

At Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate on Tuesday 5th April 2016, on which date and place the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted by the Moderator, Rev James McNay.

Hymn: Thine be the glory

Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

Prayer

Sederunt & Apologies

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

Ministers:

Angus Adamson, Norman Cruickshank, Ian Currie., Alan Ford, Dorothy Granger, Mandy Hickman, Marion LK Howie, Roddy IT MacDonald, A(Sandy)D McCallum, Fiona C Ross, Andrew S Taylor, Martin Thomson, Elizabeth R L Watson, T David Watson, Tanya Webster, Jeanette Whitecross, Chris Vermeulen,

Diaconate

Fiona Blair

Elders:

Christine Black, Mary Blair, Stephen Brown, Andrew Campbell, Lindsay Campbell, Margaret Cassidy, Archie Currie, Margaret Green, John Houston, Jean Hunter, Lynn Hunter, Finlay.S, Kerr, Ron Lavalette, William Mackay, Jane B (Sheena) Marr, Annie Martin, L McClelland, , Gordon K McConnell, Stuart McMahon, J (Mima) McSwan, J Fulton Murdoch, Deirdre Murray, David Noble, Fiona Page, William Parker, Anne Pringle, Rae Reid, R Allan Richardson, Magnus MB Ross, Alastair Todd, Kathleen Tudor, Ann Turner.

Corresponding Members:

Andrew Bruce, Moira Buchanan, R (Bert) McCool,

Apologies

Ministers

M Scott Cameron, Alan Falconer, Lily McKinnon, Marjory H Mackay, D Ross Mitchell, Arthur Sherratt, James Teasdale, Alan Ward, Dave Whiteman

Elders:

Grahame Cunningham, Ian Hackney, A C Douglas Hamilton, Mae Henderson, Rosemary Jarvie, William McNish, Jean Niven, Ken S Welch

Corresponding Members:

Rev A (Sandy) Montgomerie

/Montgomerie

The minutes of the meeting held on March 1st 2016 (Pages 7 -11) were approved

Order of Business

Roll of Presbytery

No Change

Correspondence – the following were noted

Extract minute from Largs St John’s re service times for Cumbrae

Extract Minute from General Trustees Regarding Ardrossan Park

Extract Minute from General Trustees regarding Lamlash

Extract Minute from Stevenston High Kirk

Extract Minute from General Trustees re Sale of Cumbrae Church Building

Extract Minute from Kilwinning Old regarding Eglinton Stair

Email concerning opportunity for Discernment Training

Order of the Day at 8.00pm Church & Society Committee

Speakers - Margaret Cassidy gave a brief update on South Beach House and the repairs currently under way. She then introduced Linda Kelly (Training Team Crossreach) to speak on Dementia. Linda Kelly then spoke about Dementia – its many forms and coping strategies for both sufferers and their families - in a talk which was very well received.

REPORTS & DELIVERANCES

Business Committee

1. Cumbrae Service Times: Having consulted with the Kirk Session of Largs: St. John’s and the conveners of the Appraisal and Vacancy Advisory Committees, the Business Committee proposed that Cumbrae Parish Church be allowed to meet for Sunday worship at 11:00 am for the duration of the vacancy. This is on the understanding that when the vacancy is filled the service time will revert to 11:45 am, as agreed in the Basis of Linking. Presbytery approved.
2. The Committee recommended that the following be Commissioned to attend the General Assembly of 2016 –
MINISTERS: Rev Dorothy Granger, Rev Dave Whiteman, Rev Chris Vermeulen, Rev Elizabeth Watson, Rev R Angus Adamson, Rev Alan A Ford

/Ford

DIACONATE: Fiona Blair DCS

ELDERS: Mrs Shirley Denovan (Beith), Ann Pringle (Corrie), Nancy Martin (St Columba's Kilbirnie), Andrew Campbell (Kilwinning Old), Archie Kerr (Saltcoats St Cuthbert's), Mrs Deirdre Murray (West Kilbride). Presbytery approved.

3. Presbytery was asked to approve the issue of a Presbyterial Certificate to Rev John Purves 37 Hollywood, Largs KA30 8SR who is resident within the bounds of Presbytery and subject to the supervision of Presbytery. Mr Purves has presented a valid Practising Certificate from the Presbytery of Europe. Mr Purves does not wish to become a member of Presbytery at this time. Presbytery Approved.
4. The Clerk reported that he had received notice of circumstances indicating that a disciplinary offence might have been committed by one of the ministers in Presbytery. As required in terms of section 4(1) of the Discipline of Ministry Act (Act III 2001), the Presbytery agreed to appoint from the Judicial Proceedings Panel a Special Committee of Presbytery in terms of section 1(d) of the Act, comprising the Reverend Alan Hamilton, the Rev Sally Russell and Mr Ian Maclagan, to consider the circumstances and if appropriate to investigate and prosecute a case.

Stewardship, Finance and Property

Finance

- i. Presbytery approved an application made by the congregation of **Stevenston High Kirk** (120680) for a reduction in their Actual 2016 Ministries and Mission contributions of £2,000, to be funded from the 2016 Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.

Property

- i. **Kilbirnie St Columba's**
The Board sought permission to remove the existing Perspex panels surrounding the entrance to the church and replace them with double

double/
glazed stained glass panels, the cost being gifted to the congregation.
This will greatly enhance the approach to the church and the committee recommended approval, subject to agreement from the General Trustees and CARTA. Presbytery approved.

Mission

1. Presbytery noted that there will be a meeting in Mansefield Trinity, Kilwinning on 18th April at 7pm to progress a Presbytery Partnership with Milala Presbytery, Malawi. Congregations within the bounds were encouraged to send two representatives.

Ministries & Superintendence Committee

1. Ministers Log Books – It was noted that Ministers’ Log Books should be submitted for inspection to Mr Allan Richardson by the end of that evening, 5th April 2016.
2. Annual Attestation of Congregational Rolls and Records - it was noted that all Rolls and records within the Presbytery have been attested and thanks were extended to all those involved.

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 3rd May 2016 at 7.30 pm within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 20th April at 3.00 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church

The Presbytery then praised God in singing the hymn - “In Christ Alone” and the Presbytery meeting was concluded with prayer and the Benediction by the Moderator.

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

