

**At Ardrossan: Park Church on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018, which date and place the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev David Watson BSc BD.**

**Presbytery approved Rev Alan Ward as Presbytery Clerk *pro tem***

**Rev David Watson administered the oath *de fideli administratione officii*.**

### **Intimation**

Rev Alex Noble has CDs of the radio broadcast of his interview with the visitors from Malawi.

### **Sederunt**

Rev David Watson (Moderator), Rev Alan Ward (Clerk, *pro tem*)

**Ministers:** Rev Hilary Beresford; Rev M Scott Cameron; Rev Jonathan Fleming; Rev Alan Ford; Rev Mandy Hickman; Rev Marion Howie; Rev Alexander McCallum; Rev James McNay; Rev D Ross Mitchell; Rev Sarah Nicol; Rev Alexander Noble; Rev David Sutherland; Rev Andrew Taylor; Rev Martin Thomson; Rev Alan Ward; Rev David Watson; Rev Tanya Webster; Rev Jeanette Whitecross.

**Diaconate:** Mrs Isobel Beck.

**Elders:** Mrs Mary Aitken; Miss Christine Black; Mrs Mary Blair; Mr Ian Brown; Mr A J Bruce; Mr Andrew Campbell; Mr Lindsay Campbell; Mrs Margaret Cassidy; Mrs Elizabeth R Clark; Mr Ewan Cochran; Mrs Margaret Green; Mr Ian Hackney; Mr Finlay Kerr; Mr William (Roy) Kelso; Mr Ronald Lavalette; Mrs J B (Sheena) Marr; Mr William Mackay; Mr Robert Marr; Mrs Lorna McDonald; Mrs Kathleen McIlreavy; Mr J Fulton Murdoch; Mrs Dierdre Murray; Mr David Noble; Mr William Parker; Mrs Fay Reid; Mr Allan Richardson; Miss Helen Scott; Mrs Kathleen Tudor; Mrs Ann Turner; Mr ken Welch.

**Corresponding Members:** Mrs Moira Buchanan; Mr Archie Currie; Mrs Mary Ford; Mrs H Kerr; Mr Brian Murray; Mrs Bea Nicholson; Mrs Evelyn Slater; Canon Rev A Montgomerie.

### **Apologies for Absence**

**Ministers:** Rev Norman Cruickshank; Rev Ian S Currie; Rev Alan Falconer; Rev Roderick Macdonald; Rev Marjory Mackay; Rev Lily McKinnon ; Rev Fiona Ross; Rev Elizabeth R L Watson.

**Deacons:** Miss Fiona Blair.

**Elders:** Mrs Elizabeth Clarke, Mrs Mairi Duff; Mrs Jean Hunter; Mrs Annie Martin; Mrs Linda McLelland; Mr Stuart McMahan; Mrs Christine Thomas.

### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June (Pages 18-23) were approved.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June (Pages 24-25) were approved.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August (Pages 26-27) were approved.//

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### **Correspondence**

**An Extract Minute** received from the Presbytery Planning Task Group held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018 relating to the Presbytery granting Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church a 5 Year Reviewable Tenure. The PPTG could not concur as they did not have sufficient information. The present Presbytery Plan was for Unrestricted Tenure and Business Committee were asked to bring this to Presbytery for approval.

**An Extract Minute** received from Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church Kirk Session seeking approval to let out their manse during the Vacancy.

**An Extract Minute** received from Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church Kirk Session that they agreed to appoint Mr Andrew Bruce as Locum.

**A letter of resignation as an Additional Elder** received from Mr Gordon McConnell as he was moving away from Ardrossan Presbytery.

**A letter received from Cumbrae Parish Church** thanking Presbytery for the support both financially and spiritually, for their new church building project.

**A letter received** from Colin G. F. Brockie, Chaplain of West of Scotland Wing, Air Training Corps seeking Presbytery Approval for the appointment of the Revd Jonathan Fleming as Chaplain to 1138 (Ardrossan) Squadron of the Air Training Corps.

**An E mail from Sarah Watts**, Choose Life Manager (North Ayrshire) asking to address Presbytery on a sensitive issue among Secondary School pupils in the area.

**An E mail** from Stephanie Thomson, HR Officer, Church of Scotland with information of a New Start MDS, Mrs Carol Boyd would be starting as a Young Adults Community Development Worker within Kilwinning Mansefield Trinity Church on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

### **Roll of Presbytery**

Removed from Roll – Additional Elders Mr Stephen Brown, Mr Gordon McConnell

Added to the Roll – New Commissioned Elders: Mrs Fay Reid, Corrie Parish Church;

Mrs Elizabeth R. Clark, Fairlie Parish Church.

New Additional Elders: Mrs Mary Aitken; Mr Brian Murray; Mrs Liz Clarke; Miss Helen Scott.

New Corresponding Members: Mr William Robertson, Reader transferred from Irvine & Kilmarnock Presbytery; Guild representatives: Mrs Helen Kerr and Mrs Bea Nicholson.

Welcome to Rev Sarah Nicol, Saltcoats: St Cuthberts Church.

The Moderator welcomed all new members.

### **Installation of the Rev Tanya Webster as Moderator for Session 2018/2019**

The Moderator Rev David Watson installed Rev Tanya Webster as Moderator for Session 2018/19. Mrs Webster thanked Rev David Watson for his service as Moderator and thanked Presbytery for electing her and looked forward to the year ahead with joy.//

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**Order of the Day** at 8pm - Representative of Ministries Council, Rev Jim Teasdale gave a candid and frank view of the challenges and opportunities facing the National Church and encouraged congregations to start conversations on the way ahead. The presentation is available from Rev Martin Thomson or Mrs Jean Hunter, Presbytery Clerk.

## 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. **Noted** that a representative of the Ministries Council had been invited to address Presbytery. The Moderator welcomed Rev Jim Teasdale, Ministries Council, Presbytery Planning Task Group Convener who gave a presentation to Presbytery.
3. **Instructs** Kirk Sessions to meet and discuss how to respond radically and creatively to the challenges facing the Presbytery, which involve a considerable reduction in ministry numbers. Further **instructs** Kirk Sessions to communicate their ideas and responses to the Presbytery Clerk by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in preparation for a conference to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in West Kilbride Parish Church, to be organised by the Business Committee.
4. **Noted** that Mr William Robertson, Reader, has been transferred from the Presbytery of Irvine & Kilmarnock to Ardrossan Presbytery, the Clerk having received appropriate certification, and agreed to his name being added to the roll of Presbytery accordingly.
5. **Agreed** that Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November be designated a Presbytery prayer day to be held in West Kilbride Parish Church and organised by Rev James McNay, in response to the call for such a day by the General Assembly.
6. **Noted** that during her term of office the Moderator will conduct worship in the following congregations: Beith, Dalry Trinity, Kilwinning Mansefield Trinity, West Kilbride, Whiting Bay and Kildonan.
7. **Approved** Presbytery Committees for Session 2018/2019 as proposed by the Nomination Committee, as they appear in the Presbytery Yearbook for 2018/2019. Thanked Rev Mandy Hickman for her work on the committees and to Mrs Ailsa Morrison for her work on the Yearbook.
8. **Appointed** the following as additional elders as proposed by the Nomination Committee: Mrs Mary Aitken, Mrs Liz Clarke, Mr Brian Murray and Miss Helen Scott.
9. **Agreed** to the appointment of Rev Jonathan Fleming as Honorary ATC Chaplain to 1138 (Ardrossan) Squadron and **instructed** the Clerk, accordingly, to send an extract minute to the Chaplain of the West of Scotland Wing, ATC.
10. **Noted** that Mr Brian Murray has completed all aspects of his training for the Readership. **Appointed** the date of Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.00pm for a service of Setting Apart within West Kilbride Parish Church.

**Presbytery** to meet at 6.45pm. The Moderator to preside, Rev Scott Cameron to conduct and Rev James McNay to preach the Sermon.//

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11. **Noted** that Mrs Carol Boyd MDS began her appointment as Young Adults Community Development Worker within Kilwinning Mansefield Trinity Church on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018. **Appointed** the date of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.00pm for the service of Introduction of Mrs Carol Boyd, MDS to take place within Kilwinning Mansefield Trinity Church.  
**Presbytery** to meet at 6.45pm. The Moderator to preside, Mr Magnus Ross to conduct and Rev Hilary Beresford to preach the Sermon.
12. **Agreed** to an Order of the day on October 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbytery meeting to allow Sarah Watts, Choose Life Manager, North Ayrshire to address Presbytery on the sensitive issue of youth suicide.
13. **Noted** that the Electoral Register of Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church has been attested by the Clerk.
14. **Noted** that Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church Kirk Session has appointed Mr Andrew Bruce as Locum to the congregation and Parish.
15. **Agreed** to the appointment of Ms Judith Howieson as Health & Safety Representative for the Presbytery, who would report to the Property committee as necessary.

### Appraisal Committee

**Rev Jeanette Whitecross, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.**

#### Presbytery:

1. Received the report;
2. **Recalled** its decision of 1<sup>st</sup> May to grant the congregation of Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church permission to call a minister under the terms of a five year renewable tenure.
3. **Granted** Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church permission to call a minister under the terms of an unrestricted tenure, as in the current Presbytery Plan.
4. **Urged** the Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group to concur with the above decision of Presbytery and when drawing up the proposed new plan to note the particular needs of the Presbytery of Ardrossan, taking into consideration increasing poverty within North Ayrshire where depressed towns and youth suicide are a big problem, when allocating the number of ministers/workers in the new plan. **Instructed** the Clerk to write in suitable terms to the PPTG.

### Finance & Stewardship Committee

**Rev Jonathan Fleming, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.**

#### Presbytery:

1. Received the report;
2. **Approved** a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £1300 to be made by the congregation of **Stevenston High Kirk** (120680) for Faith, Life and Lead your church into growth resources and final payment for the Path of Renewal Project.
3. **Approved** the purchase of staging, sound equipment, resources and training for puppet ministry at a cost of £2819 to be funded through the Presbytery discretionary allowance. This would be available to any church in the Presbytery and co-ordinated through Rev Dave Sutherland. See attached report for details.//

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### Ministries and Superintendence Committee

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

#### Presbytery:

1. Received the report;
2. **Agreed** the teams to carry out the Presbytery Local Church Review visits for 2018/2019. (List previously circulated). Noted that Rev Lily McKinnon has withdrawn, another will be asked to convene the team for the review of Saltcoats: North Parish Church.
3. **Noted** that the training and preparation for the visiting teams will take place on Saturday 13th October 2018 within Dalry: St Margaret's Church at 10.15am.
4. **Nominated** Rev Jonathan Fleming to attend the Presbytery Mentor Training day on the 28th September 2018. This is a training day for those interested in becoming a Mentor or Presbytery Assessor.

### Property Committee

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

#### Presbytery:

1. Received the report;
2. **Homologated** the decision by the Presbytery Clerk and Property Convener to allow Saltcoats North Parish Church to plaster part of their internal ceiling which collapsed earlier this year. 3 quotes had been received:  
  
Breen Roofing £1000.00 (Inc VAT)  
  
Murphy Plastering £450 (Inc VAT)  
  
William Dickson Plasterer £420 (Inc VAT)  
  
Kirk Session Agreed to go with lowest quote of William Dickson. Monies were available for this project.
3. **Noted** that all Quinquennial Property Surveys for the period 2017/2018 have been completed and all reports are in the hands of church representatives and the General Trustees.
4. **Noted** that Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's Manse had been inspected and found to be in good order before the arrival of their new minister.
5. **Noted** that Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate manse had been inspected and found to be in good order.
6. **Agreed** to Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Church letting their manse in the vacancy. Property Committee had no objections.
7. **Noted** that due to a spate of vandalism at Dalry: St Margarets the police have advised this church to install CCTV system. The solicitor at 121 Edinburgh had advised that a privacy form needed to be completed (Convener had one as well as Presbytery Clerk) and the Information Commissioners Office needed to be updated (Clerk had been advised).//



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**Church & Society Committee,**

**Mr Archie Currie, Vice –Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.**

**Presbytery:**

1. Received the report;
2. **Noted** a reminder of the speaker from Ayrshire Hospice and the Light up a Life Christmas Concert on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the Grand Hall in Kilmarnock.

As our concert will soon be approaching, any churches interested in making a group booking should contact him as soon as possible so that he can allocate tickets aside for them.

This year's performers will include A Choired Taste, Isle of Cumbrae Pipe Band and the Salvation Army Band with more acts to be announced in due course. Tickets are £10 for adults and £6 for under-16s.

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**3. Noted** that South Beach House would be celebrating 60 years next June also next September Crossreach celebrates 150 years.

This October they will be covering one long side of the dining room with knitted Poppies which will be there for a month or so.

This will be the start of their monthly celebrations leading up to next June.

Most activities will include fundraising for a new mini bus.

Thanked all the worker and helpers at South Beach House.

4. **Invited** Magaret Cassidy, Manager of South Beach house to address Presbytery. In her report Mrs Cassidy intimated a service to dedicate their poppy wall and commemorate the end of the World War 1 would be held on 17<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm in South Beach House. An invitation was//  
//was extended to visit 2-3pm any afternoon to see the wall of poppies during the month and asked if congregations were having any special collections they might consider their minibus appeal.

**Adjournment//**

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**Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 2nd October 2018 within Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.**

**Presbytery to meet *in hunc effectum* on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 within West Kilbride Parish Church for the service of Setting Apart to the Office of Reader of Mr Brian Murray.**

**Presbytery to meet *in hunc effectum* on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018 within Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity Church for the service of Introduction of Mrs Carol Boyd MDS.**

**Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 19th September 2018 at 3.00 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church.**

**Benediction**

Presbytery was then adjourned by the pronouncing of the benediction by the Rev Tanya Webster  
BCom DipAcc BD

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

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