

At Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church on 1st November 2016, which date and place the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev Dorothy Granger BA BD.

Sederunt

Rev Dorothy Granger (Moderator) Mrs Jean C Q Hunter (Clerk)

Ministers:

Ian S Currie, Alan Falconer, Roderick I T McDonald, D Ross Mitchell, Alexander B Noble, Martin Thomson, Alan H Ward, Elizabeth R L Watson, T David Watson, Tanya Webster, David Whiteman

Diaconate:

Fiona Blair

Elders:

Christine G Black, Mary Blair, Ian Brown, Andrew Campbell, Lindsay Campbell, Margaret Cassidy, Grahame Cunningham, Archie Currie, Margaret Green, John Houston, Lynn Hunter, William (Roy) Kelso, Ronald Lavalette, William Mackay, Sheena Marr, Linda McClelland, Gordon McConnell, Harry McIlreavy, Stuart McMahan, Jemima M McSwan, J Fulton Murdoch, Deirdre Murray, David Noble, I Fiona Page, Anne M Pringle, R Allan Richardson, Magnus Ross, Eleanor Taylor, Ann Turner, Ken Welch

Corresponding Members:

Andrew Bruce, Moira Buchanan, Mary Ford, Evelyn Slater

Apologies for Absence:

Ministers:

R Angus Adamson, Alan Ford, Mandy Hickman, Marion Howie, Alexander McCallum, Lily McKinnon, James McNay, John Purves, Fiona C Ross, Andrew S Taylor, Jeanette Whitecross

Diaconate:

Isobel Beck

Elders:

Judith Howieson, Annie Martin, William McNish, H Mitchell, William Parker

Corresponding members:

Margaret Broster, Elizabeth Clarke, Revd A Montgomerie/

/ Revd A Montgomerie

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October (Pages 41-45) were approved.

Correspondence

Email from Presbytery of Irvine & Kilmarnock

Email request from Society, Religion & Technology for an 'Order of the Day'

Email Outstanding Item – 'Force's Champion'

Roll of Presbytery

No change

Order of Business

As in the print with two additional items under Property numbered 3 and 4 and there will be no report from the Mission Committee.

STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORTS & DELIVERANCES

Business Committee

Revd Ian Currie, Convenor gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. notes that in **terms of Standing Order 51**, the Convenor gave Notice of Motion that at the December meeting of Presbytery, the Committee will move the approval of the various Standing Orders. Convenors were reminded to have the revised Committee remits with the Presbytery Clerk no later than 23rd November.
3. notes that the convenor gave Notice of Motion that at the December meeting of Presbytery, the **Overture under the Barrier Act, Registration of Ministries Overture** would be considered.
4. notes that the Registration of Ministries Overture has been remitted to the Ministries and Superintendence Committee to draft a response for submission to the December Presbytery meeting.
5. Notes the nomination of a member from Appraisal and a member of Ministries and Superintendence to attend the West Regional Interim Task Group meetings./

/ Task Group meetings.

6. Notes that Agendas, Minutes and Reports should be circulated to members by the Friday prior to Presbytery meetings. If members have not received their papers by the Saturday (except by post), they should contact Clerical Assistant, Mrs Ailsa Morrison.
7. The convenor was asked a question by Rev Roddy MacDonald, Interim Moderator for Largs St Columba's I/w Fairlie, for an update on the situation regarding the minister of the congregations as he had a concern for their welfare. The convenor replied that under the terms of the Act of the General Assembly the proceedings were confidential and only when concluded would presbytery be informed. The convenor said that the Presbytery Committee had met twice and alluded that no further extension had been asked for by them.

Ministries & Superintendence Committee

Revd Martin Thomson, Convenor gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. approved the arrangements for the Attestation of Rolls and Records 2017;
3. instructs the Clerk to notify Session Clerks regarding (2);
4. notes that information sent to Session Clerks regarding Safeguarding and Data Protection would also be sent to the holders of these posts within Congregations. Session Clerks to continue to return any information required.

Appraisal Committee

Mr Ron Lavalette, Committee member gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report:
The Kirk Session of Saltcoats St Cuthbert's Parish Church met in hunc effectum, on Sunday 16th October, to consider the terms of the Draft Basis of Reviewable Charge proposed by the Appraisal Committee. The Committee was represented at the meeting by Mr Ron Lavalette and Mr Gordon McConnell. A vote was taken and those elders present voted unanimously to accept the Draft Basis of Reviewable Charge. This confirmed the earlier/

/ This confirmed the earlier decision of the Kirk Session (at their meeting with the representatives of the Appraisal Committee on 21st September 2016) to accept a five-year Reviewable Charge;

2. approved the Draft Basis of Reviewable Charge for Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's Parish Church to call a minister on a Basis of Reviewable Charge in terms of Act VII (as amended) section 12 (2) (a) with the conditions as in (attached Report).
3. instructs the Clerk to send an extract minute to the Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task group seeking their concurrence in respect of both the five-year Reviewable Call and the Basis of Reviewable Charge.

Finance and Stewardship Committee

Revd Tanya Webster, Convenor gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance:

Presbytery:

1. notes that Notice of Motion having been given at the October meeting, receives the Report circulated with the October papers.
2. approves the Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2017 as in the Report.

Church and Society Committee

Revd Roderick Macdonald, Convenor gave the Report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. notes that the Committee are trying to compile a database of Congregation's mission and charity work within the Presbytery of Ardrossan.
3. notes that each congregation received a questionnaire regarding (2) and the committee asked any who had not responded if they could please do so.
4. notes that within presbytery a Forces Champion will no longer be required as Ardrossan Presbytery was the only presbytery to respond positively to this.
5. notes that Prisoners Week this year will be from 20th to 27th November./

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Property Committee

Mr Ken Welch, Convenor gave the Report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. approves the request from the Congregational Board of Saltcoats: St Cuthberts Church for permission to let the Manse during the period of vacancy.
3. notes that a Marketing Brief will be prepared for the possible disposal of the Cumbrae Parish Church building which is no longer in use. McMillan and Cronin, architects have been requested to supply the brief and the cost is £2,600 including vat and expenses. Funds are available. It is hoped to have the brief for January 2017.
4. approves the request from Stevenston Livingston to repair the front window of the church at an estimated cost of £4,150 plus vat from contactors Elmar Joinery of Galston. Funds are available held by the General Trustees and a request will be made to the General Trustees to release the appropriate funding.

Mission Committee

No report

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 6th December 2016 within Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 23rd November 2016 at 3.00pm within Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church.

Presbytery was then adjourned by the pronouncing of the benediction by the Revd Dorothy Granger BA BD.

.....Moderator

.....Clerk