

**At Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016, which date and place the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev Dorothy Granger BA BD.**

**The Business Convenor, Rev Ian Currie, reported briefly on behalf of the group appointed by Presbytery to nominate a new Clerk and moved the following Deliverance:**

Presbytery:

appoints Mrs Jean Hunter, MDS at North Arran Parishes, to the post of Clerk to the Presbytery of Ardrossan.

Presbytery approved unanimously.

### **The Oath**

Mrs Hunter then took the oath *de fidei administratione* and began her duties as Clerk.

### **Sederunt**

Rev Dorothy Granger (Moderator) Mrs Jean C Q Hunter (Clerk)

#### **Ministers:**

Ian S Currie, Alan Falconer, Marion L K Howie, Roderick I T McDonald, Alexander McCallum, James J McNay, Alexander B Noble, John Purves, Fiona C Ross, Andrew S Taylor, Martin Thomson, Alan H Ward, Elizabeth R L Watson, T David Watson, Tanya Webster

#### **Diaconate**

Isobel Beck

#### **Elders:**

Christine G Black, Mary Blair, Ian Brown, Andrew Campbell, Lindsay Campbell, Margaret Cassidy, Grahame Cunninghame, Archie Currie, Margaret Green, Ian Hackney, John Houston, Judith Howieson, Lynn Hunter, William (Roy) Kelso, Ronald Lavalette, William Mackay, Annie Martin, Gordon McConnell, Harry McIlreavy, Stuart McMahon, Jemima M McSwan, Hamish Mitchell, Deirdre Murray, David Noble, I Fiona Page, William Parker, Anne M Pringle, R Allan Richardson, Magnus Ross, Eleanor Taylor, Kathleen Tudor, Ann Turner

#### **Corresponding Members:**

Andrew Bruce, Mary Ford, Robert McCool, Evelyn Slater

#### **Apologies for absence:**

#### **Ministers**

R Angus Adamson, Norman Cruikshank, Alan Ford, Mandy Hickman, Lily McKinnon, D Ross Mitchell, Jeanette Whitecross, David Whiteman /

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**Elders:**

J B (Sheena) Marr, Linda McClelland, William McNish, Ken S Welch

**Corresponding Members:**

Elizabeth Clarke, Alexander Montgomerie

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September (Pages 35- 40) were approved.

**Correspondence**

A letter from the Kirk Session of Kilwinning Old

Extract Minute from Fairlie Parish Church

Extract Minute from Cumbrae Parish Church

A Pilgrimage to Iona 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017

**Roll of Presbytery**

Presbytery noted the Translation of the Rev James Teasdale from Dalry: St Margaret's to Glasgow: Eastwood had taken place on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

**Order of Business**

At the request of the Moderator, in her capacity as the Acting Convener of the Appraisal Committee, Presbytery approved the removal of parts 2 and 3 of the Appraisal Committee's deliverance as printed in the billet pertaining to the vacant charge of Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's, to allow for the correct Appraisal procedure to be followed.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**REPORTS & DELIVERANCES**

**Business Committee**

**The Rev Ian Currie, Convenor gave a report and Presbytery approved the following deliverance:**

**Presbytery:**

1. receives the report;
2. notes that during the year 2016 / 2017 the Moderator will visit the following congregations:
  - Ardrossan: Park
  - Cumbrae linked with Largs: St John's
  - Dalry: St Margaret's /

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Kilbirnie: St Columba's

Kilmory linked with Lamlash

and that these visits will bring to completion the four year cycle of Moderator's visits;

3. notes the appointment of the Rev T David Watson to be Vice Convenor of the Business Committee to replace Mrs Jean Hunter as she has taken up the post of Presbytery Clerk;
4. instructs the Convenors of the Standing Committees to send all suggested changes to Standing Orders, including changes to Committee Remits to the Presbytery Clerk prior to the Business Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016;
5. notes that Mrs Christine Thomas will take over as Treasurer on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017. Mrs Ann Turner, the present Treasurer, will continue to provide support on a voluntary basis to those Congregational Treasurers who may require assistance and Mrs Turner will also attest the annual accounts of congregations;
6. notes Mrs Hunter's email address as Presbytery Clerk and also her separate email address as Ministries Development Staff worker, and further notes that emails to the former Presbytery Clerk, Rev Alan Ford, should be addressed to his personal email address as per the Presbytery Handbook.
7. discharges with thanks the group tasked with finding a new Presbytery Clerk and Clerical Assistant to the Clerk.

### **Stewardship and Finance Committee**

**The Convenor, Rev Tanya Webster, gave the Report and Presbytery approved the following deliverance:**

#### **Presbytery:**

1. receives the report;
2. notes that **in terms of Standing Order 34**, the Convenor gives Notice of Motion that at the November 2016 meeting of Presbytery, the Committee will move the approval of the Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2016 which are in the Reports;
3. instructs the Clerk to remind Session Clerks that the Annual Trustee Report contained within the Congregational Accounts must include a statement of how the congregation complied with the instruction of the General Assembly to participate in the National Stewardship Programme, and that if such a statement is not included it may render the Congregation ineligible to receive monies from the Presbytery 5% M&M Reserve; /

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4. instructs the Clerk to remind Treasurers to ensure that they have fully paid all M&M's up to the end of 2016 in good time before the year-end, indicating that failure to do so may render the congregation ineligible to receive monies from the Presbytery 5% M&M Reserve;
5. instructs the Clerk to remind Treasurers that if they think their congregation is unable to pay their 2017 M&M's by Standing Order over ten or twelve equal instalments, they must complete a Presbytery Dispensation form as per the October Reports, to be returned to the Clerk by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

### **Property Committee**

**Mr Roy Kelso, Vice Convenor, gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance:**

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. notes that the Committee approved Fairlie Parish Church's application to extend the Fairlie Manse, and that the application was forwarded to the General Trustees who also granted approval;
3. grants permission to Cumbrae to seek Planning Permission and purchase of a site for the New Build Church, subject to the agreement of the General Trustees.

### **Mission Committee**

**Rev David Watson, Convenor gave a brief report on a proposed visit to Milala Presbytery in Malawi and Presbytery noted:**

That the visit could be funded from a Faith Share grant for up to four people and suggestion of funding from the 5% M&M's. This would possibly be a ten to twelve day visit next year and anyone interested in going should speak to the convenor. More information to be given at a later date.

### **Appraisal Committee**

**The Moderator, Rev Dorothy Granger, vacated the chair which was taken by Rev James McNay for this report.**

**Rev Dorothy Granger (for the Appraisal Committee) gave a short report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance:**

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1. receives the report;
2. approves the recommendation of the Appraisal Committee that no changes be made to the current Presbytery Plan and instructs the Clerk to send an extract minute to that effect to the Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group.

**Adjournment**

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 within Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 3.00 pm within Ardrossan Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church.

Presbytery was then adjourned by the pronouncing of the benediction by the Rev Dorothy Granger BA BD.

..... Moderator

..... Clerk

