

At Saltcoats and within Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church on Tuesday 9th June 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:

M S Cameron, N Cruickshank, I S Curie, A Falconer, A Ford, D Granger, M Hickman, M L K Howie, R I T Macdonald, M H Mackay, A D McCallum, A M McCance, J J McNay, A B Noble, A Sherratt, A S Taylor, M Thane, J R Teasdale, M Thomson, C Vermeulen, E R L Watson, T D Watson, T Webster, A Ward, J Whitecross.

Elders:

K Anderson, S Brown, A Campbell, L Campbell, M Cassidy, M Green, R Kelso, R Lavalette, W Mackay, S Marr, D Murray, D Noble, R McLean, S McMahon, J M McSwan, F Page, A Pringle, A Turner, A Todd, K Tudor, K S Welch.

Corresponding Members:

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

Apologies

Ministers:

R A Adamson, D J H Harbison, D Whiteman.

Elders:

A Cochrane, G Cunningham, A C D Hamilton, M Henderson, R Jarvie, C Massie, J F Murdoch, G K McConnell, R A Richardson, E Taylor, I Watt.

The Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 2015 (Pages 24-27) having been circulated, were approved.

• **Correspondence**

- (a) **Revd Elizabeth Watson** – Letter regarding Retiral Offerings at Funerals
- (b) **Mrs J B Marr** – Letter intimating resignation as Safeguarding Trainer.

Order of Business – The Order of Business was approved as circulated in the papers for the meeting.

Meeting/

General Assembly 2015 – Diligence Report: Revd David Watson. Mr Watson spoke regarding the main topics of the General Assembly 2015 and reported diligence on behalf of the Commissioners that had attended from the Presbytery of Ardrossan.

Standing Committee Reports

Business Committee

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

- i. **Ministerial Practising Certificates** – Grant Certificates to the following Ministers who had retired after 2006: Revd Marjory Mackay, Revd Ian S Currie, Revd Norman Cruickshank, Revd Alan A Ford, Revd H Alan Ward, Revd Alan D Falconer, Revd D Ross Mitchell.
- ii. **Panel on Review & Reform Pilot Project** – Propose that consideration be given for the Congregations of Stevenston: High and Kilmory I/w Lamlash to be included in the Pilot Project.
- iii. **Ministries Council Pioneering Ministry Applications** – Note that following consultations between the Ministries Committee, Convener and Vice Convener and the Convener of the Presbytery Appraisal Committee, that Business Committee recommends that an application for Presbytery to be considered for one of the appointments is made.
- iv. **Presbytery Safeguarding Trainer** – Note the resignation of Mrs J B Marr as Safeguarding Trainer as from 30th June 2015. Thank Mrs Marr for the work undertaken by her during her term of service and remit to the Nomination Committee to appoint a successor, in conjunction with Safeguarding Services.
- v. **Appointment of Presbytery Clerk** – Note the report of the Sub Committee Chairman (Revd I S Currie) and agree the following deliverances:
 - Approve the Job Description and Personal Specification for the post of Presbytery Clerk.
 - Presbytery delegate powers to the Committee to carry the process forward with a view to making a nomination to the Business Committee and subsequently to the Presbytery.

Mission Committee

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

Presbytery/

- i. **Presbytery Prayer Cycle** – Note the revised Prayer Cycle Arrangements.
- ii. **Souper Sunday** – Note the resource materials which have been produced.

Ministries & Superintendence Committee

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

- i. **(In Private) Local Church Review** - Receive the reports arising from visits to Beith Parish Church; Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate; Whiting Bay and Kildonan; West Kilbride Parish Church and Stevenston High. (Reports Pages 29-53)
- ii. **Local Church Review 2015/16** - Note that the following Congregations will be visited in the coming year: Largs St. John's linked with Cumbrae; Kilmory linked with Lamblash; Saltcoats St. Cuthbert's; Kilwinning Old; Largs Clark Memorial.
- iii. **Safeguarding Trainers Annual Report** – Note the Annual Report (Reports Pages 54-58)
- iv. **Mrs Nicky Smith (Reader)** - Agree to a request from Mrs N. Smith to transfer her corresponding membership of the Presbytery of Ardrossan to the Presbytery of Dumfries.

Stewardship, Finance & Property Committee

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

- i. **Powers During Summer Recess** – Grant powers to the Property Vice Convener and Presbytery Clerk to deal with any urgent property matters that may arise during the recess period.
- ii. **Kilmory Parish Church** – Grant permission to sell part of the Church Glebe.

Glebe/

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 1st September 2015 , at 7.30 p.m within West Kilbride Parish Church for the Installation of the Moderator elect and thereafter the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 19th August 2015 at 3.00 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church.

The Nomination Committee to meet on Wednesday 8th July 2015 at 10.00 a.m. within the Presbytery Office at Clark Memorial Church,

The meeting was closed with Prayer

_____ **Moderator**

_____ **Clerk**