

**At Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018, which date and place the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev Tanya Webster BCom DipAcc BD.**

### **Sederunt**

Rev Tanya Watson (Moderator), Mrs Jean Hunter (Clerk)

**Ministers:** Rev Angus Adamson; Rev Hilary Beresford; Rev M Scott Cameron; Rev Jonathan Fleming; Rev Mandy Hickman; Rev Marion Howie; Rev Roderick Macdonald; 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 Elizabeth R L Watson; Rev David Watson; Rev Jeanette Whitecross.

**Diaconate:** Mrs Isobel Beck; Miss Fiona Blair.

**Elders:** Mrs Mary Aitken; Miss Christine Black; Mr Ian Brown; Mr A J Bruce; Mr Andrew Campbell; Mrs Elizabeth R Clark; Mrs Liz Clarke; Mr Ewan Cochran; Mr Archie Currie; 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 Kathleen McIlreavy; Mrs Linda McLelland; Mr Stuart McMahan; Mr J Fulton Murdoch; Mr Brian Murray; Mrs Dierdre Murray; Mr David Noble; Mr William Parker; Mrs Fay Reid; Mr Allan Richardson; Mrs Peigi Robb; Mr Magnus Ross; Mrs Eleanor Taylor; Mrs Christine Thomas; Mrs Kathleen Tudor; Mrs Ann Turner; Mr Ken Welch.

**Corresponding Members:** Mrs H Kerr; Mr Robert McCool; Mrs Evelyn Slater.

### **Apologies for Absence**

**Ministers:** Rev Norman Cruickshank; Rev Alan Falconer; Rev Alan Ford; Rev David Heberton; Rev Marjory Mackay; Rev Alexander McCallum; Rev Lily McKinnon; Rev Fiona Ross.

**Elders:** Mrs Mary Blair; Mrs Lorna McDonald; Miss Helen Scott;

**Corresponding Members:** Mrs Aileen Brooken; Mrs Mary Ford; Mrs Bea Nicholson; Canon Rev A. Montgomerie.

### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September (Pages 28-35) were approved.

The Minutes of the *in hunc effectum* meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September (Pages 36-37) were approved.

### **Correspondence**

**E mail** was received from Lesley Kimmitt, Convener of the Church of Scotland Nomination Committee seeking to advertise opportunities for service through the Councils and Committees of the Church.

**E mail** from Lesley Orr, Place for Hope, Training and Development Officer relating to dates of Training Workshops in Glasgow. The dates would be circulated to Presbytery. **Information** on the Presbytery's part in the National Day of Prayer held in West Kilbride Parish Church//

//Church on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and Rev James McNay distributed posters for the event.

### Roll of Presbytery

Mr Brian Murray added to the Roll of Readers in Presbytery with his Setting Apart on 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Rev Dorothy Granger (L) removed with transferring to Irvine and Kilmarnock Presbytery.

### Order of the Day

Rev Martin Thomson, Business Committee Convener introduced Sarah Watts, Choose Life Manager, North Ayrshire Council who addressed Presbytery on the sensitive issue of youth suicides. Through a power point presentation, Sarah spoke about how she was working with other agencies including the mental health agency and schools towards a Chose Life Strategy to reduce the number of young deaths across North Ayrshire. It was considered essential that churches should be aware of the problems and included in talks and trainings in the future with the other agencies.

The Moderator thanked Sarah for addressing Presbytery on such a sensitive and emotive issue.

### 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 action of the Clerk and Business Convener in approving Rev David Watson as a Presbyterial Panel member.
3. **Agreed** to a request from the ministers of Stevenston: High Kirk and Stevenston: Ardeer l/w Stevenston: Livingstone, following the participation in Path to Renewal, to invite the General Trustees to engage in consultation with local congregations towards future cooperation. Instructed the Clerk to notify the General Trustees accordingly.
4. **Agreed** to explore with Presbyteries of Ayr and Irvine & Kilmarnock ways of working together and pooling resources.

#### Finance & Stewardship Committee

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

#### Presbytery:

1. Received the report;
2. **Noted** in terms of Standing Order 34, the Convener gave Notice of Motion that at the November 2018 meeting of Presbytery, the Committee would move the approval of the Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2019. (Circulated)
3. **Noted** Ministries and Mission Payments 2019: reminded Treasurers that if they feel they may be unable to pay 2019 M&M's by Standing Order over ten or twelve equal instalments//

//instalments they must complete a Presbytery Dispensation form and return to the Clerk by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

4. **Noted** that a balance of the 2018 5% reserve remained unallocated and was available for applications.
5. **Reminded** Treasurers to ensure that they have **fully paid** all Ministry and Mission dues up to the end of 2018 as required. Failure to do so may render the congregation ineligible to receive monies from the Presbytery 5% M&M reserve.
6. **Agreed** that the sum of £390 be awarded from the 5% Discretionary Allowance to reduce the 2018 Ministries and Mission contributions of Lamlash Church to support the creation of their 'Messy Church' initiative.

### Ministries and Superintendence Committee

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

#### Presbytery:

1. Received the report;
2. **Noted** the dates for the annual attestation and inspection of Rolls and Records are as follows:

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.00pm at Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Church.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 2.00pm at Largs: St Columbas.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.00pm at Dalry: St Margaret's.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 11.00am at Brodick Church Hall.

3. **Approved** the new wording on the forms to be used at the Inspection of Rolls and Records from February 2019. (Circulated)
4. **Agreed** to have further training for Session Clerks, Treasurers, Property Conveners and where applicable Clerks to Congregational Boards.
5. **Instructed** the Clerk to write to Session Clerks and the above Office Bearers to attend a training in Beith Parish Church on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 10.00am and for the Arran Office Bearers in Brodick Parish Church on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 at 11.00am.
6. **Noted** that all Congregational Accounts had been attested and found to be satisfactory. One set of accounts only arrived the previous day and had then been attested. Two matters required to be corrected before they could be submitted to OSCR.

### Mission Committee

**Rev Elizabeth Watson, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.**

#### Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report: (Circulated)
2. **Noted** the remits from the 2018 General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in the name of the World Mission Council and the Mission and Discipleship Council.
3. **a) Instructed** all Kirk Sessions to explore how the fresh vision for eldership outlined in Section 2.3 of the Report applied to their particular local context.  
**b) Instructed** all Kirk Sessions to consider how the aspirations outlined in the Report shape their ongoing ministry and engagement with children and young people in the parish.//

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**c) Instructed** all Kirk Sessions to explore what opportunities exist for fresh expression of church in their parish.

**d) Instructed** all Kirk sessions to provide the Convener of the Mission Committee with a summary of their discussions by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

4. **Commended** the Prayer Cycle to all members of Presbytery and expressed our thanks to Rev David Watson for compiling it.
5. **Noted** the changes in arrangements for the Relational Ministry Reimagined dates that given.

### Property Committee

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

#### Presbytery:

1. Received the report;
2. **Agreed** to the continuation of rolling quinquennial property inspections on the following churches:

Kilwinning: Mansfield Trinity	£1300.00
Kilwinning: Old	£1500.00
Dalry: St Margaret's	£1500.00
West Kilbride	£1500.00
Saltcoats: St Cuthberts	£1340.00
Whiting Bay & Kildonan	£1450.00
Total	£8590.00 + Vat

These inspections are again to be carried out by Allied Surveyors Scotland. The presbytery treasurer has confirmed monies were available to pay these fees.

3. **Agreed** to Beith Parish Church requesting that £40,059.74p be released from the Consolidated Fabric Fund held by the General Trustees for this congregation, towards approved expenditure on their church. An extract minute had been received.

### Adjournment

**Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 6th November 2018 within Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.**

**Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 24th October 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