURCH MEETINGS

We agree that at all times we will display grace and respect for each other's views and a willingness to listen in order that all those wishing to contribute may be heard.

WE AGREE.

- **Notice of Church Meetings will be given at least two weeks in advance.**
- **There will be advance circulation of discussion papers**
- **The process of the decision making will be outlined clearly.**
- **We will aim for a clear time scale for resolutions and action items for church meetings.**
- **Ideas for the agenda will be encouraged and welcomed from the fellowship.**
- **Individuals may prefer to submit a question or point of view in writing rather than speak openly in a meeting and will be given the opportunity to do this.**
- **The chair of the meeting will encourage a full range of views which will be clearly heard and that the expression of differing views will be welcomed by the chair.**
- **The role of chair is an impartial one and views will be expressed only to clarify understanding of what has been said. Where the chair has a particular interest in a topic under discussion, the role of chair will be handed over to another during that discussion.**
- **Summary notes of deacons meetings and other meetings will be distributed in good time and before the next meeting is due,**
- **The frequency and timings of meetings will be regularly reviewed.**