

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

### **Sederunt**

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

**Ministers:** Rev Angus Adamson, Rev Hilary Beresford, Rev Alan Falconer, Rev Jonathan Fleming, Rev Alan Ford, Rev David Hebenton, Rev Mandy Hickman, Rev Marion Howie, Rev Roderick Macdonald, Rev James McNay, Rev D. Ross Mitchell, Rev Alexander Noble, Rev David Sutherland, Rev Martin Thomson, Rev Alan Ward, Rev Tanya Webster, Rev Jeanette Whitecross

**Diaconate:** Isobel Beck

**Elders:** Miss Christine Black, Mrs Mary Blair, Mr Ian Brown, Mr Andrew Bruce, Mr Andrew Campbell, Mr Lindsay Campbell, Mrs Margaret Cassidy, Mr Ewan Cochran, Mr Archie Currie, 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 Kathleen, McIlreavy, Mr Robert Marr, Mr J Fulton Murdoch, Mrs Deirdre Murray, Mr David Noble, Mrs Anne Pringle, Mr Allan Richardson, Mrs Peigi Robb, Mr Magnus Ross, Mrs Eleanor Taylor, Mrs Christine Thomas, Ms Kathleen Tudor, Mrs Ann Turner, Mr Ken Welch

**Corresponding Members:** Mrs Elizabeth Barclay, Mrs Moira Buchanan, Mrs Mary Ford, Mr Robert McCool

### **Apologies for Absence**

**Ministers:** Rev M Scott Cameron, Rev Norman Cruickshank, Rev Ian S Currie, Rev Dorothy Granger, Rev Marjory Mackay, Rev Alexander McCallum, Rev Lily McKinnon, Rev Fiona Ross, Rev Elizabeth R L Watson,

**Diaconate:** Fiona Blair

**Elders:** Mrs Margaret Green, Mrs J B (Sheena) Marr, Mrs Annie Martin, Mrs Linda McLelland, Mr William Parker

**Corresponding members:** Mrs Aileen Brookens, Mrs Elizabeth Clarke, Mrs Evelyn Slater, Canon Rev A Montgomerie.

### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 (Pages 1-5) were approved.

The Minutes of the *in hunc effectum* meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018, of the Induction of Rev Hilary Beresford to the Pastoral Charge of Kilwinning Mansefield Trinity were approved.//

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### **Correspondence**

E mail from Isobel Armstrong-Holmes, Ministries Council, with information relating to the Interim Moderator Training in Ayr on 10<sup>th</sup> March to which Mr Brian Murray would attend.

Letter was received from the General Trustees relating to the Mowing Let of Kilbirnie Auld Kirk Glebe.

E mail from Fiona Tweedie, Mission Statistics Co-ordinator, relating to 'New Ways of Displaying Data'.

### **Order of Business**

As in the print with two additional items under Business Committee at no. 12 relating to the demission of Rev Dorothy Granger and no. 13 a report on the forthcoming visit from the delegates from Milala Presbytery.

### **Roll of Presbytery**

Mrs Kathleen McIlreavy added to the Roll as Representative Elder for Saltcoats North Church.

Mr John Houston removed from the Roll as Representative Elder for Lamlash Church.

Mr Robert Marr added to the Roll as Representative Elder for Lamlash Church.

Rev Hilary Beresford added to the Roll with her Induction into the Pastoral Charge of Kilwinning Mansefield Trinity.

### **Reception of Students and Readers**

Rev James McNay welcomed the Readers, Reader in Training and those training for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, and introduced them to Presbytery.

Rev Mandy Hickman thanked Presbytery on behalf of those present for the lovely meal at Cecchinis. She reported that it was good to have fellowship with one another and for the support they were given by Presbytery in their training and as they were used in their various roles. She thanked the supervisors for their support and help.

The Moderator thanked them all for their contributions in their various roles and how much they were valued, that they would continue to be supported and thereafter offered prayer for them all.

### **Order of the Day**

#### **Nan Stevenston Trust**

Mrs Christine Thomas, Treasurer 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. She explained that the long running saga with the bank over of the signatories on the account was resolved.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **REPORTS & DELIVERANCES**

#### **Business Committee**

**Revd Martin Thomson, Convenor gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances.//**

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**Presbytery:**

1. received the report;
2. authorised the Moderator, Presbytery Clerk and Convener of the Business Committee to represent the Presbytery in meetings with representatives of Ayr and Irvine & Kilmarnock as they sought to produce a document detailing the functioning of a possible future united Presbytery, said document to be presented to a future Presbytery meeting for debate and discussion. A report of the previous meeting had been previously circulated. Presbytery would be kept informed at all stages of the meetings.
3. noted that the Annual Congregational Statistical Returns had all been received by the Clerk.
4. approved the Presbytery Accounts for 2017 which had been previously circulated. The Congregational Accounts had still to be sent to Mrs Ann Turner for Attestation.
5. approved the Presbytery dues for 2018/2019 to be set at £3.00 per member and the survey fees at 60p. This meant that the full rate of £3.60 would be the same as last year.
6. appointed the following as Commissioners to the General Assembly of 2018.  
**Ministers:** Rev Scott Cameron, Rev Jonathan Fleming, Rev David Sutherland, Rev Tanya Webster, Rev Jeanette Whitecross, Rev David Watson.  
**Elders:** Ms Judith Howieson, Mr Brian Murray, Mrs Alison Page, Mr Andrew Campbell, Mrs Deirdre Murray, Mrs Jean Hunter.  
**Deacon:** Mrs Isobel Beck.
7. approved the Rev Tanya Webster, Minister of Ardrossan: Park Church as Moderator elect for 2018/2019.
8. noted that the 2017 Presbytery Minute book had been attested and the Clerk was instructed to send an Extract Minute to the Department of the General assembly.
9. noted that Mr Brian Murray would attend the Interim Moderator Training which was to be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March in Ayr.
10. noted that the rescheduled Presbytery Planning Day Conference would be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March in Letham St Mark's Church Centre and would be attended by Rev Jeanette Whitecross and the Clerk.
11. noted a Notice of Motion for an Order of the Day at 8.00pm at the 1<sup>st</sup> May Presbytery meeting to allow Rev Elizabeth Watson to speak on the Fiftieth Anniversary of Women's Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.
12. noted with regret the intimation from Rev Dorothy Granger to demit from the pastoral charge of Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018.
13. noted the report by the Moderator on the forthcoming visit to Presbytery by the delegates from Milala Presbytery. Mr Watson reported that there had been a problem with the visitor's visas but that had been resolved.

**Finance and Stewardship Committee**

**Rev Tanya Webster, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.**

**Presbytery:**

1. received the report; //

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2. referred the application for a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £740 to be made by the congregation of Cumbrae Parish Church (120656) to cover the cost of an Alpha Course to the General Treasurers Department.
3. requested from the General Treasurers Department clarification regarding the meaning and application of the criteria covering reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions, particularly the phrase 'changed circumstances'.
4. approved a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £1,465 to be made by the congregation of West Kilbride Parish Church (120684) for various mission activities.

### Ministries & Superintendence Committee

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

#### Presbytery:

1. received the report;
2. noted that Minister's Log Books should be submitted for inspection to Mr Allan Richardson by 6th May.
3. noted 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.
4. noted that letters of thanks had been sent to the congregations of Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church, Dalry: St Margarets Church, Largs: St Columba's Church and Brodick Church for the use of their premises for the Attestation.

### Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 within Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 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

