

At West Kilbride and within West Kilbride Parish Church on Tuesday 1st September 2015, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted by the Moderator, Mrs Jean C Q Hunter BD.

Sederunt:

Mrs J C Q Hunter (Moderator) Mr A K Saunderson (Clerk)

Ministers:

R A Adamson, M S Cameron, A Falconer, A Ford, D Granger, M Hickman, M L K Howie, R I T Macdonald, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, F C Ross, A Sherratt, A S Taylor, M Thane, J R Teasdale, M Thomson, C Vermeulen, T Webster, D Whiteman.

Elders:

K Anderson, J Aitken, S Brown, C Black, L Campbell, G Cunningham, M Cassidy, A Currie, I Hackney, A C D Hamilton, L Hunter, R Kelso, R Lavalette, W Mackay, S Marr, A Martin, H Mitchell, D Murray, D Noble, M M B Ross, R Reid, G K McConnell, S McMahon, J M McSwan, F Page, A Pringle, A Todd.

Corresponding Members:

A Bruce, R McCool.

Guild Presbyterian Council Committee Representatives:

M Broster, M Buchannan.

Apologies:

Ministers:

N Cruickshank, I S Currie, D J H Harbison, M H Mackay, A D McCallum, L McKinnon, I M Roy, E R L Watson, A Ward, J Whitecross.

Elders:

A Campbell, M Green, J Houston, R Jarvie, W McNish, R A Richardson, K Tudor, K S Welch.

Guild Presbyterian Council Committee Representatives:

B Guthrie, H Hawthorn.

- The Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 9th June 2015 (Pages 28-31) having been circulated, were approved.
- Correspondence
 - (a) **Revd Ian Stirling (Chaplain Ayrshire Hospice)** – Request to address Presbytery on developments in health and social care. Mr Stirling will address the meeting of Presbytery on 6th October 2015.

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- (b) **Extract Minute - Largs: Clark Memorial Church** – Regarding replacement of Gas Heaters.
- (c) **Panel on Review and Reform (Path of Renewal Projects)** – Notification that the Congregation of Stevenston: High will be going forward to the initial part of the pilot process.
- (d) **Data Protection Compliance** – Information from the Solicitor of the Church. This has been circulated to all Session Clerks within the bounds.
- (e) **Kilmory: Parish Church** – Extract Minute granting permission to sell part of the Glebe.
- (f) **Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's Church** – Extract Minute seeking approval to widen the gate to the manse, for easier access.
- (g) **Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church** – Extract Minute seeking permission to sell the former New Trinity Manse and also remove and place in storage Stained Glass Windows from the former Barony: St Johns building.

Order of Business – The Order of Business was approved.

Roll of Presbytery

Welcome to New Representative Elders

Ardrossan: Park - Mrs Lynn Hunter
Cumbrae: Parish Church – Mrs Linda McLelland
Fairlie: Parish Church – Rosemary Jarvie
Lamlash: Parish Church – Mr John Houston
Saltcoats: North Parish Church – Mrs Rae Reid

Installation of the Revd J J McNay MA BD as Moderator for Session 2015/16.

The Retiring Moderator Mrs J C Q Hunter then Installed the Revd J J McNay as Moderator for session 2015/16. Mr McNay extended thanks to Mrs Hunter for the manner in which she had discharged her duties throughout her year in office.

Mr McNay thanked Presbytery for electing him to the Office of Moderator and stated that he was looking forward to his year in office.

The Clerk then read a letter that had been sent to Mr McNay from Mr Kenneth Gibson MSP and Mrs Patricia Gibson MP – extending congratulations to him on his Installation as Moderator.

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Standing Committee Reports

Presbytery Review Group

For the Committee the Clerk moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

- i. Encourage all Presbyters to return the completed form so that the Presbytery can make the best use of their skills.
- ii. Encourage Conveners to ensure that Minutes and agendas are e-mailed to members in good time before the meeting date.
- iii. Dispense with tea between Presbytery and Committee.
- iv. Ensure that the Business of Presbytery is concluded in time to allow the committees to conclude by 9.30 pm.

It was moved and seconded as an amendment that the word ensure should be replaced with “where practicably possible try to conclude the business of Presbytery is concluded in time to allow the committees to conclude by 9.30 pm.

Item iv as amended was approved.

It was moved and seconded as a new item v that:

- v. Instruct the Business Committee to report back to a future meeting on the arrangements/guidance and changes to Standing Orders that will require to be put in place in respect of Consensus Decision Making, as noted in the Panel on Review and Reform Report as contained in 2015 General Assembly Remits Book.

Appraisal Committee

For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

- i. **Presbytery Plan Annual Review** – Note that the Committee has completed the Annual Review of the Presbytery Plan and propose that no changes are made. Instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute and Revised Table to the Secretary of the Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group.

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Business Committee

For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

- i. **Presbytery Committees** - Approve Presbytery Committees for session 2015/16 as proposed by the Nominating Committee (Reports Pages 29 -31)
- ii. **Additional Members** – Appoint Mr Magnus Ross (Largs: Clark Memorial) and Mr Archie Currie (Kilbirnie: Auld Kirk) to be additional members of Presbytery.
- iii. **Moderators Visits 2015/2016** - Note that during his term in office the Moderator will conduct worship in the following Congregations: Largs St Columba's l/w Fairlie, Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's, Stevenston High Kirk, Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church, Brodick l/w Corrie/ Shiskine/Lochranza & Pirnmill.
- iv. **Panel on Review and Reform (Path of Renewal Pilots)** Note that a communication has been received indicating that Stevenston: High Church will be going forward into the initial part of the process as the representative of the Presbytery of Ardrossan.
- v. **Safeguarding Contact/Safeguarding Trainer** – Note that the Committee is seeking to fill the post. A full job description is available from the Business Convener, but any prospective candidate will have to possess a knowledge of Safeguarding Training and have excellent communication, administrative and organisational skills.
- vi. **Presbytery Clerk** – Appoint the Revd Alan Ford as Presbytery Clerk from 1st October 2015, subject to necessary contracts etc., being approved by Presbytery at the meeting to be held on 6th October 2015.

Stewardship, Finance & Property Committee

For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

Homologate the decision of the Property Vice Convener and Presbytery Clerk during the Summer recess under delegated powers:

(ITEM 1 IN PRIVATE).

- i. **Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church**
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- ii. **Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church** – Grant permission to place in storage Stained Glass Windows from the former Barony: St Johns building.
- iii. **Saltcoats: St Cuthbert’s** – Grant approval to widen the gate to the manse, for easier access.

And of the Property Vice Convener under powers

- iv. **Largs Clark Memorial** – Grant permission to replace four gas heaters, in the Church Hall at a cost of £7,430. Confirmation for this project was also sought and obtained from General Trustees as the congregation have exceeded the £50,000 expenditure limit during the past 12 months.

Ministries & Superintendence Committee

For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

- i. **Mrs Aileen Brookens (Reader in Training)** - Agree that Mrs Brookens of Whiting Bay, undertake her first practical placement with the Revd. Angus Adamson in the Parishes of North Arran, commencing January 2016. Instruct the Clerk, accordingly, to send an Extract Minute to the Ministries Council.
- ii. **Mr Brian Murray (West Kilbride)** - Accept Brian Murray of West Kilbride as a candidate in training for the Readership and appoint Revd. Scott Cameron, Stevenston High, to act as regent. Instruct the Clerk, accordingly, to send an Extract Minute to the Ministries Council.
- iii. **Mr Douglas Creighton (Candidate for the Ordained Local Ministry)** - Accept the transfer from the Presbytery of Dumfries & Kirkcudbright of the candidature for the OLM of Douglas Creighton residing in Largs, and appoint Rev Martin Thomson, Dalry Trinity Church, to act as Presbytery Assessor. Instruct the Clerk, accordingly, to send an Extract Minute to the Ministries Council.

(a) Local Church Review Visits - Note the following Congregations will be visited and that details of the Visiting

Congregation	Convener	Team Member	Team Member	Team Member
Largs: St John’s	Rev A Noble	Mrs J Niven	Mr A Currie	TBA
Kilmory/Lamlash	Rev R Macdonald	Mr W Mackay	Mr J F Murdoch	TBA
Saltcoats: St Cuthbert’s	Rev D R Mitchell	Mr D Hamilton	Mr I Hackney	TBA
Kilwinning: Old	Rev M Thane	Mr M Ross	Mr A Todd	TBA
Largs: Clark Memorial	Rev F C Ross	Mrs A Turner	Mr R A Richardson	Mr R Kelso

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Presbytery Clerk – The Vice Business Convener then spoke regarding the Presbytery Clerk’s service over the past five years and the contribution made to the work of Presbytery and the wider Church.

A presentation was then made the Clerk who responded to the Vice Conveners kind words of appreciation.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 6th October 2015 , at 7.30 p.m within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 23rd September 2015 at 3.00 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church.

The meeting was closed with prayer

_____ **Moderator**

_____ **Clerk**