

At Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate on Tuesday 1st March 2016, on which date and place the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted by the Moderator, Rev James McNay.

Reading: Matthew 4 v 1-17

Hymns: CH4 338 Jesus, tempted in the desert (Tune: Ebenezer)

The scriptures were read from Matthew 4 v1-17 , and after the singing of suitable praise the Moderator constituted in prayer.

Sederunt and Apologies

Sederunt

Rev James J. McNay (Moderator) Rev Alan A Ford (Clerk)

Ministers:

I Currie, A Falconer, A Ford, M Hickman, RIT MacDonald, MH Mackay, AD McCallum, JJ McNay, DR Mitchell, AB Noble, J Teasdale, M Thomson, TD Watson, T Webster, A Ward, J. Whitecross, D Whiteman

Diaconate

Fiona Blair

Elders:

M Blair, C Black, A Campbell, G Cunningham, A Currie, J Houston, R. Jarvie, F. Kerr, R Lavalette, S Marr, W McKay, H Mitchell JF Murdoch, D Murray, D Noble, MMB Ross, R Reid, GK McConnell, L McClelland, S McMahon, JM McSwan, F Page, A Pringle, RA Richardson, E Taylor, A Turner, A Todd, KS Welch

Corresponding Members:

E Barclay, A Bruce, R McCool,

Guild Presbyterial Council Committee Representatives:

Apologies

Ministers

RA Adamson, MS Cameron, N Cruikshank, D Granger, DJH Harbison, DJ Heberton, MLK Howie, FC Ross, A Sherratt, AS Taylor, C Vermeulen, ERL Watson, A Ward

Elders: S Brown, L Campbell, M Green, I Hackney, ACD Hamilton, M Henderson, JCQ Hunter, J Houston,, L Hunter, R Kelso, S Marr, GK McConnell, W McNish, J Niven,

Corresponding Members:

Guild Presbyterial Council Committee Members:

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Roll of Presbytery

No Changes

Minutes

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday February 2nd 2016 were read and approved (Pages 1-6) were approved

Order of Business

Correspondence

1. Extract Minute from Lamlash Parish Church
2. General Trustees email re Kilwinning Old
3. Extract Minute from Cumbrae Parish Church

Standing Committee Reports

It was proposed, seconded and agreed:

Business Committee

1. Nomination of Commissioners to the General Assembly:

The Committee recommended the following as Commissioners to the General Assembly of 2016 to meet in Edinburgh from Saturday 21st May till Friday 27th May 2016:

MINISTERS : Rev Dorothy Granger, Rev Dave Whiteman, Rev Chris Vermeulen, Rev Elizabeth Watson, Rev R A Adamson, Rev Alan A Ford

DIACONATE: Fiona Blair DCS

ELDERS: Mrs Shirley Denovan (Beith), Ann Pringle (Corrie), Nancy Martin (St Columba's Kilbirnie), Andrew Campbell (Kilwinning Old), Archie Kerr (Saltcoats St Cuthbert's), (One Elder still to be appointed)

Presbytery approved these nominations, noting that one place for an elder had still to be filled.

2. The Business Convener then invited Mrs Ann Turner, Presbytery Treasurer to present the Presbyteries Account to 31st December 2015. These were approved.
3. It was recommended that Presbytery Dues should be set at £2.70 per member with an additional 80p per member to cover the cost of Property Surveys. This was approved.

Under an Order of the Day for 8.00 pm Mrs Turner, Treasurer, was then invited to present the accounts of the Nan Stevenston Trust and to speak briefly about the work of the trust. Those Trustees present approved and it was noted that MMB Ross was being added to the

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Trustees, replacing Alan Saunderson, former Presbytery Clerk. Presbytery also noted that a requirement of the Trust relates to the number of Trustees that must come from Largs.

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4. Presbytery noted that the Minutes of Presbytery for the preceding year have been examined and attested
5. Presbytery noted the Annual Statistics for 2015 appended to the billet.
6. Presbytery agreed to Invite Margaret Cassidy to give a brief update on South Beach House and introduce Linda Kelly (Training Team Crossreach) who has expertise in the field of dementia and invite her to address the April Presbytery. (Order of the Day at 8.00 pm)
7. Presbytery agreed to invite Murdo Macdonald, Policy Officer of the Science Religion and Technology Project to speak at the December meeting of Presbytery.
8. Presbytery noted that an extract Minute has been received from Cumbrae Parish Church asking permission to temporarily change the time of the Principal Diet of Worship from 11.45 am to 11.00am for the duration of the Current Vacancy. This was referred to the Appraisal Committee for consideration
9. The Convener then invited Mr Allan Richardson to Report on the Geilsland School Local Consultative Committee following the closure of Geilsland School. Mr Richardson spoke of the history of the School from its earliest days to its closure and suggested that the time had now come to Discharge the Committee. The Presbytery thanked all those involved in the Consultative Committee discharged them from their duties to the extent of the interest of Presbytery. Presbytery noted that the work is done from smaller "house" units in Dalry and Beith. An extract minute to be issued to Social Care Council and an invitation extended to them to consider the Chaplaincy arrangements particularly for the unit in Dalry.
10. Presbytery agreed to invite the Convener of the Presbyterial Council of the Church of Scotland Guild to address the May meeting of Presbytery.

Ministries & Superintendence

Reception of Readers, Ordained Local Ministers, Auxiliary Ministers and candidates.

Present: Readers – Mrs E Barclay, Mr A Currie, Mr A Bruce, R McCool, MMB Ross,

OLM Mandy Hickman
OLM in Training Douglas Creighton
Brian Murray

Apologies from

Mrs S McLeod, Aileen Brookens, Mrs Betsi Thane, E Clarke, Marion Howie, JCQ Hunter.

The Moderator spoke to those before him stressing the valuable work that they fulfil in the life of the church and thanking them for their service and Rev Mandy Hickman replied on behalf of those assembled thanking the Presbytery for their support especially for those in training and also for the opportunity to share a meal together before the Presbytery.

1. Ministers Log Books - Note that Ministers Log Books should be submitted for inspection to Mr Alan Richardson by Tuesday 5th April.

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2. Annual Attestation of Congregational Rolls and Records -Note that most Rolls and records within the Presbytery have been attested and extend thanks to all those involved.

Stewardship & Finance and Property Committee

1. Stewardship & Finance

No Report

2. Property

1. Lamlash Parish Church –

It is proposed that the car parking area at the Church Hall be resurfaced at a cost between £12161 (Hamilton Tarmac) and £14042 (Hillhouse Quarry) both inclusive of VAT. A choice to be made by the Lamlash Church Property Committee following detailed discussion with both firms. The required finance has been allocated. It was recommended that Presbytery Approve. Presbytery Approved.

2. Dalry St Margaret's

The boiler for the Hall complex has failed and has to be replaced at a cost of £26,700 based on an estimate provided last year. This is part of the overall project which Presbytery approved some time ago but unfortunately the congregation did not receive the Landfill Tax Funding that they hoped and therefore this part was delayed. Now it has become urgent and requires permission to proceed. Three quotes were obtained and an extract minute has been received. General Trustees approval should also be sought. Presbytery approved.

3. Ardrossan Park.

Some time ago Presbytery granted permission in principle for the provision of car parking facilities at Ardrossan Park Church. The quotes have been received CPR of Renton £39,022 plus vat, Breedon Aggregates of Ochiltree £41,730 plus vat and Hillhouse Quarry £108,681 plus vat. The proposed contractor is likely to be CPR but the Session is meeting this week to confirm the decision when an extract minute will be provided. Substantial funds are available and a loan is being made available by the General Trustees. The reason for bringing this forward this meeting of Presbytery is that the quotes are open for 30 days and will have expired by the next meeting of Presbytery. The Property Committee recommended approval subject to consent of the General Trustees. Presbytery concurred.

4. Stevenston High

Members of Presbytery were reminded that a few years ago, a dangerous wall in the church grounds fell down and after considerable delay, it has been agreed that the cost be shared between North Ayrshire Council and the Church of Scotland Insurance Trust. Two estimates were obtained, Gordon Middleton of Seamill and R. Robertson of Kilwinning. The best price was from Gordon Middleton which has now been updated and is £18,500 plus vat. The Property Committee recommended approval subject to written approval being received from both N.A.C and the Insurance Co. Presbytery Agreed.

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Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 5th April 2016 at 7.30 pm within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 23rd March at 3.00 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church

The Presbytery then adjourned with prayer, the singing of the hymn "Guide me O thou great Jehovah (It being St David's Day) and the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction

_____ Moderator

_____ Clerk

