

At Saltcoats and within Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church on Tuesday 4th November 2014 , 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, D Granger, M Hickman, M L K Howie, R I T Macdonald, A M McCance, M H Mackay, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, F C Ross, A S Taylor, M Thane, J Teasdale, M Thomson, E R L Watson, T D Watson, T Webster, A Ward, J Whitecross.

Elders:

K Anderson, J Aitken, S Brown, C Black, L Campbell, G Cunningham, M Green, I Hackney, A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, R Kelso, R Lavalette, W Mackay, S Marr, A Martin, C Massie, J F Murdoch, D Murray, G K McConnell, S McLellan, W McNish, S McMahan, J M McSwan, F Page, A Pringle, A Turner, A Todd, K Tudor, I Watt.

Corresponding Members:

A Bruce, A Currie, R McCool, M M B Ross.

Guild Presbyterian Council Committee Representatives:

H Hawthorn.

Apologies:

M S Cameron, I S Currie, A Falconer, A Ford, D J H Harbieson, A D McCallum, J J McNay, I M Roy.

Elders:

J Cameron, A Campbell, A Cochrane, M Henderson, H Mitchell, J Niven, R McLean, R A Richardson, E Taylor, K S Welch.

Guild Presbyterian Council Committee Representatives:

B Guthrie.

(a) CARTA – Beith Parish Church – Extract Minute regarding ongoing alteration to Beith Parish Church.

Order of Business

Guest Speaker – Mrs Vivienne Dickenson Crossreach Director of Children's Services then addressed Presbytery regarding the ongoing work of Crossreach and in particular the current situation at Gielisland in Beith.

Beith/

Tribute – Mrs Margaret Nimmo – The Revd Marion Howie paid tribute to the life and Christian Witness of Mrs Nimmo, who for many years had been a Reader within Presbytery. At the conclusion of the tribute the Moderator offered a prayer of thanksgiving.

Roll of Presbytery – Revd T David Watson BSc., BD – Largs: Clark Memorial Church.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Committee

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

- i. **Appointment of Additional Elder** – Appoint Mrs Margaret Cassidy (South Beach House & Elder at Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church) as an Additional Elder in Presbytery.
- ii. **Data Protection Sub Committee** – Appoint Mr A K Saunderson, Mr J F Murdoch and Mrs A Turner to the committee and instruct the committee to report to a future meeting of Presbytery on all aspects of guidance for Presbytery and Congregations within the Bounds on Data Protection Issues.
- iii. **Office Bearers Information Sessions 18th October & 1st November 2014** – Thank those members of Presbytery involved in leading the sessions and those congregational office bearers that attended.

Nomination Committee

For the committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery

- i. **Complaints Committee** – Appoint Revd I S Currie, Revd M Thomson, Revd D R Mitchell, Mrs J B Marr, Mr R Lavalette and Mr R A Richardson to the Presbytery Complaints Committee.

Appraisal Committee

Stevenston Ardeer I/w Stevenston Ardeer

The Clerk intimated that the Congregations of Stevenston: Ardeer, Stevenston Livingstone and Stevenston High had been cited for their interest.

Parties were called.

Stevenston Ardeer: Mrs K Tudor, Mr J Dinwoodie, Mr R McMillan, Mrs J Duff & Mrs A Stroyan.

Stroyan/

Stevenston: Livingstone: Mr A Hershaw, Mrs D Hershaw, Mrs C Burns, Mr R Burns, Mrs S Palmer, Mrs S Erskine & Mr W Munn

Stevenston: High: Mr S McLellan

The Convener presented the Report of the Appraisal Committee and there was then an opportunity for questions and thereafter comments. (Reports Page 53)

Parties were then removed.

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

Stevenston Ardeer I/w Stevenston Ardeer - Introduce an Interim Step in the current Presbytery Plan in respect of both Congregations, granting permission to remain in the existing linkage and to call Minister on the basis of 7 year Reviewable Charge, with a view to progressing to the final stage of the Plan as agreed with PPTG, that the Congregations be United with two places of worship and to seek concurrence from the Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group.

Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery communicated.

Ministries & Superintendence Committee

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

- i. **Revd M Hickman OLM** - Appoint Mrs Mandy Hickman on placement to West Kilbride Parish Church, subject to agreement of a standard OLM contract.
- ii. **Revd James R Teasdale** - Agree to the Rev James R. Teasdale attending the forthcoming training conference for National Assessors to be held on 11th November 2014.

Finance Stewardship & Property Committee

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

Presbytery/

- i. **Ministry & Mission Contributions 2015** - Notice of Motion having been given at the October meeting - Approve the Ministries and Missions Contributions for 2014 (circulated with October papers)
- ii. **Mission & Ministry 4% Reserve 2015** - Approve the recommendation of the Finance, Property and Stewardship Committee that the total 4% Presbytery Mission Reserve be allocated equally across all congregations as indicated in the October reports, for the specific purpose of spending on Mission as described.
- iii. **Kilwinning: Old Parish Church** – Approve an application to replace the gas boiler in the Abbey Hall. Three estimates have been received and the Session wishes to accept the offer from Gibson Wight for the sum of £5,968.40.
- iv. **Dalry: St Margaret's** – Grant permission to install a new Gas Boiler in the Church Hall at a maximum cost of £35,000, subject to funding from the Landfill Tax Fund being achieved.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 2nd December 2014, at 7.30 p.m within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church, the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 19th November 2014 at 3.00 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Church

The meeting was closed with prayer.

_____ Moderator

_____ Clerk