

At Ardrossan: Park Church on 11th June 2019, 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 Webster (Moderator), Mrs Jean C Q Hunter (Clerk)

Ministers:

Hilary Beresford, Jonathan Fleming, D. Ross Mitchell, Sarah Nicol, Alex Noble, Fiona Ross, David Sutherland, Andrew Taylor, Martin Thomson, Elizabeth Watson, David Watson, Graham McWilliams.

Diaconate:

Isobel Beck.

Elders:

Mary Aitken, Ian Brown, Andrew Bruce, Andrew Campbell, Lindsay Campbell, Ewan Cochran, Archie Currie, Ian Hackney, Finlay Kerr, Ronald Lavalette, Sheena Marr, Annie Martin, Robert Marr, Kathleen McIlreavy, Deirdre Murray, David Noble, William Parker, Allan Richardson, Peigi Robb, Magnus Ross, Kathleen Tudor, Ann Turner, Ken Welch.

Corresponding Members:

Moira Buchanan, Mary Ford, Helen Kerr, Bea Nicholson, William Robertson.

Apologies for Absence

Ministers:

Angus Adamson, Scott Cameron, Alan Ford, Mandy Ralph, Marion Howie, Roderick Macdonald, Lily McKinnon, James McNay, Alan Ward, Jeanette Whitecross.

Deacons:

Fiona Blair.

Elders:

Mary Blair, Elizabeth R Clark, Liz Clarke, Linda McLelland, Fulton Murdoch, Fay Reid, Helen Scott, Christine Thomas.

Corresponding members:

Robert McCool, Evelyn Slater, Alexander Montgomerie.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th May (Pages 16-20) were approved.//

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Correspondence

An E mail from David Lynch, National Stewardship Coordinator relating to 'Stewardship - a Narrative of Generosity'. Dates and venues have been circulated to ministers in charge, Interim Moderators and Session Clerks.

An E mail from Gillian McEleny relating to an Elementary Food Hygiene Course being held at Largs St Columba's Church on Saturday June 1st from 9.30am-3.330pm.

Roll of Presbytery

No change

Order of Business

General Assembly 2019 – Rev Hilary Beresford on behalf of the commissioners reported Diligence at the General Assembly. Miss Beresford spoke of some of the highlights for her at this year's Assembly and some of the changes that will come out of the Radical Plan. (Report appended in the Minute Book)

Youth Representative to General Assembly 2019 – Miss Deborah Nicol was welcomed by the Moderator and thanked for representing the Presbytery at this year's General Assembly. Deborah gave a full and informative report of her experience and of the fellowship she had shared with the other Youth Delegates. (Report appended in Minute Book)

Recognition of Ministers Ordinations

The Moderator congratulated Rev Andrew Taylor on sixty years of Ordination and Rev Dr Ian McLeod on fifty years of Ordination.

STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORTS & DELIVERANCES

Business Committee

Revd Martin Thomson, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance:

Presbytery:

1. received the report.
2. noted that the meeting of the presbyteries of Ardrossan, Ayr and Irvine & Kilmarnock, scheduled to take place on 10th September to discuss draft plans for a possible united Presbytery, will take place in Kay Park Church, Kilmarnock at 7.00pm.
3. noted the appointment to the Commission of Assembly of Rev Sarah Nicol and Mrs Jean Hunter.
4. noted that most of the GDPR forms circulated to Presbyters, Session Clerks, Board Clerks and Treasurers for names to be included in the Presbytery Yearbook 2019/2020 had been//

//been returned. However, some had still to be returned and those present were asked if they hadn't submitted their form could they please do so as soon as possible.

Ministries & Superintendence Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. received the report;
2. received the Reports arising from the Local Church Review visits to Saltcoats: North Parish Church, Stevenston: Ardeer I/w Stevenston: Livingstone, Cumbrae Parish Church I/w Largs: St John's, Kilwinning Mansefield Trinity and they were commended to the respective Kirk Sessions for their ongoing encouragement and future planning. As this was in private, copies of the reports had only been circulated to full members of Presbytery.
3. noted that concern had been raised that the Stevenston: Ardeer and Stevenston: Livingstone visit was carried out when the LCR committee met at a joint meeting of the Kirk Sessions. On checking with the Principal Clerk there is no breach of the Act. However, he confirmed that it was not good practice and that it should be added to the information given to Kirk Sessions and visiting teams.
4. approved the following wording on future information.
'In the case of linked charges with two or more Kirk Sessions, it is essential that each Kirk session should be visited separately in the interest of Good Practice and that separate reports will be submitted'.
5. noted that it is hoped to visit the following congregations in the coming year 2019/20 at: Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's, Beith Parish Church, Ardrossan Park Church, Whiting Bay and Kildonan.
6. noted that the Convener had attested all Ministers log books and that a report would be submitted to Ministries Council.

Finance and Stewardship Committee

Rev Jonathan Fleming, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances:

Presbytery:

1. received the report (circulated plus an extra item given orally).
2. approved an equal reduction in Actual Ministry and Mission Contributions for 2019 of £3600.00 requested by the congregations of Largs: Clark Memorial (120670), Largs: St Columba's (120671) and Largs: St John's Church (120672) to be funded from the 2018 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve. Each congregation will receive a deduction of £1200.00.
3. approved an equal reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2019 of £1500.00 requested by the congregations of Largs: Clark Memorial (120670), Largs: St Columba's (120671) and Largs: St John's Church (120672) to be funded from the 2018 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve. Each congregation will receive a deduction of £500.00.//

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- 4. approved a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2019 of £1000.00 made by the congregation of Beith Parish Church (120651) to be funded from the 2018 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
- 5. approved a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of 2019 of £1184.50 made by the congregation of Kilbirnie: Auld (120658) to be funded from the 2018 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
- 6. approved a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of 2019 of £1500.00 made by the congregation of Dalry: Trinity (120658) to be funded from the 2018 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.

Property Committee

Mr Ken Welch, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance:

- 1. received the report.
- 2. noted that at the last meeting of Presbytery, it was stated that Stevenson: Ardeer Parish Church would be re-opening during May. However, there was a setback when it was believed that an area was affected by asbestos. This has now been dealt with and work is in progress to ensure that the building can re-open as soon as possible.

This has highlighted another problem. It is a legal requirement that congregations should have an Asbestos Survey Report. It is believed that a number of the churches in Presbytery may not have such a report and the committee would suggest that every congregation should ensure that a report is in place and, if not, to have a survey carried out as soon as possible. Advice on suitable surveyors can be given.

A question was raised of assistance for the congregation and minister of Stevenston: Ardeer Parish Church. The convener handed this over to the Ministries & Superintendence Convener to answer. The Convener assured presbytery that this would be addressed.

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 3rd September 2019 within Beith Parish Church for the Installation of the Moderator elect and for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 21st August 2019 at 3.00pm within Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church.

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

.....Moderator

.....Clerk