

**At Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017, which date and place the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev James McNay MA BD.**

## **Sederunt**

Rev James McNay (Moderator) Mrs Jean C Q Hunter (Clerk)

**Ministers:** Scott Cameron, Ian Currie, Mandy Hickman, Alexander McCallum, Lily McKinnon, Ross Mitchell, Alexander Noble, John Purves, Andrew Taylor, Elizabeth Watson, David Watson, Tanya Webster, David Whiteman

**Diaconate:** Isobel Beck

**Elders:** Mary Blair, Ian Brown, Andrew Campbell, Margaret Cassidy, Archie Currie, Margaret Green, Ian Hackney, John Houston, Judith Howieson, Finlay Kerr, Ronald Lavalette, William Mackay, Linda McClelland, Gordon McConnell, Harry McIlreavy, Stuart McMahan, Jemima McSwan, Fulton Murdoch, Dierdre Murray, David Noble, Fiona Page, Allan Richardson, Magnus Ross, Kathleen Tudor, Ann Turner, Ken Welch

**Corresponding Members:** Elizabeth Barclay, Andrew Bruce, Moira Buchanan, Elizabeth Clarke, Robert McCool, Canon Revd A Montgomerie, Evelyn Slater, Christine Thomas

## **Apologies for Absence**

**Ministers:** Angus Adamson, Norman Cruikshank, Alan Falconer, Alan Ford, Dorothy Granger, Roderick Macdonald, Marjory Mackay, Fiona Ross, Martin Thomson, Alan Ward, Jeanette Whitecross

**Elders:** Stephen Brown, Lindsay Campbell, Roy Kelso, J B (Sheena) Marr, Annie Martin, William McNish, H Mitchell, William Parker, Anne Pringle

**Corresponding members:** Mary Ford, Sharon MacLeod

## **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February (Pages 1-5) were approved.

## **Correspondence**

E mail from Rev Becky Haldane agreeing to address Presbytery about the work of the Sailor's Society at the June meeting.

Extract Minute was received from Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church Kirk Session seeking Presbytery's concurrence to accept the tender offer from their approved Contractor, EBS Construction, for the Renovation Project.

E mail from the Ministries Council Pastoral Support Team who are hosting a two-day conference for Presbytery Chaplains (or the equivalent person/people in Presbytery). The conference will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March at the Macdonald Cardrona Hotel in Peebles. The Ministries Council will cover//

//cover the cost of the conference including travel. An apology was included saying that Ardrossan Presbytery had been missed from the initial E mail.

## **Roll of Presbytery**

No change

## **Order of Business**

As in the print.

## **Reception of Students, Readers and OLM**

Rev James McNay welcomed the Readers, Readers in Training, Ordained Local Minister and Ordained Local Minister in Training and introduced them to Presbytery.

Mr Archie Currie thanked Presbytery on behalf of those present for the lovely meal at Cecchinis. He reported that it was good to have fellowship with one another at their Annual gathering and for the support they were given by Presbytery as they were used in their various roles.

Rev James McNay, Moderator for the meeting, thanked them all for their contributions in their various roles and how much they were valued, and thereafter he offered prayer for them all.

## **Order of the Day**

### **Nan Stevenston Trust**

Mrs Ann Turner presented the accounts of the Nan Stevenston Trust and spoke briefly about the work of the Trust and explained of who qualified for a loan from the monies in the account. A requirement of the Trust is that two of the Trustees must come from Largs.

This was Mrs Turner's last report as she was no longer Presbytery Treasurer. The post of Treasurer has been taken over by Mrs Christine Thomas.

Mrs Christine Thomas was present and was introduced to Presbytery.

Mrs Ailsa Morrison, Clerical Assistant, was also present and was introduced to Presbytery.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **REPORTS & DELIVERANCES**

#### **Business Committee**

**Revd Ian Currie, Convenor, gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.**

#### **Presbytery:**

1. receives the report;
2. notes that Rev Jeanette Whitecross of Kilwinning Old Church is currently on sick leave and will be for a period of at least three months. //

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3. approved the appointment of Rev Alan Ford as Interim Moderator for Kilwinning: Old Church in the absence of Rev Jeanette Whitecross.
4. notes that the Electoral Registers of the congregations of Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's, Stevenston: Ardeer and Stevenston: Livingston have all been attested by the Clerk.
5. notes that the Presbytery Minute Book, 2016 had been attested and the Clerk was instructed to send an Extract Minute to the Department of the General Assembly to say that the attestation has been carried out.
6. notes that a Practising Certificate had been received from the Presbytery of Ayr in respect of the Revd Sheila Mitchell, currently the Programme Director for Health and Social Care Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care and who is now resident in Shiskine, Isle of Arran, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Ardrossan. Revd Mitchell requested to have a seat in Presbytery and this was approved and the Clerk was instructed to add Revd Mitchell's name to the Roll of Presbytery.
7. notes that the Annual Congregational Statistical Returns have all been received by the Clerk.
8. approved the Presbytery accounts for 2016 which had been circulated and were presented by Mrs Ann Turner.
9. approved the Presbytery dues for 2017/2018 to be set at £3.10p and survey dues at 50p. There is sufficient money in the survey fund to cover payment for next 4/5 years of surveys. The total of the Presbytery dues is £3.60p.  
Mrs Turner was thanked for presenting the accounts and for all her years serving Presbytery as Treasurer.

### Nominations Committee

**Rev Ian Currie, Convenor, gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.**

#### Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. appointed the following as Commissioners to the General Assembly of 2017  
**Ministers:** Rev Roderick MacDonald, Rev Martin Thomson, Rev David Watson, Rev Dorothy Granger, Rev James McNay and Rev Mandy Hickman OLM.  
**Elders:** Mr Hamish Mitchell (Brodict Church), Mrs Alice Fisher (Cumbrae Parish Church), Mr Archie Currie (Kilbirnie Auld Kirk), Ms Margaret Brown, (Kilwinning Mansefield Trinity Church), Mrs Helen Kerr (Shiskine Church), Mrs Jean C Q Hunter (Presbytery Clerk).

### Ministries & Superintendence Committee

**Mr Allan Richardson, Superintendence Vice-Convenor gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances.**

#### Presbytery:

1. receives the report; //

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2. thanked and discharged Mrs Jean Hunter as Regent for Mrs Aileen Brookens, Reader in Training.
3. appoints Rev Angus Adamson as Regent for Mrs Aileen Brookens, Reader in Training.
4. nominates Mrs Mandy Hickman for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament and instructs the Clerk to notify the Ministries Council accordingly.
5. nominates Mr Douglas Creighton for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament and instructs the Clerk to notify the Ministries Council accordingly.
6. notes that Mr Brian Murray has satisfactorily completed his first placement as a Reader in Training at Stevenston High Parish Church.
7. notes that Minister's Log Books should be submitted for inspection to Mr Allan Richardson by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.
8. notes that all Rolls and Records within the Presbytery have been attested and thanks were extended to all those involved. Any matters arising at the Attestation, or advice required, would be notified to the relevant congregations. Mr Richardson thanked the congregations of Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church, Largs: St Columba's Church, Dalry: St Margaret's Church and Brodick Church for the use of their premises for the Attestation, and the Clerk will send a letter of thanks to the congregations.  
It was agreed that a Conference will be held for Session Clerks before next year's Attestation to provide advice on what is required for keeping accurate minutes and records.

### **Mission Committee**

#### **Rev David Watson, Convenor gave a report and Presbytery received the report:**

**Twinning:** The planned visit to Malala Presbytery to make Twinning arrangements will take place the last two weeks in April. The four representatives of Presbytery who are going to Malawi are Rev David Watson, Rev Tanya Webster, Mrs Dierdre Murray and Mr Jim Welch. The visit is being funded by a grant from Faith Share and £3,000 from the Presbytery's 5% Ministries and Mission Fund. It is hoped that some congregations in Presbytery would be enthused to being twinned with a congregation in Malala Presbytery. The representatives go with the prayers and support of Presbytery.

### **Property Committee**

#### **Mr Ken Welch, Convenor gave the Report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.**

#### **Presbytery:**

1. receives the report;
2. granted powers to the Property Committee to deal with an application by Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church to carry out repairs to the steeple and repairs to stained glass windows. Powers were granted to the committee to deal with this matter on behalf of Presbytery because, there being no meeting of Presbytery in April, the application would have//

//have had to be held over until the May meeting. The Property Committee met after Presbytery.

**Adjournment**

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 within Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 3.00pm within Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church.

Presbytery was then adjourned by the pronouncing of the benediction by the Rev James McNay MA BD.

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

