

**At Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017, which date and place the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev James McNay MA BD.**

## **Sederunt**

Rev James McNay (Moderator), Mrs Jean C Q Hunter (Clerk)

**Ministers:** Rev Angus Adamson, Rev Scott Cameron, Rev Ian Currie, Rev Alan Falconer, Rev David Hebenton, Rev Mandy Hickman, Rev Roderick Macdonald, Rev Alexander McCallum, Rev Lily McKinnon, Rev James McNay, Rev Ross Mitchell, Rev Sheila Mitchell, Rev Alexander Noble, Rev John Purves, Rev Fiona Ross, Rev Andrew Taylor, Rev Martin Thomson, Rev David Sutherland, Rev Alan Ward, Rev Elizabeth Watson, Rev David Watson, Rev Tanya Webster, Rev Jeanette Whitecross, Rev David Whiteman

**Diaconate:** Mrs Isobel Beck, Miss Fiona Blair

**Elders:** Miss Christine Black, Mrs Mary Blair, Mr Ian Brown, Mr Andrew Campbell, Mr Lindsay Campbell, Mr Archie Currie, Mrs Margaret Green, Judith Howieson, Mr Finlay Kerr, Mrs Lynn Hunter, Mr Roy Kelso, Mrs Sheena Marr, Mr Ron Lavalette, Mr William Mackay, Mrs Annie Martin, Mrs Linda McLelland, Miss J McSwan, Mr Stuart McMahan, Mr Fulton Murdoch, Mr Harry McIlreavy, Mrs Deirdre Murray, Mrs Anne Pringle, Mrs Fiona Page, Mr William Parker, Mr Allan Richardson, Mr Ken Welch, Mrs Ann Turner

**Corresponding Members:** Mr Andrew Bruce, Mrs Moira Buchanan, Canon Rev A Montgomerie, Mrs Evelyn Slater, Mrs Christine Thomas

## **Apologies for Absence:**

**Ministers:** Rev Dorothy Granger, Rev Marion Howie, Rev Marjory Mackay,

**Elders:** Mr Ian Hackney, Mr Gordon McConnell, Mr Magnus Ross, Mrs Kathleen Tudor

**Corresponding members:** Mrs Elizabeth Clarke

## **Tribute**

A fitting tribute of the life, faith and service of Mr Hamish Mitchell, Representative Elder of Brodick Church was given by Rev Angus Adamson.//

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## Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May (Pages 11-16) were approved.

The Minutes of the *in hunc effectum* meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> May (Pages 17-18) as amended were approved.

## Correspondence

An Extract Minute from Beith Parish Church Kirk Session for application for a grant from the General Trustees to help with the proposed repairs and alterations to the church.

Email from Mr Ron Lavalette with a request to congregations within Presbytery for anyone who would like to join the Friends Group of South Beach House.

Letter of resignation from Mr Grahame Cunningham, Additional Elder of Presbytery due to ill health.

Letter from the congregations of Stevenston Ardeer and Stevenston Livingstone who wish to record their thanks to Mr Ken Welch as their Interim Moderator and to Rev David Heberton, Locum assistant for their considerable contributions during the extended vacancy.

## Roll of Presbytery

Rev David Sutherland was added to the Roll with his induction on 15<sup>th</sup> May to the pastoral charge of Stevenston Ardeer I/w Stevenston Livingstone.

Mr Hamish Mitchell, Representative Elder removed by death.

Mr Grahame Cunningham, Additional Elder removed due to ill health.

Rev Sheila Mitchell, previously added to the Roll was present and was invited to sign the Formula.

## Order of the Day

Rev David Watson introduced Rev Becky Haldane from the Sailor's Society. Becky explained that the Sailors Society was 199 years old. Over 90% of this country's goods come to us over the seas. There are over 1.6 million seafarers and these men and women work in dangerous conditions and in wild storms. Becky went on to explain about the Chaplains work in ports in 27 different countries. Becky's task is to spread the word about the work of the Sea Society and she did this with enthusiasm. The Moderator thanked Becky for addressing presbytery.

## Order of Business

Two additional items under Business Committee at 9 and 11 and the Clerk explained that item 11 would be taken in private.

**General Assembly 2017** – Rev Mandy Hickman, on behalf of the commissioners reported Diligence at the General Assembly.

Mandy commended the Moderator Rev Dr Derek Browning on his conduct of worship each day with his inspiring homilies on the theme 'Word of Life'. The Lord High Commissioner this year was HRH Princess Anne who addressed the Assembly with encouraging words. Two International Delegates were refused entry visas to the country to attend the Assembly and throughout the week two seats with their names on them were left empty so that commissioners could remember them. The Heart and Soul event on Sunday was well attended and the weather was favourable. There was a meal arranged on the Wednesday night for Ardrossan commissioners to have fellowship together. //

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## STANDING COMMITTEES

## REPORTS & DELIVERANCES

### Business Committee

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

### Presbytery:

1. Receives the report;
2. Notes that Rev Dorothy Granger's sick leave had been extended until the end of August. Rev James McNay would continue as Interim Moderator for the charge.
3. Notes that Rev Jeanette Whitecross has returned to work after a period of sick leave. Rev Alan Ford was thanked as Interim Moderator and Locum during Mrs Whitecross's absence.
4. Notes that the Unitary Constitution had been granted to Stevenston: High Kirk by the Delegation of Assembly.
5. Notes that the Unitary constitution had been granted to Ardrossan: Park Church by the Delegation of Assembly.
6. Notes that it was passed at the General assembly 2017 that the Unitary Constitution had been amended a) to include reference to the requirement to hold a Stated Annual Meeting, and b) it was agreed to amend the Model Deed to similar effect.
7. Granted Practising Certificates to the following ministers: Norman Cruikshank, Ian Currie, Alan Falconer, Alan Ford, Ross Mitchell, Sheila Mitchell, Marjory McKay, John Purves, Robert Travers and Alan Ward.
8. Notes that the Registration of Ministries Overture was converted into an Act of the General Assembly on 20<sup>th</sup> May and as such each Presbytery had to present a Draft of their section of the Register of Ministries at the June Presbytery meeting. The final Register of their section has to be completed and sent to the Ministries Council by 1<sup>st</sup> October. A Draft of our section of the Register of Ministry which had been previously circulated, was presented to Presbytery.
9. Notes the report on the Three Presbyteries Conference given by Rev David Watson. Rev Doug Gay was the Keynote speaker who spoke of the pluses and minuses of large and small presbyteries. In the afternoon Rev Peter McHenhill, Clerk of Greenock and Paisley spoke about the formation of the two presbyteries and the practicalities of what has worked and what has not. There will be ongoing discussions with the Presbyteries of Ardrossan, Ayr and Irvine & Kilmarnock.
10. Notes that in the absence of Rev Dorothy Granger, who is still on sick leave, the Kirk session of Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church have appointed Rev Mandy Hickman as Locum subject to the approval of Ministries Council.
11. Notes that this item was taken in private. The convenor explained that the Presbyterial Commission of Ardrossan v Rev Chris Vermeulen had completed the case on Tuesday night 6<sup>th</sup> June. The Commission imposed a censure of suspension of status without limit of time, but subject to a minimum period of 5 years, effective from 6<sup>th</sup> June. The Presbytery had to wait for the receipt of a copy of the written judgement before they could proceed in order//

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to give time for an appeal if that was forthcoming. If no appeal was received within 14 days of receipt of the written judgement the presbytery would have to proceed after 21 days and before 35 days of receiving the written judgement. An *in hunc effectum* meeting of Presbytery may need be called for in due course.

### **Ministries & Superintendence Committee**

**Rev Martin Thomson, Convenor gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance:**

**Presbytery:**

1. Receives the report;
2. Received the Reports that had been previously circulated, arising from the visits to Kilbirnie: St Columba's, Kilbirnie: Auld Kirk, Brodick and Corrie and they were commended to the respective Kirk Sessions for their ongoing encouragement and future planning. As this was in private copies of the reports had only been circulated to members of Presbytery.
3. Notes that it is hoped to visit the following congregations in the coming year: Dalry: Trinity, Stevenston: High Kirk, Lochranza & Pirnmill and Shiskine.
4. Notes that the Superintendence Vice-Convenor had inspected all Ministers Log Books and that a Report had been submitted to Ministries Council

### **Finance and Stewardship Committee**

**Rev Tanya Webster, Convenor gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances:**

**Presbytery:**

1. Receives the report:
2. Approved a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £1,700 to be made by the congregation of Lamlash Church (120669) towards the cost of installing projection equipment and screen permanently in the church. It is envisaged that this will allow flexibility in service formats, more information about the wider church and charities to be shared, encourage younger people into church and contribute to their proposal to make the church building the community Hub. It should increase their potential income to be funded from the 2017 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
3. Approved a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £535 to be made by the congregation of Corrie Church (120655) to fund Christmas cards for every house in the village, printing of the Catstone magazine, advertisements for concerts, fliers and posters for special events to be funded from the 2017 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
4. Approved a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £720 to be made by the congregation of Cumbrae Parish Church (120656) to cover costs of an Alpha course run from March to May 2017 to be funded from the 2017 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve. //

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## Church and Society Committee

**Rev Roddy MacDonald, Convenor gave the report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances:**

### Presbytery:

1. Receives the report;
2. Notes an upcoming event: Shoulder to Shoulder - an interfaith pilgrimage Refugee Festival Scotland, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July a 10k walk. Walking the well worn paths of the ancient and spiritual mountain of Ben Ledi, near Callendar. Christian Aid Scotland and Scottish Faith Action Refugees are presenting this event. Registration for the event is through Eventbrite.
3. Notes that an updated Church of Scotland school chaplains guide had been launched. Copies were available from Agnes Mullen, [amullen@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:amullen@churchofscotland.org.uk)
4. Notes that there are many resources for use by churches available on the Church and Society website.

A request had been received from CHANA – Churches Homeless Action North Ayrshire for donations of toiletries and articles of clothing for the homeless. Also household cleaning materials for those moving into accommodation. If anyone would like to join CHANA, please speak to convenor for details.

## Mission Committee

**Rev David Watson, Convenor gave the report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances:**

### Presbytery:

1. Receives the report;
2. Agreed to support an application by Stevenston: Ardeer I/w Stevenston: Livingstone to be considered for the Path of Renewal Project.
3. Agreed to support an application by Lamlash Parish Church to be considered for the Path of Renewal Project.
4. Notes a report given by the convenor about the need for used postage stamps by the World Mission Council who sell them to raise money for their projects.

## Property Committee

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

### Presbytery:

1. Receives the report; //

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2. Notes the Quinquennial Reports—update notes diligence on five congregations. A report will be presented at the September Presbytery meeting.
3. Granted permission to the Congregational Board of Largs: St Johns Church to proceed with external repainting of Dunn Memorial Hall, Toc H Rooms and high level guttering at the church. Three estimates were received: Decorous Painting Contractors £11,774.64, including VAT, David Skilling £10,985, Ian Caisley £18,720. Decorous Painting Contractors were the Boards preferred offer and the committee approved this.
4. Approved a request from the Kirk session of Beith Parish Church to apply to the General Trustees for financial assistance with repairs and alterations to the church. The estimated cost being £336,180.

**Adjournment**

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 within Largs: Clark Memorial Church for the Installation of the Moderator elect and for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017 at 3.00pm within Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church.

Presbytery was then adjourned by the pronouncing of the benediction by the Rev James McNay MA BD.

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

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