

**At Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017, which date and place the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev Martin Thomson BSc BD DipEd.**

## **Sederunt**

Rev Martin Thomson (Moderator) Mrs Jean C Q Hunter (Clerk)

### **Ministers:**

Rev Scott Cameron, Rev Alan Falconer, Rev Alan Ford, Rev David Heberton, Rev Marion Howie, Rev Roderick Macdonald, Rev Ross Mitchell, Rev Alexander Noble, Rev John Purves, Rev Andrew Taylor, Rev Alan Ward, Rev David Watson

### **Diaconate:**

Mrs Isobel Beck, Miss Fiona Blair

### **Elders:**

Miss Christine Black, Mrs Mary Blair, Mr Andrew Campbell, Mr Lindsay Campbell, Mrs Margaret Cassidy, Mr Archie Currie, Mr Ian Hackney, Mr Finlay Kerr, Mr William (Roy) Kelso, Mrs Sheena Marr, Mr Ronald Lavalette, Mr William Mackay, Mr Gordon McConnell, Mrs Annie Martin, Mrs Linda McLelland, Mr Harry McIlreavy, Mr Stuart McMahon, Mr Fulton Murdoch, Miss Jemima Swan, Mr David Noble, Mrs Deirdre Murray, Mrs Anne Pringle, Mrs Fiona Page, Mr William Parker, Mr Allan Richardson, Mr Magnus Ross, Mr Ken Welch

### **Corresponding Members:**

Mrs Margaret Broster, Mrs Moira Buchanan, Mrs Mary Ford, Mr Robert McCool, Canon Rev A Montgomerie, Mrs Evelyn Slater, Mrs Christine Thomas

## **Apologies for Absence**

### **Ministers:**

Rev Angus Adamson, Rev Norman Cruikshank, Rev Ian Currie, Rev Dorothy Granger, Rev Mandy Hickman, Rev Alexander McCallum, Rev James McNay, Rev Sheila Mitchell, Rev Fiona Ross, Rev Elizabeth Watson, Rev Tanya Webster, Rev Jeanette Whitecross

### **Elders:**

Mrs Margaret Green, Judith Howieson, Mrs Lynn Hunter, Mrs Eleanor Taylor, Mrs AnnTurner

### **Corresponding members:**

Mr Andrew Bruce, Mrs Elizabeth Clarke//

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## **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March (Pages 6-10) were approved.

## **Correspondence**

A letter from the Mission and Discipleship Council with an accompanying DVD which is a 3 minute animation film highlighting the work of the Church of Scotland Learning Disability Working Group. The Council asked if Presbytery could find time at a meeting to show the DVD. The Council also invites every congregation to appoint someone who is willing to be a link person, a person with whom the Working Group can communicate directly.

E mail seeking information on why the Presbytery Minutes have not appeared on the Presbytery Website in 2017.

Extract Minute from Beith Parish Church seeking Presbytery's permission to proceed with works on the drains and the resurfacing of their car park.

Extract Minute from Ardrossan Park Church seeking to move to a Unitary Constitution.

Extract Minute from Stevenston High Kirk seeking to move to a Unitary Constitution.

Intimation from Largs Clark Memorial Church: The Wartburg Choir an internationally renowned American Choir from Iowa who were staging a concert in the church on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. Posters were available at Presbytery.

Information on the 3 Presbyteries Conference, Ayr, Ardrossan and Irvine & Kilmarnock to be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at Kay Park Church Kilmarnock from 10.00am to 3.30pm. The Keynote Speaker and facilitator for the day will be Rev Dr Doug Gay. The cost of the Conference is £10 which includes morning coffee/tea and lunch.

## **Roll of Presbytery**

Presbytery noted with sadness the death of Mr Hamish Mitchell representative elder from Brodick Church.

## **Order of Business**

As in the print.

## **Reception and Annual Report of the Guild Presbyterial Council**

Rev Martin Thomson, Moderator for the meeting welcomed the Guild Presbyterial Council and the Clerk introduced those attending to Presbytery.

The Moderator invited Mrs Moira Buchanan who gave the Report and showed a Powerpoint presentation of the work of the Guild.

The Moderator thanked Mrs Buchanan and offered prayer for the Presbyterial Council and the Guild local and national. //

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## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **REPORTS & DELIVERANCES**

#### **Business Committee**

**Revd David Watson Vice-Convenor, gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances.**

#### **Presbytery:**

1. receives the report;
2. notes that the Vacancy Procedure Committee sustained a Call to Revd David A Sutherland from the congregations of Stevenston Ardeer I/w Stevenston Livingston. Appointed Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.00pm for the service of Induction within Stevenston Ardeer Church, Presbytery to meet at 6.45pm. Those to officiate are past Moderator Rev James McNay to preside, Rev Lily McKinnon to Preach and deliver the Charges and Mrs Isobel Beck DCS to conduct the Worship.
3. notes that the Locum Assistant at Stevenston Ardeer and Stevenston Livingstone, Rev David Heberton who was appointed by Presbytery to the post was given 4 weeks notice of termination as was the requirement. Mr Heberton was thanked for his long and faithful ministry to the two congregations.
4. appointed Rev T David Watson, Largs Clark Memorial Church as Moderator for 2017/2018.
5. notes that the Electoral Register of the congregation of Cumbrae Parish Church had been duly attested by the Clerk.
6. notes that the Electoral Register of Largs St Johns Church had been duly attested by the Clerk.
7. notes that the Electoral Register of Dalry St Margarets Church had been duly attested by the Clerk.
8. notes that Notice of Motion was given of an Order of the Day at 8.00pm at the 13<sup>th</sup> June meeting of the Presbytery when Rev Becky Haldane of the Sailor's Society would address Presbytery on their work.
9. approved a request from the Kirk Session of Ardrossan Park Church to change to the Unitary Constitution.
10. approved a request from the Kirk Session of Stevenston High Kirk to change to the Unitary Constitution.
11. notes that the Committee agreed to the request from the Mission and Discipleship Council to show the DVD on the work of the Church of Scotland Learning Disability Working group at the meeting. The 3 minute DVD was then viewed with interest. The DVD was made available for any congregation who wishes to borrow it.

#### **Finance & Stewardship Committee**

**Mr David Noble, Vice-Convenor gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances.//**

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## Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. approved a request from Stevenston High Kirk (120680) for a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £780 for a church digital media resource package to help create materials for the Path of Renewal Project and other discipleship materials to be funded from the 2017 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
3. approved a request from Kilwinning Old Parish Church (120664) for a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £4,000 to carry out adaptations to the Gas Cooker and the costs of making the building fit the latest building regulations relating to the Gas Cooker. The cooker is used for a church café which is open to the community with 90-100 people attending each week this to be funded from the 2017 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
4. approved a request from Dalry Trinity (120658) for a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £500 to cover costs of additional materials and costs for the Life Explored courses which resulted from significantly increased numbers of people participating to be funded from the 2017 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
5. approved a request from Dalry Trinity (120658) for a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £250 to launch a Friday afterschool club for secondary pupils to be funded from the 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
6. approved a request from Lochranza & Pirnmill (120673) for a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £950 for outreach in the form of cards, newsletters, flyers and a printer to create these materials, as well as the running costs of the website to be funded from the 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
7. approved a request from Shiskine St Molios (120678) for a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £900 for mission and outreach in the form of advertising outreach activities and funding a visit to Arran for Syrian families in the Three Towns to be funded from the 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
8. approved a request from Ardrossan Park Church (120650) for a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £500 for display boards and promotional graphic materials to promote church events and to extend their reach into the community to be funded from the 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
9. approved a request from Cumbrae Parish Church (120656) for a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £560 for marquee hire and set up costs for a stand at Heart and Soul to be funded from the 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.

## Property Committee

**Mr Ken Welch, Convenor gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances.**

## Presbytery:

1. receives the report; //

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2. approved a request from Beith Parish Church to upgrade the area in front of the church to make it suitable for a Car Park. The cost is around £11,500, three estimates had been attained, an Extract Minute had been submitted and funds were available.
3. notes that Treasurers should have received the Revaluation Rates notices for church premises.
4. approved a request from Stevenson Ardeer Parish Church to draw down £15,000 from funds held by General Trustees to cover completion of the Restoration Programme and redecoration of the manse.

## **Mission Committee**

**Rev David Watson, Convenor gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances.**

### **Presbytery:**

1. receives the report;
2. notes that the new Prayer Cycle had been circulated with some hard copies available at the meeting.
3. notes the Presbytery Information Session for Kirk Sessions as contained in the Report circulated.
4. notes the short report on the recent visit of the delegation from Presbytery to Milala Presbytery in Milawi. The visit was an exciting and wonderful experience for the group. Those in the Presbytery of Milala were enthusiastic for the partnership with Ardrossan Presbytery, some of them had walked for a whole day before they arrived at the place where the Covenant Agreement was to be signed. The churches all had a Guild and they each wore a Guild uniform. On the Sunday David Watson accompanied by Deirdre Murray conducted worship in one church and Tanya Webster accompanied by Jim Welch conducted worship in another and they were long services. Some souvenirs of wooden animals were brought back from Milawi and were offered to presbyters. It was hoped that congregations in Presbytery could be encouraged to partner a congregation in Malala. A fuller report will follow at a later date.

## **Adjournment**

Presbytery adjourned to meet *in hunc effectum* on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 6.45pm within Stevenston: Ardeer Church for the Induction of the Revd David A Sutherland BD to the linked charge of Stevenston: Ardeer l/w Stevenston: Livingstone.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017 within Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church for the celebration of Holy Communion and conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 3.00pm within Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church.

Presbytery was then adjourned by the pronouncing of the benediction by past Moderator Rev Martin Thomson BSc BD DipEd.//

//Rev Martin Thomson BSc BD DipEd.

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

