

At Saltcoats and within Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church on Tuesday 3rd February 2015, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted by the Moderator, Mrs Jean C Q Hunter BD.

Sederunt:

Mrs J C Q Hunter (Moderator) Mr A K Saunderson (Clerk)

Ministers:

M S Cameron, I S Currie, A Falconer, A Ford, M Hickman, M L K Howie, A D McCallum, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, F C Ross, M Thane, J Teasdale, M Thomson, E R L Watson, T D Watson, , A Ward, D Whiteman.

Elders:

K Anderson, J Aitken, S Brown, C Black, A Campbell, A Cochrane, G Cunningham, M Cassidy, M Green, A C D Hamilton, R Head, R Jarvie, R Kelso, R Lavalette, W Mackay, S Marr, A Martin, C Massie, J F Murdoch, D Murray, G K McConnell, R McLean, S McMahan, J M McSwan, F Page, A Pringle, R A Richardson, E Taylor, A Turner, A Todd, K S Welch.

Corresponding Members:

A Currie, R McCool, M M B Ross.

Apologies:

Ministers:

R A Adamson, N Cruickshank, D Granger, D J H Harbison, R I T Macdonald, M H Mackay, A M McCance, I M Roy, A S Taylor, T Webster, J Whitecross.

Elders:

J Cameron, I Hackney, M Henderson, H Mitchell, J Niven, S McLellan, W McNish, K Tudor, I Watt.

- The Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 2nd December 2014 (Pages 46-50), having been circulated were approved.
- Correspondence
 - (a) **Dalry: St Margaret's** – Extract Minute advising that an application to the Landfill Tax Fund to assist with the installation of a new boiler in the Church Hall had been unsuccessful.
 - (b) **Stevenston: High Church** – Extract Minute regarding Presbytery Twinning with West Kilbride Parish Church.
 - (c) **West Kilbride; Parish Church** – Extract Minute regarding Presbytery Twinning with Stevenston: High Kirk.

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- (d) **Largs: St John's Parish Church** – Extract Minute advising that the Kirk Session were proposing to appoint a Youth and Family Worker (0.5 post) which would be a joint locally funded position with Cumbrae Parish Church.
- (e) **Cumbrae: Parish Church** – Extract Minute advising that the Kirk Session were proposing to appoint a Youth and Family Worker (0.5 post) which would be a joint locally funded position with Largs: St John's Parish Church.
- (f) **Information Commissioners Office** – Notification that the Data Protection Registration would be renewed on 10th February 2015.
- (g) **Bequest Fund for Ministers in Outlying Areas** – Information of funding available to ministers (in a Charge) for assistance with expenditure for Ministers and Manse Families. Further details are available from the Clerk.
- (h) **Jane B Marr** – Information on forthcoming Safeguarding Training Events.

In addition the Clerk reported that since the Agenda had been circulated the following correspondence had been received:

- (i) **Solicitor of the Church** – Notification of the increase in the period of notice required for intention of Marriage.
- (j) **Pathway to Prayer** – Information leaflets were available for all congregations.
- (k) **Fairlie: Parish Church** – Information letters about Fair Trade Fortnight were available for all congregations.
- (l) **Presbytery Education Committee** – Letters to be collected by all congregations, regarding congregational contacts.
- (m) **Faith & Football Dinner 10th March 2015** – Information on the event had been received from the Revd Neil Urquhart.

- **Order of Business**

The Order of Business was approved with the addition of and additional item:

Vacancy Procedure Committee - Kilmory I/w Lamlash -

Nomination Committee

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

- i. **Mission Committee Convener** – Thank the Revd D Ross Mitchell for acting as Committee Convener on a pro tem basis and appoint the Revd T David Watson as Committee Convener.

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- ii. **Education Committee** – Note that Mr Stuart McMahon has intimated his resignation as Education Committee Clerk. Thank Mr McMahon and appoint Mr J Fulton Murdoch as Education Committee Clerk.
- iii. **Pastoral Care Advisors** – Appoint Miss J M McSwan (Co-ordinator) and as Pastoral Advisors Revd Ian S Currie, Revd Ian Currie, Revd Jeanette Whitecross and Mr Ron Lavalette.

Appraisal Committee

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

- i. **Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity** – Note that the Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group have concurred in the decision of Presbytery to grant the Congregation Permission to Call as contained within the approved Presbytery Plan.

Business Committee

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

- i. **Data Protection Seminars** – Extend thanks to those who organised and attended the Seminar at Kilwinning on 31st January 2015, and note that the Seminar for Arran will take place at Brodick Parish Church on Saturday 28th February 2015.
- ii. **Initial Assessment of Presbytery Review** – Note the Conveners Report on the initial assessment of the review. It was further noted that a full review would be presented at the June meeting.

Vacancy Procedure Committee

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

- i. **Kilbirnie: Auld Kirk** – Note that the Committee sustained a call Presbytery received from the Congregation the Revd David Whiteman which had been signed by 136 Members and 2 Adherents.

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- ii. **Kilmory I/w Lamlash** – Note that on 1st February 2015 the Congregations elected the Revd Lilly McKinnon to be the minister of the linked Charge 60 voting to Elect and 0 not to Elect. The anticipated Call to Mrs McKinnon will be considered by Presbytery at the meeting to be held on 3rd March 2015.

Ministries Committee

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

- i. **Vocations Champion** – Note that Miss Barbara Graham has resigned as the Vocation Champion for the three Ayrshire Presbyteries.
- ii. **Ministries Council Presbytery Consultation 28th – 29th January 2015** – Note that Revd Dorothy Granger and Revd James McNay will be representing Presbytery and that a report will be submitted following the Consultation.

Stewardship Finance & Property Committee

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

- i. **Stewardship Consultant** – Note that reminder Stewardship Consultant Edith Scott is available to help congregations in all stewardship matters, and the service is free of charge. Edith can be contacted by Telephone 01357 520503 or by email escott@cofscotland.org.uk.
- ii. **Cumbrae Parish Church** – Note that following receipt of a Structural Engineer's Report the Minister and Kirk Session have decided on a temporary closure of Cumbrae Parish Church and have arranged that worship will take place in the local Age Concern Hall, until safety precautions can be carried out.
- iii. **Largs: Clark Memorial** – Note that a large piece of stone has fallen from the archway at the chancel area and as a result this area is now cordoned off. An architect and stonemason have inspected the damage and the repair will involve the removal of a stained glass window. Grant permission to proceed with the works at a cost of £ 75,000.00 subject to the approval of the General Trustees as the cost exceeds the Fabric Expenditure Limit.

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- iv. **Ardeer: Parish Church** - Note that Tender Documents have been received, which have indicated that the cost of restoration and alterations is greater than anticipated. Discussions are taking place with Heritage Lottery Fund to seek additional funding and representatives of the General Trustees are visiting at an early date.
- v. **Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church** – Note that the sale of the former Ardrossan: Barony St John’s Church and Halls have now been concluded.

Mission Committee

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

- i. **Equip** – Note the forthcoming Arts Conference 28th March 2015
- ii. **Conference for Children’s and Youth Workers:** Note the forthcoming Conference from 27th February – 1st March 2015.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 3rd March 2015 , at 7.30 p.m within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church, the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 18th February 2015 at 3.00 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church

The meeting was closed with prayer.

_____ **Moderator**

_____ **Clerk**