

At Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church on 6th February 2018, which date and place the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev David Watson BSc BD.

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Rev David Watson (Moderator) Mrs Jean C Q Hunter (Clerk)

Ministers: Rev M Scott Cameron, Rev Ian S Currie, Rev David Hebenton, Rev Marion Howie, Rev Roderick Macdonald, Rev Lily McKinnon, Rev James McNay, Rev D. Ross Mitchell, Rev Alexander Noble, Rev David Sutherland, Rev Martin Thomson, Rev Alan Ward, Rev Elizabeth R L Watson, Rev Tanya Webster, Rev Jeanette Whitecross

Diaconate: Isobel Beck, Fiona Blair

Elders: Mrs Mary Blair, Mr Stephen Brown, Mr Andrew Campbell, Mrs Margaret Cassidy, Mr Ewan Cochran, Mr Archie Currie, Mrs Margaret Green, Mr Ian Hackney, Ms Judith Howieson, Mr Finlay Kerr, Mr W (Roy) Kelso, Mr Ronald Lavalette, Mr William Mackay, Mr Gordon McConnell, Mrs Lorna McDonald, Mrs Linda McLelland, Mr J Fulton Murdoch, Mrs Deirdre Murray, Mr David Noble, Mr William Parker, Mrs Anne Pringle, Mr Allan Richardson, Mrs Peigi Robb, Mr Magnus Ross, Mrs Christine Thomas, Ms Kathleen Tudor, Mrs Ann Turner

Corresponding Elders: Mrs Evelyn Slater, Canon Rev A Montogomerie

Apologies for Absence

Ministers: Rev Angus Adamson, Rev Norman Cruickshank, Rev Jonathan Fleming, Rev Alan Ford, Rev Mandy Hickman, Rev Alexander McCallum, Rev Sheila Mitchell, Rev Fiona Ross

Elders: Mrs Christine Black, Mr Ian Brown, Mr Andrew Bruce, Mr Lindsay Campbell, Mrs J B (Sheena) Marr, Mrs Eleanor Taylor, Mr Ken Welch

Corresponding Members: Mrs Aileen Brookens, Mrs Elizabeth Clarke, Mrs Mary Ford, Mr Robert McCool,

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2017 (Pages 52-57) were approved.

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Extract Minute had been received from the General Trustees giving their approval of the sale of the Mansefield Glebe and Muriston Glebe, Beith.

E mail had been received from Rev John Thomson, Ministries Support Officer relating to a retired PC USA minister who was available for Locum cover and he was keen to return to Scotland for a further period of service. Further information could be obtained from the Presbytery Clerk.

E mail had been received from Diane Knowles, Development Assistant – Church Without Walls relating to an event ‘Sports Equip’ that was taking place on Saturday 24th February 2018 from 10.00am – 3.00pm in Bankfoot Church Centre, Bankfoot. This information had been previously circulated to Presbytery.

E mail had been received from Mr Danny Murray (CHANA) expressing his thanks to those who had participated in the appeal for gifts for those who were in need over Christmas.

Extract Minute had been received from West Kilbride Parish Church relating to a Feasibility Study into work on their Halls.

Extract Minute had been received from Kilwinning Old Parish Church relating to a full refurbishment/overhaul of their Church organ.

Extract Minute had been received from Cumbrae Parish Church relating to changing to the Unitary Constitution.

Roll of Presbytery

Mr James Shirley, Representative Elder, Saltcoats: North Church was removed from the role due to his transference to another congregation.

Mr Andrew Bruce added as the Representative Elder for Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church.

Order of Business

STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORTS & DELIVERANCES

Business Committee

Rev Martin Thomson, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.

Presbytery:

1. received the report
2. homologated the decision of the Vacancy Procedure Committee to sustain a Call received from the congregation of Kilwinning Mansefield Trinity to the Rev Hilary J Beresford.//

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Appointed Monday 26th February 2018 as the date of the service of Induction within Kilwinning Mansefield Trinity Church at 7.00pm.

Presbytery will meet at 6.45pm. The Moderator to preside, Rev Tanya Webster to conduct and Rev Jonathan Fleming to preach the Sermon and deliver the Charges to the minister and congregation.

3. noted that the Registration of Ministries was now operational and will involve some changes to the role of Ministers who formerly had a seat in Presbytery. This will also involve a change to the 2018/2019 Presbytery Yearbook.
4. noted that the Presbytery Planning Day Conference that was to be attended by Rev Jeanette Whitecross, Appraisal Committee Convener and the Presbytery Clerk that was scheduled for 16th January 2018 in Perth was cancelled due to the inclement weather. The Conference will be held at the later date of 8th March 2018 in Perth.
5. noted that a Property Seminar would take place on 16th February 2018 in Stirling and Mr Roy Kelso, Property Convener would attend the Seminar.
6. noted that there had been some signs of progress in agreeing new signatories for the Nan Stevenson Trust with RBS but the matter had not yet been resolved.
7. approved an increase of 1.5% in the Presbytery Clerk's remuneration in line with the increase in minister's stipend.
8. noted that the Moderator, Business Convener and Clerk would attend a meeting of the three Presbyteries of Ardrossan, Ayr and Irvine and Kilmarnock on Thursday 8th February 2018 in Kilmarnock. This would be a follow on meeting from the three Presbyteries Conference that was held on 18th June 2017.
9. noted that the Clerk will attend the Annual Presbytery Clerk's Forum in Crieff from 20th – 21st February 2018.
10. approved a request from Cumbrae Parish Church Kirk session to change to the Unitary Constitution for the charge.

Church and Society Committee

Rev Roddy MacDonald, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance

Presbytery:

1. received the report
2. noted a thank you from the Social Care Council and Crossreach for the cheque of £129.60 from the Presbytery of Ardrossan in respect of the Grey cakes sale that had been held on 7th November 2017. As the Social Care Council operating as Crossreach, they deliver services in the name of the Church and more importantly in Christ's name. Their services covered the areas of Adult Care Services, Services to Older People and Children and Family Services are often a vital support to many vulnerable people, some from the poorest areas in Scotland. Ardrossan Presbytery's donation would help them to make immediate impacts on the lives of those they are working with. They thanked Presbytery for helping them to make this change.
3. Noted the report from Rev Roddy MacDonald, Convener of Church and Society Committee following the 'Sleep in the Park' event. The report had been previously circulated to Presbytery. Roddy was praised for taking part in this.//

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Order of the Day (8.00pm)

The Moderator invited Rev Roddy McDonald, Church and Society Committee Convener to introduce the speaker Mr Ron Swanson, Fundraising Manager for the Ayrshire Hospice.

Mr Swanson gave an informed talk and power point presentation about the Ayrshire Hospice 'Making Today Matter'. The Ayrshire Hospice had been in existence for twenty nine years caring for patients and supporting families through the years. He highlighted the 'Light up a Life' service that was held in the Grand Hall in Kilmarnock last December. It was an opportunity for all to come together and remember a loved one.

This year's 'Light up a Life' will be held in the Grand Hall Kilmarnock on Sunday 25th November at 7.00pm.

There are currently 185 staff that work for the Ayrshire Hospice. It takes a great deal of money to offer the care and support to the patients and families. They rely on donations and fundraising to be able to run the Hospice and level of excellent care.

Mr Swanson thanked Presbytery for allowing him the time to address Presbytery. After a time of questions, the Moderator in turn thanked Mr Swanson for his work and giving of his time to speak to those present.

Property Committee

Mr Roy Kelso, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.

Presbytery:

1. received the report
2. agreed to a request by Largs: St John's Church to engage an architect in respect of possible refurbishment to Dunn Memorial Hall which is a grade C Listed building. North Ayrshire Council were also involved with possible replacement windows.
3. agreed to West Kilbride Parish Church engaging an architect in respect of possible refurbishment of their hall.
4. approved Saltcoats: North Parish Church engaging Breen Roofing to repair the flat roof above the old entrance to the large hall. The cost is £9980.00 Ex VAT. Monies were available and an Extract Minute had been received.
5. agreed to Kilwinning: Old Church to commence raising funds toward sorting their historic organ which was built in 1897 and has hardly been repaired. An Extract Minute had been received.

Ministries and Superintendence Committee

Mr Allan Richardson, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance

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1. received the report.//

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2. noted the dates for Safeguarding Training:

March 18 th (Sun)	2.30pm	Volunteering Training
April 8 th (Sun)	2.30pm	Session Training
May 10 th (Thur)	7.00pm	Volunteer Training
June 9 th (Sat)	10.00am	Volunteer Training
July/August Break		
September 18 th (Tues)	7.00pm	Session Training
October 14 th (Sat)	10.00am	Volunteer Training
November 4 th (Sun)	2.30pm	Volunteer Training

December/January 2019

As soon as venues have been finalised information will be circulated and confirmed at the March Presbytery.

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 6th March 2018 within Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Presbytery to meet *in hunc effectum* on Monday 26th February 2018 at 6.45pm within Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity Church for the Induction of Revd Hilary J Beresford BD.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 21st February 2018 at 3.00pm within Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church.

Presbytery was then adjourned by the pronouncing of the benediction by the Rev David Watson BSc BD.

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

