

At Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church on 7th November 2017, 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 Scott Cameron, Rev Alan Ford, Rev Jonathan Fleming, Rev David Hebenton, Rev Mandy Hickman, Rev Marion Howie, Rev Roderick Macdonald, Rev James McNay, Rev Ross Mitchell, Rev Alexander Noble, Rev David Sutherland, Rev Andrew Taylor, Rev Martin Thomson, Rev Alan Ward, Rev Elizabeth Watson, Rev David Watson, Rev Tanya Webster

Diaconate:

Mrs Isobel Beck

Elders:

Miss Christine Black, Mr Ian Brown, Mr Lindsay Campbell, Mrs Margaret Cassidy, Mr Ewan Cochran, Mrs Mairi Duff, Mr Ian Hackney, Judith Howieson, Mrs Jean Hunter, Mr Finlay Kerr, Mr William (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, Mrs Peigi Robb, Mr Magnus Ross, Mr James Shirley, Mrs Eleanor Taylor, Ms Kathleen Tudor, Mrs Ann Turner, Mr Ken Welch

Corresponding Members:

Mrs Moira Buchanan, Mrs Mary Ford, Mr Robert McCool, Mrs Evelyn Slater

Apologies for Absence

Ministers:

Rev R Angus Adamson, Rev Norman Cruickshank, Rev Ian Currie, Rev Dorothy Granger, Rev Marjory Mackay, Rev Alexander McCallum, Rev Lily McKinnon, Rev John Purves, Rev Fiona Ross, Rev Jeanette Whitecross

Elders:

Mrs Mary Blair, Mr Stephen Brown, Mrs Margaret Green, Mrs J B Marr, Mr Stuart McMahon, Mr R Allan Richardson, Mrs Christine Thomas

Corresponding members:

Mr Andrew Bruce, Mrs Elizabeth Clarke, Canon Rev Sandy Montgomerie//

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TRIBUTE

Rev Marion Howie paid a fitting tribute to the late Rev David Harbison. He had ministered in Shetland and Hamilton before being called to Beith High in 1998. He was a humble man believing that his ministry was being with people and for the people. He was an active member of the Presbytery while at Beith High and then well into his retirement.

The Moderator offered a prayer of thanksgiving for Mr Harbison and prayer for his wife and family.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2017 (Pages 35-40) after an amendment to the place where the meeting was held were approved.

The Minutes of the *in hunc effectum* meeting of 13th October 2017 (pages 41-42) were approved.

Correspondence

E mail was received relating to the Tearfund Christmas Appeal and congregations were welcome to take part in this.

E mail regarding the forthcoming changes to Data Protection had been received. Presbytery had previously been circulated with the changes.

E mail had been received from the General Trustees relating to the Mowing Let of Kilbirnie Auld Manse Glebe.

E mail received from the General Trustees relating to the sale of Beith Mansfield Glebe.

Leaflets with information about Prisoners Week were received and made available to Presbyters.

An Intimation and poster from the Guild about a forthcoming Speaker and information on a leaflet was available to Presbyters.

Roll of Presbytery

The name of Rev Jonathan Fleming had been added to the roll following his induction to the pastoral charge of Cumbrae I/w Largs: St John's. The Moderator welcomed Mr Fleming to the meeting.

Mr Ronnie McKinnon DCS retired, was transferred from the Presbytery of Falkirk and Mr McKinnon's name was added to the roll.

The name of Rev David Harbison was removed by his death.

Order of Business

Was as in the print with two additional items under Property Committee at No. 3 relating to the letting of Fairlie Manse and No. 4 relating to the sale of Mansefield Glebe.

The Convener of the Appraisal Committee had withdrawn the Appraisal Committee deliverance.//

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STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORTS & DELIVERANCES

Business Committee

Rev Martin Thomson, Convenor, gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances.

Presbytery:

1. received the report;
2. appointed Mr Allan Richardson to attest the Presbytery Minute Book of 2017.
3. appointed Mr Andy Campbell as Vice-Convenor of the Property Committee as was recommended by the Nomination Committee.
4. noted that the Clerk would attend the Presbytery Clerk's Forum on Friday 17th November 2017 in Edinburgh. The discussion at that would be regarding the changes and amendments to the Law and Practise of the Church.
5. noted that an Interim Moderator training took place in Edinburgh on Friday 3rd November 2017 attended by Miss Isobel Beck, Mr Archie Currie and Rev Tanya Webster. A further training day would take place in Ayr on Saturday 11th November 2017 to be attended by Mr Brian Murray.
6. noted that the Independent Examiner for the Presbytery Accounts would be Mr Ian Ferguson of Beith.
7. noted that the Moderator had attended a conference on 1st to 2nd November 2017 on Presbytery's behalf and the Vice-Convenor invited him to give a brief report. After the Moderator had given his report he was asked if a hard copy could be circulated to all presbyters and the Clerk agreed to do this for the Moderator.

Ministries and Superintendence Committee

Mr Ian Brown, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances.

Presbytery:

1. received the report;
2. approved the dates for the attestation of the Rolls and Records as follows:
 - Tuesday 13th February 2018 at 7.00pm at Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate.
 - Wednesday 14th February 2018 at 2.00pm at Largs: St Columba's.
 - Wednesday 14th February 2018 at 7.00pm at Dalry: St Margaret's.
 - Thursday 15th February 2018 at 11.00am at Brodick Church.
3. Instructed the Vice-Convenor to write to all Session Clerks and Property Conveners stating that there would be a training session regarding Rolls and Records on Tuesday 21st November at 7.30pm within Dalry: St Margaret's Church and on Saturday 2nd December at 11.00am within Brodick Church Hall. Arrangement would be made for the Convener and Vice-Convenor to visit Cumbrae Church.//

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This was further to the discussion that took place at the March 2017 meeting of Presbytery for the need for a training regarding what was necessary for the presentation of Rolls and Records for attestation.

Finance & Stewardship Committee

Rev Tanya Webster, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances:

Presbytery:

1. received the report;
2. approved a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2018 of £3,500 made by the congregation of Stevenston: Livingston Church (120681) to be funded from the 2017 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
3. approved a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2018 of £3,450 made by the congregation of Stevenston Ardeer Church (120679) to be funded from the 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
4. approved the Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2018 that had been circulated with the October papers. Notice of Motion had been given of this at the October meeting.

Report

Applications were received from Stevenston: Livingstone and Stevenston: Ardeer churches for allocations from the 5% Ministries and Mission fund. The applications and recommendations by the finance and Stewardship committee are as follows:

Stevenston: Livingstone

· Budget for Stewardship Campaign	£750 - not mission- not approved
· Path of Renewal annual charge	£750 -approved
· Messy Church banners, advertising and materials	£500 - approved
· Stevenston Summer Mission Contribution (not new ministry) - £500 approved (this year only not annually)	£1000 - ongoing
· Puppet Ministry training	£750 - approved
· Budget for Bible Week 2018 new initiative	£1000 – approved
 Total recommended for approval:	 £3500

Stevenston: Ardeer

Over the past 3 years, Ardeer Parish Church has undergone extensive renovation to the cost of approximately £450,000, most of which has been raised externally. Conditions to some of the external funding include

- A professional buildings survey every 5 years to demonstrate ongoing maintenance.//

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- The Heritage Centre to be opened for 40 days every year with the number of volunteers staffing the Centre and the number of visitors being recorded and reported. Visitors should have the opportunity to check online to decide where next on the North Ayrshire Heritage Trail to visit.

To comply fully with these conditions, there are several further actions which need to be followed through, namely

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| • Audio-visual system | £20,000 |
| • Easy access facilities | £50,000 |
| • Installation of broadband for the Heritage Centre | £1000 |
| • Safety features and signage | £1000 |

The committee felt that although we would want to encourage imaginative development, we equally have an obligation to ensure that applications are subject to appropriate scrutiny and these amounts appear to be broad brush amounts rather than carefully researched, costed and estimated proposals. It was also considered that there might be alternative sources of funding for some of the amount. We would therefore not approve them at this point but would be open to applications being resubmitted when more detailed costings and proposals could be provided.

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| • Path of Renewal annual charge | £750 - approved |
| • Chance to Thrive Group (advertising signs and posters for community engagement group) | £1000 - approved |
| • Stevenston Summer Mission Contribution | £1000 - ongoing (not new ministry) - £500 approved (this year only not annually) |
| • The remaining £2379.17 in respect of the repayment of locum's fees (a historical cost arising from a mistake and which has been repaid jointly by 121, Presbytery and both Livingstone and Ardeer congregations.) | Committee recommended that £1200 of this is paid out of the 5% |

Total recommended for approval:	£3450
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End of report

Mission Committee

Rev Elizabeth Watson, Convener gave a report and approved the following Deliverances.

Presbytery:

1. received the report;
2. homologated an application to the World Mission Council's Faith Share programme for funding to invite four members of Milala Presbytery to visit Ardrossan Presbytery. The dates that were proposed were 7th-19th June 2018. This had been approved by World Mission.//

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3. noted the E news received from the Mission and Discipleship Council and in particular the "Show and Tell" competition and the launch of "Learn" publications which had been previously circulated.
4. approved a request by the committee to contact every Kirk Session and ask the Presbytery Elder and Moderator if they would be willing to include the prepared presentation about Presbytery, either in PDF form (available from Rev Elizabeth Watson or as a Powerpoint presentation from Rev David Watson) within a Kirk Session meeting and share their knowledge about Presbytery. If any Kirk Session wanted more help to do this, it would be provided by members of the Mission Committee. All Kirk Sessions would be asked to provide feedback to the Mission Committee Convener by 20th April 2018 so that future training opportunities would be identified.

Church and Society Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. received the report (circulated);
2. agreed to encourage congregations to support the Crossreach Grey Cake campaign.
3. noted that the Crossreach materials for the Grey Cake campaign were available on the Church of Scotland website and from the Church and Society Committee.

Property Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. received the report;
2. agreed to the Property Committee continuing the rolling quinquennial property inspections.
These inspections would again be carried out by Mr Stewart Hamilton of Allied Surveyors Scotland PLC. The Churches involved for the period 2017/2018 are:

Ardrossan: Park	£1,300
Dalry: Trinity	£1,300
Largs: St John's	£1,500
Lochranza & Pirnmill	£1,300
Shiskine	£1,350

Total £6,750 + VAT

The Presbytery Treasurer confirmed that monies were available.

3. approved the letting of Fairlie Manse in the vacant charge of Fairlie l/w Largs: St Columba's.//

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4. approved the sale of Beith Mansefield Glebe for a housing development as requested by the General Trustees.

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 5th December 2017 at 7.30pm within Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 22nd November 2017 at 3.00pm within Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church.

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

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

