

At Ardrossan Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church on 6th September 2016 on which date and place the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted in prayer by the Moderator, Rev James McNay.

Opening Devotions

Hymn – CH4 519 Love Divine all loves excelling

Reading: John 13 v 31-38

Sederunt & Apologies

Rev James J. McNay (Moderator) Rev Alan A Ford (Clerk)

Ministers:

M Scott Cameron, Ian Currie, Alan Falconer, Alan A Ford, Mandy Hickman, Roderick Macdonald, Alexander McCallum, James McNay, D. Ross Mitchell, Alex Noble, John Purves, Fiona Ross, James Teasdale, Martin Thomson, Alan Ward, Elizabeth Watson, R. David Watson, Tanya Webster, Jeanette Whitecross David Whiteman

Diaconate

Isobel Beck, Fiona Blair

Elders:

Christine Black, Mary Blair, Ian Brown, Stephen Brown, Andrew Campbell, Lindsay Campbell, Grahame Cunningham, Archie Currie, Margaret Green, Ian Hackney, Judith Howieson, Jean Hunter, William (Roy) Kelso, Finlay Kerr, Ronald Lavalette, William Mackay, Annie Martin, Linda McClelland, Gordon McConnell, Harry McIlreavy, Stuart McMahan, Jemima McSwan, J. Fulton Murdoch, Deirdre Murray, David Noble, Fiona Page, William Parker, Anne Pringle, Allan Richardson, Kathleen Tudor, Ann Turner, Ken Welch

Corresponding Members:

Andrew Bruce, Moira Buchanan, R (Bert) McCool, Rev A Montgomerie, Evelyn Slater

Apologies

Ministers

N. Cruickshank, Marjory Mackay,

Elders:

Margaret Cassidy, A C Douglas Hamilton, John Houston, Mrs J.B. (Sheena) Marr, William McNish, Magnus Ross, Elizabeth Taylor,

Corresponding Members:

A (Sandy) Montgomerie, Elizabeth Clarke

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The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th June May 2016 (Pages 22-32) were approved.
The Minutes of the *pro re nata* meeting held on 26th July 2016 (Page 33-34) were approved

Correspondence

Emails from the Special Committee of Presbytery

Email from the Presbytery of Glasgow seeking the Translation of Rev James Teasdale from Dalry: St Margaret's to Glasgow: Eastwood.

Intimation from Ministries Council regarding the Appointment of Mrs Isobel Beck DCS to Kilwinning: Old Parish Church from August 8th

Extract Minute from the Presbytery of Irvine & Kilmarnock

Order of Business

Roll of Presbytery

It was noted that Isabel Beck DCS took up post at Kilwinning Old on August 8th.

The John Purves indicated his adherence to his Ordination Vows, signed the Formula and was welcomed and took up his seat in the Presbytery.

The Moderator then welcomed newly Commissioned elders - Ian Brown, Harry McIlreavy, Judith Cunningham and new Corresponding Members of Presbytery - Evelyn Slater, Mary Ford.

The Convener of the Business Committee, Rev Ian Currie moved that Presbytery proceed to the installation of the Rev Dorothy Granger BA BD to the office of Moderator of the Presbytery of Ardrossan for Session 2016/2017 which had already been intimated and met with the unanimous approval of Presbytery.

The Rev James McNay then spoke suitably to Mrs Granger and with prayer installed her as Moderator of the Presbytery whereupon Mrs Granger took the chair as Moderator of the Presbytery and spoke appropriately to the assembled Presbytery.

Mr Stephen Brown then attempted to raise a Point of Order with regard to two items on the Business Committee Report. His Point of Order was ruled not to be in Order and he requested that his dissent *simpliciter* to the decision not to pursue the matter at that time be recorded.

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Standing Committee Reports

REPORTS & DELIVERANCES

Vacancy Procedure Committee

Rev Alan Ward, Convener of the Vacancy Procedure Committee moved the following deliverances:

1. Presbytery was asked to note that the charge of Saltcoats: St Cuthberts is now vacant following the retirement of the Rev Arthur Sherratt on 31st July and to sist vacancy procedure and to await a report from the Appraisal Committee in due course. Approved.
2. The Vacancy Procedure Committee asked Presbytery to note the Translation of Rev James Teasdale to Glasgow: Eastwood on 8th September 2016 and asked Presbytery to invite Mr Teasdale and a Representative of Dalry St Margaret's to address Presbytery. Mr Ian Brown, Session Clerk of Dalry St Margaret's paid tribute to the ministry of Rev James Teasdale and Mr. Teasdale replied thanking both the congregation of Dalry SDt. Margarets and the Presbytery of Ardrossan.

Business Committee:

The Rev Ian Currie, Convener moved the following deliverances

1. That Standing Orders be suspended including Standing Order 51 in order that Changes may be made to Standing Orders. Approved

He then moved: 2.

- a. That the Finance, Property and Stewardship Committee be split into two separate Committees named "Finance and Stewardship" and "Property". After discussion this was approved.
- b. That Standing Order 22 be amended to read: **22 Conveners** of all Standing Committees will remain in place until the September Presbytery. The names of the Conveners Elect will be brought to the August Business Committee meeting and shall be appointed to serve for the period of 2 years. These terms may be extended at the discretion of Presbytery. The new conveners and vice conveners will be installed at the September Presbytery. Approved.
- c. Presbytery was asked to note that further changes in Standing Orders which require to be made will be brought to a subsequent meeting of Presbytery after due notice given. Approved.

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3. Presbytery was asked to note that the Special Committee of Presbytery placed Rev Christian Vermeulen on Administrative Suspension with immediate effect on Wednesday 3rd August 2016 and approve the appointment of the Rev Roderick MacDonald as Interim Moderator at Fairlie I/w Largs St Columba's. Approved.

4. Presbytery was asked to approve the appointment of Rev Dave Whiteman as Interim Moderator at Dalry St Margaret's, following the Translation of Rev James Teasdale to Glasgow Presbytery, sist procedure in the vacancy pending a Report from the Appraisal Committee and the outcome of the outstanding appeal by Dalry: Trinity Church against the Presbytery Plan for Dalry.

5. Welcome the Mission Development Staff appointment of Isobel Beck BD DCS to Kilwinning Old Parish Church and Mrs Becks return to the Presbytery of Ardrossan

6. Note that the Committee appointed to find a new Treasurer for the Presbytery has reported and recommends the appointment of Mrs Christine Thomas, a member of Fairlie Congregation as Treasurer. The Committee are satisfied with her abilities to do the work of Presbytery Treasurer and to comprehend any future directives and instructions given by the General Assembly. The Presbytery was asked to approve her appointment with the understanding that a formal start date convenient to her and to Mrs Ann Turner and also taking cognisance of the pattern of accounts, be subsequently agreed. Approved.

7. Presbytery was asked to note that the Presbytery of Irvine & Kilmarnock instructed its Business Committee "to inquire into the feasibility of a union of the three Ayrshire presbyteries and to initiate exploratory talks with representatives of the Presbyteries of Ayr and Ardrossan. It was moved by Rev Jeanette Whitecross and seconded by the Clerk that this matter be remitted to the Business Committee to elicit further information and subsequently to bring names to the Presbytery of those who could represent the Presbytery of Ardrossan while emphasising no firm commitment to such a union but only a willingness to enter into discussions.

8. Presbytery was asked to approve the appointment of Mrs. Ailsa Morrison as part time Clerical Assistant. Approved.

9. Presbytery was asked to note that Rev Jeanette Whitecross will be on sick leave from mid-September for a period of approximately 3 months and to appoint Rev Alan Ford as Interim Moderator. Approved

Nomination Committee

Rev Ian Currie, Convener proposed the following Deliverance

Presbytery are asked to approve the Committees as indicated in the Committee list which was distributed with the Billet and as they appear in the Presbytery Handbook 2016/2017 and the amended Appraisal Committee Membership noting that a Convener for the Appraisal Committee was still to be appointed. There was some discussion during which it was necessary for Rev Ian Currie to remind Presbytery of the remit of the Nomination Committee

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and also Rev Mandy Hickman outlined some of the difficulties faced by the Nomination Committee. Approved.

Property

Stevenston High Kirk

Presbytery was asked to Homologate the decision over the recess to grant permission to remove trees adjacent to a wall on the Manse grounds for reasons of health and safety.

Fairlie Parish Church

Presbytery was asked to note that an application has been received from Fairlie Parish Church for permission to proceed with the erection of an additional room at the manse. It was recommended that Presbytery invite the Interim Moderator to discuss with the Kirk Session if they wish to proceed with this application at the present time. After intervention by the Presbytery Elder for Fairlie and the Interim Moderator it was agreed that this matter be referred to the Property Committee for discussion with powers to authorise the proposed work to proceed, always subject to the approval of the General Trustees. Approved.

Ministries & Superintendence

Rev Martin Thomson, Convener, moved the following deliverances

1. Presbytery were asked to agree the following teams to carry out Presbytery visits:
Kilbirnie: St Columba's: Rev James McNay, Mr Bert McCool, Mr Andy Campbell; Mr Stewart McLennan
Kilbirnie: Auld Kirk: Rev Tanya Webster, Ms Fiona Blair, Mr Ian Hackney, Mrs Sheena Marr
Brodick lw Corrie: Rev Alan Ward, Mr Bill Mackay, Mr R. Allan Richardson
2. Presbytery were asked to note that the planned visit to Largs St Columba's I/w Fairlie be postponed. Approved.
3. Presbytery were asked to Note that training and preparation for visiting teams will take place on Saturday 1st October 10am -12noon in Dalry Trinity Church Hall
4. Presbytery were asked to homologate the action of the Ministries & Superintendence Convener and the Presbytery Clerk in approving Study Leave in respect of Rev Scott Cameron From 9th October 2016 to 29th October 2016 part of which will be in Kenya. Approved

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Mission

Rev David Watson, Convener moved the following Deliverances

- 1. Presbytery were asked to note that the new Prayer Cycle is now available and has been distributed and encourage its use in congregations within the Presbytery. Approved
- 2. Presbytery is asked to approve the twinning agreement between the Presbytery of Ardrossan and the Presbytery of Milala details of which had been appended to the Billet. Approved

Presbytery Clerk Thanked

The Moderator called on the Business Convener Rev Ian Currie to speak. Mr Currie expressed his personal thanks to the Rev Alan A Ford, Presbytery Clerk and also the thanks of the Presbytery for Mr Ford’s service as Presbytery Clerk.

Rev Alan A Ford BD thanked Mr Currie for his words, the Presbytery for the privilege afforded to him and commented that the year had brought matters into his purview that many Presbytery Clerks might never face and that he looked forward to a quieter life preaching the Word and pastoring the people of God.

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 4th October 2016 within Ardrossan Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 21st September 2016 at 3.00 p.m. within Ardrossan Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church.

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

..... Moderator

..... Clerk

