

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's Church on Tuesday 2nd September 2014, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted by the Moderator, the Reverend Alex B Noble MA BD ThM.

Sederunt:

Revd A B Noble (Moderator) Mr A K Saunderson (Clerk)

Ministers:

R A Adamson, I S Currie, A Falconer, A Ford, D Granger, M Hickman, M L K Howie, M H Mackay, A D McCallum, A M McCance, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, F C Ross, A Sherratt, A S Taylor, M Thane, J Teasdale, M Thomson, T Webster, J Whitecross.

Elders:

K Anderson, J Aitken, S Brown, C Black, J Cameron, A Campbell, L Campbell, A Cochrane, G Cunningham, M Green, J C Q Hunter, R Jarvie, R Kelso, W Mackay, S Marr, A Martin, C Massie, H Mitchell, J F Murdoch, D Murray, J Niven, R McLean, S McLellan, W McNish, S McMahan, J M McSwan, F Page, R A Richardson, A Turner, A Todd, K Tudor, I Watt, K S Welch.

Corresponding Members:

A Currie, E Clarke, N Smith, M M B Ross, A Montgomerie.

Apologies:

Ministers:

M S Cameron, N Cruickshank, D J H Harbieson, R I T Macdonald, I M Roy, E R L Watson.

Elders:

I Hackney, A C D Hamilton, M Henderson, R Lavalette, E Taylor.

Corresponding Members:

R McCool.

- The Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 10th June 2014 (Pages 21-27) having been circulated, were approved.
- Correspondence
- (a) Ministries Council** – Notification that Mrs Aileen Bookens has successfully completed the Enquiry and Assessment Process and has now been accepted as a Reader in Training.
- (b) Dalry: Trinity Church** – Letter advising that Mr David Morton has retired as Session Clerk 33 years in post. Miss J Houston has been appointed as Session Clerk.
- (c) General Treasurer's Department** – Statement of payments of 2014 Ministries & Mission Requirements.

/Requirements

- (d) Presbytery of Ayr** – Extract Minute acknowledging that the Translation of the Revd T D Watson to Largs Clark Memorial has been agreed.
- (e) General Trustees Department (Cumbrae)** – Notification that the Congregations application for assistance from the Central Fabric Fund, for a Feasibility Study Report has been agreed at a cost of £ 3,738.00.
- (f) General Trustees Department (Fairlie)** – Notification that the Trustees would be visiting the Fairlie Manse on 10th July 2014.
- (g) Fairlie Parish Church** – Extract Minute confirming that the Kirk Session were in agreement with the outcome of the consultation regarding the Manse.
- (h) General Trustees Department (Beith Parish Church)** – Confirmation of the Determination passed by the Trustees authorising the sale of the former Trinity Church Building.
- (i) Largs: St John's** – Extract Minute and papers relating to the Installation of Solar Panels on the South facing roof of the Church.
- (j) Sheena Marr** – Information about Safeguarding Courses to be organised in 2014/15.
- (k) Solicitor of the Church** – Real time information. (This has been sent to all Congregational Treasurers)

Order of Business – The Order of Business was approved as in the print.

Welcome to new Presbyters

The Moderator then welcomed new Presbyterys for session 2014/15

- Mr Ian Watt – Lamlash Parish Church
- Mr William McNish – Kilmory Parish Church
- Mr Lindsay Campbell – Kilwinning Mansefield Trinity
- Mr Fulton Murdoch – Additional Elder
- Revd Markus Thane – Cumbrae l/w Largs: St John's

Mrs J C Q Hunter Representative Elder, Shiskine: Parish Church was then Installed as Moderator for Sesssion 2014/15.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appraisal Committee

For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

/Presbytery

- i. **Presbytery Plan Annual Review** – Note that the committee has completed the annual review of the Presbytery Plan and proposes no changes to that which has been agreed with the Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group and instruct the Clerk to communicate the same to the Secretary of the PPTG.

Business Committee

For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

- I. **Complaints Procedure/ Complaints Committee** – Note that Notice of Motion having been given at the June meeting – agreed to amend Standing Orders to include “**16: 9. - Complaints Committee**” and remit to the Nominations Committee the task of appointing personnel to the committee.
- II. **Committees 2014/15** – Approve the proposed committees for 2014/15. (Reports Pages 47/48)
- III. **Information Session for new and existing Presbyters** – Note that a session for new and existing Presbyters will take place on Saturday 20th September at 10.00 a.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church.
- IV. **Note Information Sessions for Congregational Office Bearers Saturday 18th October 2014 (Kirkgate Parish Church) and Saturday 1st November (Brodict Church Hall)** – Reminder of the information sessions that are open to Session/ Board Clerks, Congregation Treasurers and Property Conveners.
- V. **“Go for It Fund”** – Note that Shirley Grieve will be the guest speaker at the October Presbytery Meeting.
- VI. **Vocations Champion** – Appoint Mr Ron Lavalette as the Presbytery Representative on the Interview Panel, to consider application that have been submitted for our designated area. (Ardrossan, Ayr and Irvine & Kilmarnock)
- VII. **North Ayrshire Council Church Representatives Conference 26th September 2014** – Appoint Mr G K McConnell Convener Church and Society Committee to represent Presbytery at the Conference.
- VIII. **Beith Parish Church** – Note that the Service of Closure of the former Trinity Church will take place on Sunday 28th September 2014. Presbytery will be represented at the service by the Presbytery Clerk.

/Clerk

Property Committee

For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery: Homologate items 1 & 2 - decisions taken by the Convener, Presbytery Clerk & Finance Convener under powers during the summer recess.

- i. **Beith Parish Church** – As agreed at the June meeting - authorising works to proceed installing a new heating system in the Church.
- ii. **Largs St John's** – As agreed at the June meeting - authorising works to commence on the Manse.

For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

- iii. **Beith Parish Church** - Note the confirmation of the Determination passed by the General Trustees authorising the sale of the former Trinity Church Building.
- iv. **Largs St John's** – Remit to the Committee an application from Largs: St Johns Church seeking permission to Install Solar Panels on the South Side of the Church Roof at a cost of £ 17,014.45.

Ministries Committee

For the Committee the Vice Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

- i. **Revd Mandy Hickman OLM** – Note that Mrs Hickman's placement at Ardrossan: Park Church has been completed and remit to the Ministries and Appraisal Committee to make recommendations regarding Mrs Hickman's next placement within Presbytery.
- ii. **Mr Archie Currie** – Note the appointment of Mr Archie Currie BD as MDS Worker at Ardrossan Park Church on 1st September 2014.
- iii. **Vocations Conference** – Note that the Conference will take place on 27th September 2014 at Howard Centre in Kilmarnock.
- iv. **Reader in Training** – Note that Mrs Aileen Brookens (Whiting Bay) has passed the Local Review Process (Readership) and has now been accepted as a Candidate for the Readership.
- v. **Paternity Leave Revd James McNay** – Grant permission for Mr McNay to take Paternity Leave from 5th – 19th October 2014 and note that the Revd Alan Ward will be providing Pastoral Cover during this period.

/Period

- vi. **Discernment Process Briefing** - Note that a briefing will take place on Wednesday 22nd October at Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate Church from 12 Noon till 2.30 p.m. A light lunch will be available from 12 Noon – 12.30 p.m.

Finance Committee

For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

- i. **Lamlash Parish Church** - Approve a request made by the Kirk Session for a Presbytery Dispensation in payment of their 2014 Ministries & Mission Contributions by ten or twelve equal monthly instalments by monthly standing order.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 7th October 2014, at 7.30 p.m within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church, the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Presbytery to meet in hunc effectum on Wednesday 8th October 2014 within Largs: Clark memorial Church at 7.00 p.m. for the Induction of the Revd T David Watson.

Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 24th September 2014 at 3.00 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Church

The meeting was closed with prayer.

_____ **Moderator**

_____ **Clerk**