

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: North Parish Church on Tuesday 10th June 2014, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted by the Moderator, the Reverend Alex B Noble MA BD ThM.

Sederunt:

Revd A B Noble (Moderator) Mr A K Saunderson (Clerk)

Ministers:

M S Cameron, N Cruikshank, I S Currie, A Ford, M Hickman,
R I T Macdonald, M H Mackay, A D McCallum, A M McCance, J J McNay,
F C Ross, A Sherratt, A S Taylor, J R Teasdale, A Ward, J Whitecross.

Elders:

K Anderson, J Aitken, M Brown, S Brown, C Black, J Cameron, A Campbell,
A Cochrane, G Cunningham, M Green, J C Q Hunter, R Head, R Jarvie,
R Kelso, R Lavalette, S Marr, A Martin, C Massie, D Murray, G K McConnell,
R McLean, S McMahan, J M McSwan, F Page, A Pringle, R A Richardson,
A Turner, K Tudor, K S Welch.

Corresponding Members:

R McCool, N Smith, A Montgomerie.

Apologies:

Ministers:

R A Adamson, A Falconer, D Granger, D J H Harbison, D J Heberton,
M L K Howie, D R Mitchell, I M Roy, M Thomson, E R L Watson, T Webster.

Elders:

I Hackney, A C D Hamilton, W Mackay, H Mitchell, J Niven, S McLellan,
D A Oakes, A Todd, R Wilson.

Corresponding Member:

M M B Ross.

- The Minutes of meeting held on, Tuesday 6th May 2014 (Pages 17-20) having been circulated, were approved.
- Correspondence
 - (a) [Treasurer's Department](#) – Information regarding attestation of Congregational Accounts.
 - (b) [Law Department](#) – Information to be disseminated to Congregations in respect of Real Time guidance form HMRC. This would be sent to all Session Clerks within the bounds.
 - (c) [Kirkgate Parish Church](#) – Extract Minute seeking permission to remove some pews from the church area.

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- (d) **Cumbræ Parish Church** – Application to the General Trustees for financial assistance for Feasibility Report on the existing Church Building, following the completion of the New Build Project.
- (e) **Priority Areas** – Letter from Revd Martin Johnstone indicating that there are now three parishes within Presbytery that have been designated Priority Areas – Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate, Stevenston: Ardeer and Stevenston: High. Representatives of the Appraisal Committee will meet with Dr Johnstone to discuss the implications for Presbytery.
- (f) **Ardeer: Parish Church** – Extract Minute, seeking Presbytery permission to proceed with an application to Heritage Lottery Fund, for a Second Round Pass and also to ask the General Trustees and CARTA for approval to proceed with the alterations involved in the Restoration Project.

Order of Business – The Order of Business was approved.

General Assembly 2014 – Diligence Report: The Reverend Roderick Macdonald then reported Diligence on behalf of the Commissioners that had attended the 2014 General Assembly.

General Assembly 2014 – Mr Perter McEleny (Largs St Columba's) Youth Representative, Presbytery Youth Representative then reported on his visit to the 2014 General Assembly .

STANADING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appraisal Committee

- i. **Largs: Clark Memorial- Call to the Revd T David Watson BSc**,
The Clerk advised that the Congregation had been cited for its interest and was represented by: Dr N Lawrie, Mr G Spiers, Mrs E Bertram, Mrs C Turner, Mrs E Paull, Mrs B Urquhart & Mrs F Page.

Parties were called

Dr Nigel Lawrie spoke on behalf of the Congregation.

After an opportunity for Comments and Questions, parties were removed.

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

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Largs: Clark Memorial - Sustain a Call received from the Congregation to the Revd T David Watson Bsc, BD, currently Minister at Prestwick: Kingcase Church. Request Mr Watson's release from the Presbytery of Ayr and Appoint the date of Wednesday 8th October 2014 for the Service of Induction. Presbytery to meet at 7.00 p.m. and the Service to commence at 7.30 p.m. The Moderator to preside, the Revd James R Teasdale to conduct and the Revd R I T Macdonald to deliver the Charges and Preach the Sermon.

Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery communicated.

Business Committee

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

- I. **September Presbytery Meeting** – Note that the Committee gives notice of the Suspension of Standing Orders, to allow the meeting (which will include the Installation of the Moderator) to be held within Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's Church on Tuesday 2nd September 2014.
- II. **Complaints Procedure/ Complaints Committee** – Note that at the General Assembly of 2014, the Legal Questions Committee presented a Deliverance, which was approved, in relation to a Complaints Procedure for some complaints that may be dealt with, without recourse to the formal Disciplinary Acts of the Church. As a result each Presbytery will have to set up a Complaints Committee to deal with any relevant complaints that might be raised. This will facilitate a new Committee being set up within in the Standing Orders of Presbytery at "**16: 9. - Complaints Committee**" The Committee gives Notice of Motion that at the September Meeting, it will seek to have Standing Orders amended to include a Complaints Committee.
- III. **Practising Certificates - Note that in terms of Act II 2000 (Practising Certificates)** applications have been received from the following members of Presbytery that retired after 31st May 2006: Revd Dr A Falconer, Rev I S Currie, Revd M H Mackay, Revd D R Mitchell. Revd N Cruickshank, Revd A Ford and that the Committee recommends that certificates are granted, which will be effective until 30th June 2015.
- IV. **Meeting of Session Clerks/Board Clerks/ Congregational Treasures and Congregational Committee Conveners** – Note that meetings will be held on **Saturday 18th October 2014** at Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirgate Parish Church from 10.00 a.m. – 12

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Noon and Brodick Parish Church on Saturday 1st November 2014
11.15 a.m – 1.15 p.m.

- V. **Nominations Committee** – Record thanks to Presbyters for returning the Information pro forma sheets and Note that the first meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday 9th June 2014.
- VI. **Congregational Accounts to the 31st December 2013.** – Note that the Presbytery Treasurer has attested Congregational Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2014 and instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute indicating the same to the General Treasurers Department at Central Offices in Edinburgh.
- VII. **Notice of Motion, Revd James J McNay** – Having given notice of Motion at the May meeting, Presbytery moved to consider Mr McNay's proposed amend to Standing Order 12 - to read "Robes may be worn" The amendment was seconded and on a vote being taken was approved.

Property Committee

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

- i. **Largs: Clark Memorial** - Note that the Kirk Session wishes to make alterations to the manse which involves structural changes to make some rooms lighter plus decoration etc. The cost could be in the region of £30,000 - £50,000. The Committee agreed in principle to proceed with the works. **The Committee further propose that over the period of the recess, the Convener and Vice Property Convener should be authorised to give approval for the works to commence under powers, subject to the necessary quotations and Extract Minutes being provided and that the financial limit of £30,000 - £ 50,000 is not exceeded.**
- ii **Largs: St Johns** – Note that the Manse has still to be vacated by a tenant and inspected by Presbytery. The Congregational Board wishes to install new kitchen, new en suite bathroom, and also re- decorate and possibly replace two windows and carpet the manse. The anticipated cost is £25,000
The Committee agreed in principle to proceed with the works subject to receipt of all necessary documents and quotes. The Committee further proposes, with the possibility of an incumbent to the linked Charge over the period of the recess, that the Convener and Presbytery Clerk should be authorised to give approval for the works to commence under powers, subject to the necessary quotations and Extract Minutes being provided and that the financial limit of £25,000 is not exceeded.

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- iii. **Beith: Parish Church** – Note that the Kirk Session wishes to proceed with the Installation of new heating system in the Church. The Kirk Session is waiting for estimates from Wm Murchland and Dalyell of Hamilton. Also a repair to the Church roof for new flue pipe is required. The expected cost in region of £90,000 to £100,000
The Committee agreed in principle to proceed and that during the recess, the Convener and Presbytery Clerk and Finance Convener should be authorised to give approval for the works to commence under powers, subject to the necessary quotations and Extract Minutes being provided and that the financial limit of £90,000 - £100,000 is not exceeded
- iv. **Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church** – Note that the Kirk Session has asked CARTA for permission to remove pews on the side transepts of the church, to open up the sanctuary. CARTA has agreed that the Pews should be removed, subject to Kirk Session gaining the approval of Presbytery. **The Committee recommends approval and that an Extract Minute should be sent to the General Trustees, indicating that Presbytery approval has been granted.**
- v. **Cumbræ Parish Church** – Note that the Kirk Session has made a request to General Trustees for a grant of £2,238 to cover the cost of a feasibility report on the existing church building, relative to the proposed use after the new church build is completed.
- vi. **Cumbræ Parish Church** – Note that the Committee recommends that the Congregational Board be instructed to carry out a full Structural Report on the existing Church Building and that application should be made to the General Trustees for financial assistance with the funding.
- vii. **Stevenson: Ardeer** – Note that The Kirk Session seeks permission in principle to carry out repairs and alterations at a cost of £392,000 and to make the second round application to the Heritage Lottery Fund.
This involves Roof repairs, stonework repairs, window repairs, damp-proofing, repair access to gallery, electrical works, heating works, alterations to kitchen and toilet facilities, fees and vat. If a second round pass from Heritage Lottery is received, funds held and promised amount to £235,000 to which can be added £65,000 in a vat reclaim.
Applications to other funders have been made and fund raising by members still in progress. If the total cannot be achieved, it might be necessary to reduce some of the planned works. If the necessary funding is not secured, it is unlikely that the project will proceed.
The Kirk Session also seeks the approval of CARTA and General Trustees for a Grant to assist with the costs.
The Finance Committee Convener noted that a satisfactory Business Plan is in place.

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The Committee recommend agreement in principle subject to agreement of General Trustees and full submission of prices and funding, and that a submission of second round application be made to Heritage Lottery Fund.

- viii. **Property Inspections - Property Inspections** – Note that Intermediate Inspections have been carried out by the Presbytery Property Committee- **Ardrossan Park and Dalry Trinity** – Mr A Campbell & Mr R Kelso, **Lochranza & Pirmill and Shiskine** - Mr R A Richardson, **Cumbræ** - Mr R.A Richardson and K.S. Welch, **Largs St Johns** - Revd J R Teasdale, Mr K S Welch Will carry out this inspection at the same time as manse inspection.
- ix. **Powers During Summer Recess** – Grant permission to the Convener and Presbytery Clerk (and if necessary Finance Convener) to deal with any urgent Property matters that may arise during the summer recess.

Superintendence Committee

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

In Private

- I. **Local Church Review Reports** – Receive the Reports on visits to: Dalry: St Margaret's, Dalry: Trinity, Saltcoats: North and Ardrossan: Park and encourage Congregations to make full use of the Reports. (Reports Pages 42-46)
- II. **Ministers Log Books** – Note that the Convener has completed the inspection of Log Books and reports that all have been attested in the name of the Presbytery.

Ministries Committee

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

- i. **Study Leave Application Revd Martin Thomson** - Grant permission for visit to Rwanda from 10th – 24th October 2014 and instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to Ministries Council.

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- ii. **Vocations Conference** – Remind all Presbyters of the Conference to be held in the Howard Centre in Kilmarnock on Saturday 27th September 2014. An information pack will be available at the meeting for each Congregation within the Bounds.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 2nd September 2014, within Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's Church, for the Installation of the Moderator and thereafter, the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 20th August 2014 at 3.00 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Church

The meeting was closed with prayer.

_____ **Moderator**

_____ **Clerk**