

At Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate on Tuesday 2nd February 2016, which date and place the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted by the Moderator, Rev James McNay.

After prayer, a reading of the scriptures from Ephesians 1: 15-23 and the singing of the hymn "At the name of Jesus"

A fitting tribute was made by the Rev Chris Vermeulen to Mrs Karen Anderson, Representative Elder for Largs St. Columba's and formerly of Tabeetha School, who had departed this life since the last Presbytery Meeting

Sederunt and Apologies

Sederunt

Rev James J. McNay (Moderator) Rev Alan A Ford (Clerk)

Ministers:

I Currie, A Falconer, A Ford, D Granger, RIT MacDonald, JJ McNay, DR Mitchell, AB Noble, FC Ross, AS Taylor, J Teasdale, M Thomson, C Vermeulen, TD Watson, ERL Watson, T Webster, A Ward, J. Whitecross, D Whiteman

Diaconate

Fiona Blair

Elders:

M Blair, S Brown A Campbell, L Campbell, M Cassidy, G Cunningham, M Green, I Hackney, JCQ Hunter, R. Jarvie, F. Kerr, R Lavalette, S Marr, W McKay, L McClelland, A Martin, JF Murdoch, D Murray, W Parker, MMB Ross, S McMahan, JM McSwan, F Page, A Pringle, RA Richardson, E Taylor, A Turner, A Todd, KS Welch

Corresponding Members:

R McCool, A Montgomerie

Guild Presbyterial Council Committee Representatives:

M Buchanan

Apologies

Ministers

RA Adamson, MS Cameron, N Cruikshank, DJH Harbison, MLK Howie, AD McCallum, L McKinnon, MH Mackay, A Sherratt,

Elders: ACD Hamilton, J Houston,, L Hunter, R Kelso, GK McConnell, W McNish, D Noble, K Tudor,

Corresponding Members:

A Montgomerie

Guild Presbyterian Council Committee Members:

M Broster

Minutes

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 1st December 2015 (Pages 46-50) were approved

Order of Business

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 1st December 2015 (Pages 46-50)

Correspondence

1. Intimation received from Ministries Committee acceptance of Mrs Beata Thane at National Assessment Conference
2. Letter of apology from IT Department at the Church Offices to all Presbyteries regarding problems in implementing the first phase of Presbytery Computer Encryption

Roll of Presbytery

1. Roll of Presbytery – Note the death Karen Anderson, Presbytery Elder for Largs: St. Columba's and formerly of Tabeetha School, Israel and await a fresh appointment from that Congregation in due course.
2. Note that Mr John Aitken, Representative Elder for Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's is suffering from ill health and been replaced Mr William Parker has been appointed Representative Elder from 1st February 2016 in his stead.

Standing Committee Reports

It was proposed, seconded and agreed:

Business Committee

- i. **Safeguarding Trainer – Vacancy** Presbytery thanks the subcommittee with the Revd David Watson (Convener), with Mr Ron Lavalette and Mima McSwan and recommend the appointment of Fiona Blair DCS to this vital role
- ii. Note that the sub-committee of the Business Committee consisting of Rev Martin Thomson, Rev Alan Ward and Jean Hunter met with the Kirk Sessions of Largs St. Columba's and Fairlie concerning Rev Chris Vermeulen's request for permission to apply for a post as a non-executive director with Ayrshire and Arran Health Board. The sub-committee sought the views of both Kirk Sessions and in both cases the Kirk Sessions voted by large majorities to support Mr. Vermeulen's request. While the Business Committee express various

- reservations concerning this appointment it recommends that Presbytery accedes to Mr. Vermeulen's request to make application.
- iii. Welcome the return of Rev Fiona Ross following her recent illness and discharge the Rev James Teasdale from his duties as Interim Moderator at Kilbirnie: St Columba's and thank him for all his work during Miss Ross's period of sick leave.
 - iv. Note that a Certificate in relation to illness has been received in respect of the Rev Arthur Sherratt continuing his leave from January 7th 2016 for a period of two months and appoint the Rev David Whiteman as Interim Moderator and thank the Rev Alan Ward for his help and assistance at Saltcoats St. Cuthbert's in recent weeks.
 - v. Note that following this meeting an email will be sent to all Treasurers and Ministers seeking expressions of interest and recommendations for the post of Presbytery Treasurer. Such expressions or recommendations should be addressed to the Clerk by March 15th 2016.
 - vi. Note that Stevenston: Livingstone and Ardeer congregations will be holding a joint service on 28th February. This will be the normal service but with an emphasis on prayer in their search for a minister for the linked charge. Presbytery commends them in this action and encourages all congregations to be in prayer for the vacant charges within the bounds. These are Stevenston: Livingstone & Ardeer, Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity & Largs St. John's linked with Cumbrae.
 - vii. Note that following approaches from Presbyters that the Business Committee in cooperation with the minister of Ardrossan Saltcoats Kirkgate will attempt to supplement the available microphones in order that those speaking from the floor of Presbytery may be better heard and encourage Presbyters to make use of those facilities.

Ministries & Superintendence

- i. Note that a review has taken place of the placement of Rev Mandy Hickman OLM at West Kilbride.
- ii. Agree that Rev Mandy Hickman's Placement as OLM at West Kilbride Parish be sustained for a further year
- iii. Congratulate and nominate Mrs Beata Thane as a Candidate for the Full Time Ministry of Word Sacrament
- iv. Appoint Mr Ron Lavalette as presbytery assessor for Mrs Beata Thane
- vi. Note that books of transference certificates are no longer printed, but available for download, and need no longer be presented at the attestation of records.

- vii. Note that the Safeguarding Office have sent out a near identical form with regard to Safeguarding and Attestation of Records to that issued by Presbytery. Presbytery form will be withdrawn.

Stewardship & Finance and Property Committee

1. Stewardship & Finance

Presbytery 5% M&M Reserve Proposal

Background

The Youth Team of West Kilbride Parish Church felt there was a need for training for people working with children and teenagers. They felt that it would be helpful and sensible to offer this to all the churches in the Presbytery and asked Paula Morton of Urban Saints and David Clipston of Scripture Union if they would be willing to help, given that they are very experienced in this area of work. The Convener of the Mission Committee, the Reverend David Watson was approached and supported the idea.

The event, called Equipped, was publicised at the December Presbytery and the registration forms with details of the workshops have now been distributed to all the congregations. It will take place on 6 February, from 10am – 3.30pm. West Kilbride Parish Church offered to host the event and make the practical arrangements for coffee, a light lunch etc.

Request for funding

The costs would comprise the lunch and a contribution to Urban Saints and Scripture Union, in recognition of the time given by Paula Norton and David Clipston who have attended a planning meeting and who are going to lead most of the workshops. There has already been considerable interest and bookings made for this valuable event and we expect somewhere between 30 and 50 people. The lunch will cost £4.50 per head. Incidental costs and the cost of the use of the Church premises will be met by West Kilbride Parish Church.

The finance committee therefore recommends that Presbytery awards a reduction in M&M's to West Kilbride Parish Church from the Presbytery 5% reserve to the amount of £500 to cover all expenses in relation to this mission event.

Deliverances

- i. Approve a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £500 to be made by the congregation of **West Kilbride Parish Church** (120684) in support of training for people working with young people and teenagers to be funded from the 2016 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
- ii. Approve a request made by the congregation of Dalry St Margaret's (120657) for a Presbytery Dispensation to pay their 2016 Ministries & Mission Contributions by ten or twelve equal monthly instalments by monthly standing order;
- iii. Approve a request made by the congregation of Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate Church (120685) for a Presbytery Dispensation to pay their 2016 Ministries & Mission Contributions by ten or twelve equal monthly instalments by monthly standing order;

2. Property

i. Cumbrae Parish Church

Following the decision at the last Presbytery meeting re the sale of the church, an extract minute was duly received and the clerk and Property Convener approved the sale of the building and an extract minute was duly sent to Edinburgh.

Cumbrae Parish Church - New Build project

Following a meeting of the Cumbrae subcommittee, a proposal was made that an agreed contract could be made with the building firm, Fleming Buildings. As Convener, I advised Cumbrae that Presbytery policy is for 3 estimates for work of this magnitude. Cumbrae have asked that Presbytery consider allowing them to agree a contract with the Builder or whether they require competitive tenders. Presbytery agreed to allow Cumbrae to proceed to a negotiated contract.

ii. Beith Parish Church

You may recall permission was granted to replace the WW1 windows from the former Trinity Church on the basis of grant funding. Unfortunately, the grant has been refused but the Session now wish to proceed with the transfer of the ww1 window at a cost of £17,000 and to transfer the "saint" window at a cost of £3,000. An extract minute has been received, funds are available and the Property Committee recommends approval.

iii. Lamlash Parish Church

Following previous reports on the sale of part of the Glebe to North Ayrshire Council for use as an extension to the cemetery, the Kirk Session have now forwarded an extract minute agreeing to the sale and Presbytery is asked to concur. No price has yet been agreed but part of the agreement will be to release the condition regarding the manse being only for the use of a minister. It was unanimously agreed to support the request and an extract minute to be sent to the Law Department at 121.

iv. Kilmory Parish church

It was reported that the General Trustees have given a grant of £5,000 and a loan of £20,000 to assist with the roof repairs at Kilmory.

v. Kilwinning Old Parish Church.

It was reported that the General Trustees have agreed to the request for the removal of the external staircase but insisted that a Conservation Architect be employed to ensure that the stonework oversees the removal. Presbytery concurred.

Water Exemption Scheme

Treasurer's were reminded that they have to apply for the water exemption on an annual basis and applications must be lodged before 31st March. Clerk sending a copy of the instructions to each Congregation Treasurer.

Mission

No report was given but the opportunity was taken to show a brief video of "Messy Church" within the Presbytery.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 1st March 2016, at 7.30 pm within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business. Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 17th February 2016 at 3.00 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church

The meeting was closed with the singing of the hymn "We have a Gospel to Proclaim" and with prayer.

_____ Moderator

_____ Clerk

