

At Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church on 6th December 2016, which date and place the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Revd Alexander B Noble MA BD ThM

Sederunt

Revd Alexander B Noble MA BD ThM (Moderator) Mrs Jean C Q Hunter (Clerk)

Ministers:

Revd Ian Currie, Revd Alan Falconer, Revd Alan Ford, Revd Mandy Hickman, Revd Roderick Macdonald, Revd Alexander McCallum, Revd Lily McKinnon, Revd Alexander Noble, Revd Andrew Taylor, Revd Martin Thomson, Revd Alan Ward, Revd Elizabeth R L Watson, Revd T David Watson, Revd Tanya Webster

Diaconate:

Mrs Isobel Beck

Elders:

Miss Christine Black, Mrs Mary Blair, Mr Ian Brown, Mr Lindsay Campbell, Mrs Margaret Cassidy, Mr Archie Currie, Mrs Margaret Green, Mr Ian Hackney, Mr John Houston, Judith Howieson, Mrs Jean Hunter, Mr William (Roy) Kelso, Mr Finlay Kerr, Mr Ronald Lavalette, Mr William Mackay, Mrs J B (Sheena) Marr, Mrs Linda McClelland, Mr Gordon McConnell, Mr Harry McCreavy, Mr Stuart McMahan, Miss Jemima McSwan, Mr H Mitchell, Mr J Fulton Murdoch, Mr David Noble, Mrs Fiona Page, Mr William Parker, Mrs Anne Pringle, Mr Allan Richardson, Mr Magnus Ross, Mrs Ann Turner, Mr Ken Welch

Corresponding Members:

Mr Andrew Bruce, Mrs Mary Ford, Revd A Montgomerie

Apologies for Absence:

Ministers:

Revd Angus Adamson, Revd Norman Cruikshank, Revd Dorothy Granger, Revd Marion Howie, Revd Marjory Mackay, Revd Andrew McCance, Revd James McNay, Revd Ross Mitchell, Revd John Purves, Revd Fiona Ross, Revd Jeanette Whitecross.

Diaconate:

Miss Fiona Blair

Elders:

Mrs Lynn Hunter, Mrs Annie Martin/

/Mrs Annie Martin

Corresponding Members:

Mrs Elizabeth Clarke, Mrs Evelyn Slater

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st November (Pages 46-50) were approved.

Correspondence

A letter of resignation from Mr ACD Hamilton as an Additional Elder of Presbytery was received.

INTIMATION: Magnus Ross had Frankincense for sale for a small donation with money raised given to Christian Aid.

Order of Business

As in the Agenda with an additional item under Roll of Presbytery, two items 6 & 7 under Business Committee, two items 3 & 4 under Ministries and Superintendence Committee and one item 8 under Property Committee.

Role of Presbytery

Resignation of Additional Elder of Presbytery Mr AC Douglas Hamilton through ill health. Mr Hamilton has served on the Property Committee for over twenty-five years. The Moderator thanked Mr Hamilton for his long service to Presbytery. Mr Hamilton wasn't present.

The Moderator congratulated Revd Canon Alexander Montgomerie, Corresponding Member, on his appointment as Canon. Revd Canon Montgomerie is the representative of the Episcopal Regional Council in Presbytery.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Revd Roddy MacDonald, Convenor of the Church and Society Committee, introduced the speaker Dr Murdo Macdonald, Policy Officer of the Society, Religion and Technology Project of Scotland. Dr Macdonald addressed Presbytery about the work he was involved with in Science and Faith, helping the church engage with 'ethical Issues'. SRT is there as a resource for congregations.

OVERTURE UNDER THE BARRIER ACT

Registration of Ministries Overture

Revd Martin Thomson, Convenor of the Ministries and Superintendence Committee spoke to the Report that his Committee had prepared in explanation of what the Registration of Ministries was hoping to achieve. The Report had been previously circulated with the December Presbytery Papers.

Questions and comments were taken.

Presbytery then proceeded to vote on the Registration of Ministries Overture.

After an adjournment while the votes cast were counted, Presbytery reconvened and the Clerk intimated the result.

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Decision of Presbytery: Approval of the Registration of Ministries Overture./

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A discussion then ensued and the decision was taken to add the following comments to the Returns Form:

Concern: It is important that the register be handled in such a way as to affirm all forms of service and not be allowed to imply a hierarchy whereby any sphere of service is diminished in the eyes of the church.

The Presbytery reaffirms its understanding of ordination for life and registers its concern that this legislation might be a way of changing that.

STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORTS & DELIVERANCES

Business Committee

Revd Ian Currie, Convenor gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances:

Presbytery:

1. notes that Notice of Motion having been given at the November meeting of changes to various Standing Orders receives the report;
2. notes the change to Standing Order 1 that there will be no regular meeting of Presbytery in April 2017.
3. approves the change to Standing Order 9:1 anent Moderator. The Moderator, if a minister during his or her year of office, shall conduct worship in five charges of the Presbytery according to a rota approved by the Business Committee and pulpit supply will be paid by Presbytery.
4. approves the changes to Standing Order 16:1 to 16:9 as in the Draft Committee Remits with amendments.
5. notes the change to Standing Order 22 - Convenors will remain in place until the September Presbytery.
6. grants permission to Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's Church to call a minister on the terms of the basis of a five-year Reviewable Charge.
7. Kilwinning Mansfield Trinity Parish Church:
Inter alia
"4. **Unitary Constitution:** the Kirk Session noted that a properly constituted meeting of the congregation on Sunday 27th November 2016, there had voted in favour of the Unitary Constitution 58, against 10, with one no vote; 69 ballot papers in total. The Kirk Session therefore resolved to request the approval of Presbytery to adopt the Unitary Constitution. The assistant clerk undertook to send to Presbytery an extract minute recording the above decision, with a view to the matter coming before Presbytery at its next ordinary meeting on Tuesday 6th December 2016. The Interim Moderator and Session Clerk were appointed/

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to draft remits for the recommended committees in the new constitution, with a view to them being discussed by the Kirk Session at its next ordinary meeting on 31st January 2016.”

Presbytery approved the Kirk Session’s decision to change to the Unitary Constitution and instructed the Clerk to notify the Delegation of Assembly accordingly.

Appraisal Committee

Revd Ian Currie, Business Convenor, gave a report on behalf of the Committee and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report (attached)
2. approved the use of the interim step for Dalry: St Margaret’s, as specified in the Presbytery Plan (2012) table and narrative, on the basis of a seven-year Reviewable Charge.
3. approved the following Draft Basis of Reviewable Charge (as in the Report) for the congregation of Dalry St Margaret’s.
4. instructs the Clerk to send an extract minute (including the report narrative) to the Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group seeking their concurrence in respect of both the seven-year Reviewable Call and the Basis of Reviewable Charge.

Ministries and Superintendence Committee

Revd Martin Thomson, Convenor, gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report
2. agreed Mrs Aileen Brookens of Whiting Bay, candidate in training for the Readership, to undertake her second placement with Revd Lily McKinnon in the Charge of Kilmory I/w Lamlash, commencing February 2017.
3. instructs the Clerk, accordingly, to send an extract minute to the Ministries Council.
4. approved the application from Revd Mandy Hickman to attend a Transfer panel with a view to being assessed for transfer from OLM to Full Time Word & Sacrament.
5. instructs the Clerk to notify the Ministries Council accordingly./

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Property Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. receives the report
2. approved the request from Largs Clark Memorial to replace the secondary double glazing on the west facing window at a cost of £9,300 ex vat.
3. approved a request from the Kirk Session of Largs Clark Memorial for permission to apply to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant towards the cost of Fabric repairs.

The Committee had recommended that the request from Clark Memorial should not be supported. A counter motion was presented in granting permission to the Kirk Session of Largs Clark Memorial, a vote was taken and the majority was in favour of the counter motion.

4. approved the application from Largs St John's to repair the solar panels at a cost of £6,921.12 including vat.
5. agreed to proceed with Quinquennial Inspections to be carried out by Allied Chartered Surveyors:-

Saltcoats: North and Manse	£1,500 plus vat
Kilbirnie: St Columba's and Manse	£1,500 plus vat
Largs: St Columba's, no Manse	£1,200 plus vat
Stevenston: Ardeer, no Manse	£1,100 plus vat
Kilmory, Isle of Arran, no Manse	£1,100 plus vat

It was further agreed to assist Stevenston: High and Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate by using the surveys being carried out by these congregations and to pay £1,500 plus vat towards their costs.

6. agreed to an application by Cumbrae Parish Church to the General Trustees for assistance with the cost of the Marketing Brief for the disposal of the existing Church building.
7. was reminded that applications for work to be carried out on buildings should comply with the rules laid down in Standing Orders.
8. agreed to an application from the Kirk Session of Stevenston: Livingston for permission to install a projection system in the Sanctuary at a cost of £11,000 and this to be submitted to CARTA for approval./

CARTA for approval./

Mission Committee

Revd David Watson, Convenor, gave a report:

Presbytery:

1. received the report that the presentation prepared for Kirk Sessions about how the Presbytery works were now complete. The Committee would be happy to present this PowerPoint presentation to Kirk Sessions.

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 7th February 2017 within Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 25th January 2017 at 3.00pm within Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church.

Presbytery was then adjourned by the pronouncing of the Benediction by Revd Alexander Noble MA BD ThM.

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

