

**At Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015, which date and place the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted by the Moderator, Rev James McNay.**

**Sederunt**

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

**Ministers:**

I. Currie, A Falconer, A Ford, D Granger, MLK Howie, RIT MacDonald, AM McCance, DR Mitchell, AB Noble, M Thane, J Teasdale, M Thomson, ERL Watson, TD Watson, T Webster, J. Whitecross

**Elders:**

K Anderson, M Blair, S Brown, C Black, G Cunningham, M Cassidy, M Green, A Currie, I Hackney, ACD Hamilton, JCQ Hunter, L Hunter, J Houston, R Kelso, R Lavalette, W McKay, S Marr, D Murray, D Noble, MMB Ross, R Reid, GK McConnell, L. McClelland, S McMahan, JM McSwan, F Page, A Pringle, RA Richardson, A Turner, A Todd, K Tudor, KS Welch

**Corresponding Members:**

R McCool

**Guild Presbyterial Council Committee Representatives:**

M Buchanan

**Apologies**

**Ministers**

RA Adamson, MS Cameron, DJH Harbison, M Hickman, AD McCallum, FC Ross, A Sherrat, AS Taylor, C Vermeulen, A Ward, D Whiteman

**Elders:**

A Campbell, L Campbell, R Jarvie, JF Murdoch, E Taylor

**Corresponding Members:**

A Montgomerie

**Guild Presbyterial Council Committee Members:**

M Broster

**Presbytery Clerk** – Revd A Ford took the oath *de fidei administratione* as Presbytery Clerk

- Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 having been circulated were approved (Pages 32-37 )

- **Correspondence**

- (a) **Dalry: St Margaret's** – Extract Minute regarding the ongoing situation in the sale of the former Manse, seeking advice from the Presbytery Property Committee.
- (b) **Dalry St Margaret's** – Extract Minute regarding Stewardship Programme being followed by the Congregation.
- (c) **Fairlie Parish Church/ Largs St Columba's Parish Church** – Extract Minute regarding intimating that it had been agreed Congregationl Expenses should be split 60% (St Columba's) and 40% (Fairlie)
- (d) **Alan Sanderson** – Letter of thanks for gift and cheque that was presented to him at the September meeting, on the occasion of his retrial as Presbytery Clerk.

- **Order of Business**

## **Roll of Presbytery**

### **Welcome to New Representative Elders**

Mrs Mary Blair – Stevenston High Kirk  
Mr Findlay Kerr – Stevenston: Livingstone Kirk  
Linda McClelland - Cumbrae

**Guest Speaker** – Revd Ian Stirling Chaplain Ayrshire Hospice spoke tracing the history of the Hospice movement from its origins under Dame Cicely Saunders to its present position as being regarded as the best palliative care in the world.

- **Standing Committee Reports**

## **Appraisal Committee**

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

- i. **Presbytery Plan Annual Review** – Note receipt on an Extract Minute from Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group, concurring with the decision of the Presbytery of Ardrossan at the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 not to amend the current Presbytery Plan.

**Business Committee**

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

- i. **Presbytery Clerk** – Approve the Presbytery Clerk’s Contract, which is for an initial one year probationary period and will be reviewed in conjunction with Business Committee and Mr Ford in September 2016.
- ii. **Beith Parish Church** – Note that Fiona Blair DCS, has been appointed as MDS Worker at Beith Parish Church. A Service of Introduction was held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015, at which Mr A K Saunderson represented the Presbytery of Ardrossan.
- iii. **Presbytery Treasurer** – Note that Mrs Ann Turner has intimated her resignation as Presbytery Treasurer as from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015. Mrs Turner will prepare the end of year accounts before leaving office.
- iv. **Presbytery Treasurer** Presbytery requests the Business Committee to bring to the November Meeting a proposal regarding the role and terms of employment of the Presbytery Treasurer
- v. **Presbytery Treasurer** – Appoint the following sub-committee tasked with recommending a Treasurer to Presbytery, the appointment to commence from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 – Revd D R Mitchell (Convener) Revd A Ford, Revd I S Currie, Mr S Brown and Mr W Mackay.

**Stewardship & Finance Committee & Property**

**For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed**

- i. **In terms of Standing Order 34**, The Convener gives Notice of Motion that at the November 2015 meeting of Presbytery, the Committee will move the approval of the Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2016 (Presbytery Reports Pages 32-36 ).
- ii. **National Stewardship Programme** - Remind Session Clerks that the Annual Trustee Report contained within the Congregational Annual Accounts must include a statement regarding how the congregation complied with the instruction of the General Assembly to participate in the National Stewardship Programme. Failure to do so will render the Congregation ineligible to receive monies from the Presbytery 5% M&M Reserve.
- iii. **Ministries and Mission Payments 2015** - Remind Treasurers to ensure that they have fully paid all M&Ms up to the end of 2015 in good time before the year-end. Failure to do so will render the Congregation ineligible to receive monies from the Presbytery 5% M&M Reserve.
- iv. **Mission and Ministries Payment Dispensations 2016** - Remind Treasurers that if they feel they may be unable to pay 2016 M&Ms by Standing Order over ten or twelve equal installments, they must complete a Presbytery Dispensation form as per October Reports and return to the Clerk by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015. (Reports Page 37)

**The vice-convener (Property) moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery**

**Kilmory Parish Church**

It will be recalled that Presbytery recently approved repairs to be carried out at Kilmory. Unfortunately, the cost of the work has now risen to £100,116 and the Kirk Session requested permission to proceed with further fund raising to reach this total, the shortfall at present being £26,878. An extract Minute has been received and the Committee recommends approval subject to the agreement of Stewardship and Finance.

**Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 , at 7.30 p.m within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.**

**Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 at 3.00 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church.**

The meeting was closed with the singing of the hymn “Be thou my vision” and with prayer.

\_\_\_\_\_ Moderator

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk