

At Saltcoats and within Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church on Tuesday 3rd March 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:

I S Currie, A Falconer, M Hickman, M L K Howie, R I T Macdonald, A D McCallum, A M McCance, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, F C Ross, A Sherratt, A S Taylor, M Thane, J R Teasdale, E R L Watson, T D Watson, A Ward, J Whitecross, D Whiteman.

Elders:

K Anderson, J Aitken, S Brown, A Campbell, L Campbell, A Cochrane, G Cunningham, M Green, I Hackney, R Jarvie, R Kelso, R Lavalette, W Mackay, S Marr, A Martin, C Massie, J F Murdoch, G K McConnell, S McMahon, J M McSwan, F Page, A Pringle, R A Richardson, E Taylor, A Todd, K Tudor, I Watt, K S Welch.

Corresponding Members:

E Barcay, A Bruce, A Currie, E Clarke, R McCool, M M B Ross, A Montgomerie,

Guild Presbyterian Council Committee Representatives:

H Hawthorn.

Apologies:

Ministers:

A A Adamson, M S Cameron, N Cruickshank, A Ford, D Granger, D J H Harbison, M H Mackay, I M Roy, M Thomson, T Webster.

Elders:

M Cassidy, A C D Hamilton, M Henderson, H Mitchell, J Niven, R McLean, S McLellan, W McNish.

Corresponding Members:

S Macleod.

- The Minutes of meetings held on, Wednesday 28th January 2015 (Pages 1-2) and Tuesday 2nd February 2015 (Pages 3-7), were approved.

Approved/

- Correspondence
- (a) Presbytery of Inverness – Extract Minute
- (b) Safeguarding Services – Letter asking if the Presbytery would be prepared to host a Safeguarding Road Show.
- Order of Business – The Order of Business was approved.

- **Reception of Presbytery Readers**

Mr Ron Lavalette then introduced the Readers within Presbytery who were attending the Annual Reception and Meal.

The Moderator then addressed those present and Mr Magus Ross replied on behalf of the Readers.

Thereafter, the Moderator offered prayer.

Standing Committee Reports

Business Committee

i. Kilmory I/w Lamlash Call to Revd Lily McKinnon MA BD PGCE

The Clerk advised that the Congregations had been cited for their interest and that the Linked Congregation were represented by Mr Ian Watt, Session Clerk at Lamlash.

Parties were called – and Mr Ian Watt addressed Presbytery.

After an opportunity for questions and comments, parties were removed.

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

Kilmory I/w Lamlash – Sustain a Call received from the Linked Congregations to the Revd Lily McKinnon; request Mrs McKinnon's release from the Presbytery of Glasgow and appoint Saturday 21st March 2015 as the date for the Service of Induction. The Induction to take place within Lamlash Parish Church at 2.15 p.m., Presbytery to meet at 2.00 p.m. The Moderator to preside, Mrs Sharon Macleod to conduct and Revd David Watson to Preach the Sermon and deliver the Charges to the Minister and Congregations.

Parties were recalled and the decision formally communicated.

ii. Fairlie Parish Church & Largs: St Columba's Parish Church – Call to the Revd Christian Vermeulen Dip LT, BTh, MA

MA/

It was moved seconded and agreed to alter the wording of the Call that had been received from the Congregations to:

“We, members of the Church of Scotland and of the congregations to be linked and known as “Fairlie linked with Largs: St Columba’s”, being without a minister ... “

The Clerk advised that the Congregations had been cited for their interest and that Fairlie Parish Church was represented by Mr John Stewart, Mrs Elizabeth Clark and Mrs Anne Ellor. Largs St Columba’s were represented by Mr John Lewis and Mrs Gillean McEleny.

Parties were called – and Mr John Stewart and Mr John Lewis addressed Presbytery.

After an opportunity for questions and comments, parties were removed.

For the Committee the Revd Alan Ward moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

Fairlie: Parish Church & Largs: St Columba’s Parish Church - Sustain a Call received from the Congregations to the Revd Christian Vermeulen; request Mr Vermeulen’s release from the Presbytery of Glasgow and appoint Thursday 26th March 2015 as the date for the Service of Linkage and Induction. The Service to take place within Largs: St Columba’s Parish Church at 7.00 p.m., Presbytery to meet at 6.45 p.m. The Moderator to preside, Mr Andrew Bruce to conduct and Revd David Whiteman to Preach the Sermon and deliver the Charges to the Minister and Congregations.

Parties were recalled and the decision formally communicated.

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

- iii. **Presbytery Accounts 2014** – Approve the Presbytery Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2014 (Reports Pages 1-7)
- iv. **Presbytery Dues 2015/16** – Set Presbytery Dues at £ 2.50 and Survey Dues at 80 Pence for 2015/16.
- v. **Nan Stevenson Trust for Retired Ministers** – Note that the Trustees have approved the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2014.

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- vi. **Annual Congregational Statistical Report 2014** – Note the Annual Statistics for the year ending 31st December 2014. (Reports Page 8)
- vii. **Presentation to Kirk Sessions on Governance in the Church and Role of Presbytery** - Note that the Power Point Presentation prepared by the Mission Committee regarding The Governance of Church and the role of Presbytery has now been finalised. The Presbytery Clerk will be in contact with all Kirk Sessions within the Bounds in due course to make arrangements for the Presentation to be delivered at a suitable time.
- viii. **Presbytery Minute Book** – Note that the Minute Book has been attested and instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the Department of the General Assembly.

Nominations Committee

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

- i. **General Assembly 2015** – Appoint the following as Commissioners to the General Assembly of 2015
Ministers: Revd Tanya Webster (Ardrossan: Park), Revd Martin Thomson (Dalry: Trinity), Revd Jeanette Whitecross (Kilwinning:Old), Revd David Watson (Largs: Clark Memorial), Revd Mandy Hickman (OLM) ANO
Elders: Mr A K Saunderson (Presbytery Clerk), Mr Tom McMillan (Largs: St John's) Mr Ian Brown (Dalry: St Margaret's) , Mrs Eleanor Mutch (Cumbrae: Parish Church) Mr John Lauder (Brodict: St Bride's), Mr Roy Kelso (Stevenston: Ardeer)

Ministries & Superintendence Committee

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

- i. **Revd M Hickman (OLM)** - Note the standard OLM contract covering the appointment of Mrs Mandy Hickman on placement to West Kilbride Parish Church. (Reports Page 9)

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

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- ii. **Ministers Log Books** - Note that Ministers Log Books should be submitted for inspection to Mr Alan Richardson by Saturday 11th April.
- iii. **Annual Attestation of Congregational Rolls and Records** - Note that all Rolls and records within the Presbytery have been attested and extend thanks to all those involved. Any areas where comments were noted or advice required will be notified to the relevant Congregations.
- iv. **Decade for Ministry Conference 11th March 2015** – Note that Presbytery will be represented by the Revd James J McNay and Mr Roy Kelso.

Stewardship Finance & Property Committee

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

- i. **Kilbirnie: St Columba's** - Approve a request made by the congregation of Kilbrinie St Columba's for a Presbytery Dispensation to pay their 2015 Ministries & Mission Contributions by ten or twelve equal monthly instalments by monthly standing order.
- ii. **Largs: St Columba's** – Grant the Congregation permission to sell the Manse (as contained within the basis of linkage) subject the approval of the General Trustees.
- iii. **Dalry: Trinity** – Grant permission to replace the boilers in the church at a cost of £8597.00 including vat.
- iv. **Ardrossan: Park** – Note that the Kirk Session wishes to provide car parking space and upgrade the access paths. During the Christmas recess, the Clerk and Property Convener advised the Kirk Session to proceed, seeking planning consent and to take the application forward and to return in due course with costing and funding proposals.
- v. **Ardeer : Parish Church** - Note that Tenders have now been received for the Restoration at Ardeer Parish Church. Tenders were received from Conservation Masonry, EBS Construction, Ashleigh (Scotland) Ltd and Waterside Developments. After consideration by Armour Quantity Surveyors, the most suitable was from Conservation Masonry but the price was £633,084. The figure being well above possible funding, the Q.S and Architect were instructed to make substantial savings. This has resulted in the final figure being reduced to £462,376. Discussions have taken place with the General Trustees and Heritage Lottery Fund and part of the savings was due to reducing the possible lifespan for the building from 70/100 years to 40 years and this was agreed in discussion with the representative of HLF.

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The second round application has now been submitted to HLF and it is hoped that their funding will be increased.

General Trustees representatives will shortly be visiting Ardeer and following discussion with the Secretary, it is likely that they will make a substantial Grant. Currently responses are expected from 9 applications to grant funders.

The Kirk Session seeks approval to proceed with repairs, subject to finance being available on the basis that the time limit on the tender document will expire if a contract is not agreed by beginning of April.

It is likely that some of the work will require to be phased over a period of time subject to additional funding being secured although the work to the sanctuary will be the first part to be undertaken.

Funds currently held/promised amount to £264,000. The General Trustees have approved the application to HLF and the Kirk Session only seeks approval to proceed with work for which funds are clearly available. **Approval for the works was approved by Presbytery.**

- vi. **Annual Property Inspections** – Note that in 2015, Property Inspections will be carried out at the following Congregations: Kilwinning Mansfield, Stevenston Livingstone, Dalry St Margaret's, Kilwinning Old, West Kilbride Parish, Whiting Bay & Kildonan, Saltcoats St Cuthbert's and Largs Clark Memorial.
- vii. **Lamlash Parish Church** – Note that the Manse has been inspected by the property committee and a satisfactory report submitted.
- viii. **Fairlie Parish Church** – Note that the Manse has been inspected by the property committee and a satisfactory report submitted.

Presbytery to meet *in hunc effectum* on Saturday 21st March 2015 at 2.00 p.m. within Lamlash Parish Church for the Induction of the Revd Lily Mckinnon MA BD to the linked Charge of Kilmory & Lamlash.

Presbytery to meet *in hunc effectum* on Thursday 26th March 2015 at 6.45 p.m. within Largs: St Columba's Parish Church for the Service of Linkage of Fairlie: Parish Church and Largs St Columba's Parish Church and the Induction of the Revd Christian Vermeulen.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 7th April 2015, at 7.30 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church, the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 18th March 2015 at 3.00 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church

The meeting was closed with prayer

_____ **Moderator**

_____ **Clerk**