

At Saltcoats and within Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church on Tuesday 5th May 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:

A Falconer, M L K Howie, R I T Macdonald, M H Mackay, A D McCallum, A M McCance, J J McNay, L McKinnon, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, F C Ross, A Sherratt, A S Taylor, M Thane, J R Teasdale, M Thomson, E R L Watson, T D Watson, T Webster, A Ward, J Whitecross, D Whiteman.

Elders:

K Anderson, J Aitken, S Brown, C Black, J Cameron, A Campbell, L Campbell, A Cochrane, G Cunningham, M Cassidy, M Green, I Hackney, A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, R Kelso, R Lavalette, W Mackay, S Marr, C Massie, D Noble, G K McConnell, W McNish, S McMahan, J M McSwan, F Page, A Pringle, R A Richardson, E Taylor, A Turner, A Todd, K Tudor, K S Welch.

Corresponding Members:

A Bruce, R McCool, A Montgomerie.

Guild Presbyterial Council Committee Members:

H Hawthorn, M Broster.

Apologies:

Ministers:

R A Adamson, N Cruickshank, I S Currie, A Ford, D Granger, D J H Harbison, M Hickman, I M Roy.

Elders:

H Mitchell, J F Murdoch, S McLellan,.

Corresponding Members:

A Currie.

- Sederunt & Apologies
- The Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 7th April 2015 (Pages 20-23) having been circulated, were approved.
- Correspondence

Order of Business

The Order of Business was approved.

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Valedictory – Revd Alan H Ward: The Revd Alan K Sorrenson then spoke about the ministry of Mr Ward who had retired as Interim minister at Kilwinning Mansefied Trinity Church.

Mr Ward then responded noting the highlights of his ministry and also the many changes that had ensued during that time.

The Moderator thanked Mr Ward for his time of service and looked forward to his continued involvement in the life and witness of the church.

Reception of Ardrossan Guild Presbyterial Council

The Immediate Past moderator the Revd Alex Noble then introduced the members of the Council that were in attendance: Mrs H Hawthorn, Mrs D Whittiker and Mrs M Broster. Mrs M Ford had recently been elected as Council Secretary and had submitted her apologies.

Mrs Broster then delivered the Annual Report and following this the Moderator offered prayer for the ongoing work of the Church of Scotland Guild.

Standing Committee Reports

Business Committee

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

- i. **Notice of Motion** – Notice having been given at the April Presbytery Meeting – The Committee proposes that Standing Orders be suspended to allow the June Presbytery Meeting and Celebration of the Lord's Supper to take place in Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church and not the Church of the Moderator (Shiskine: St Molio's)
- ii. **Revd Peter Findlay** – Approve a Request to transfer membership from Glasgow Presbytery to Ardrossan Presbytery.
- iii. **Moderator of Presbytery 2015/16** – Nominate the Revd James McNay, Minister at West Kilbride: Parish Church as Moderator for 2015/16.
- iv. **Presbytery Clerk** – Note that the Clerk had given notice of his intention to finish on 30th September 2015. Appoint the following Committee to formulate a Job Description and advertise the position of Clerk. Revd I S Currie, Revd J R Teasdale, Revd D Granger, Mr A Currie, Mrs M Cassidy.

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Ministries & Superintendence Committee

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

- i. **Local Church Review** - Agree to implement the Local Church Review Process as outlined in Presbytery Reports. (Reports Pages 11-25)
- ii. **Ministers Log Books** – Note that the Superintendence Vice Convener has inspected all Log Books and that a Report has been submitted to Ministries Council.
- iii.

Stewardship Property & Finance Committee

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

- i. **Funeral & Retiral Offerings in Churches** – Instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute of all Financial Courts to draw the attention of the Church of Scotland, Law Department Paper (Reports Pages 26-27)
- ii. **Funeral Retiral Offerings** – Instruct the Clerk to write to Funeral Directors advising the procedures which are recommended to be followed by the Church of Scotland for the uplifting of Charitable Collections within Church Premises at Funeral Services. (Reports Page 28)
- iii. **Congregational Financial Signatories** - Instruct all congregations that no payment may be made from congregational funds unless authorised by two or more signatories. This instruction relates to all methods of payment including cheques, bank transfers and internet banking. A minister of a charge may not be an authorised signatory.
- iv. **Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church** - Approve a request made by the congregation of Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate Church (120685) for a Presbytery Dispensation to pay their 2015 Ministries & Mission Contributions by ten or twelve equal monthly instalments by monthly standing order.

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Mission Committee

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

- i. Prayer Cycle** – Note the arrangements for the Presbytery Prayer Cycle
- ii. Christian Aid** – Note the verbal Report submitted by the Revd E R L Watson.
- iii. Presbytery Twinning** – Pursue the proposed Twinning with the Presbytery of Malalia.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 9th June 2015 , at 7.30 p.m within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church, for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and thereafter the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 27th May 2015 at 3.00 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church

The meeting was closed with prayer.

_____ **Moderator**

_____ **Clerk**