

At Clark Memorial Church on 3rd October 2017, which date and place the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev David Watson BSc BD.

Sederunt

Rev David Watson (Moderator) Mrs Jean C Q Hunter (Clerk)

Ministers: Ian Currie, Alan Falconer, David Hebenton, Mandy Hickman, Marion Howie, Roderick Macdonald, Ross Mitchell, Alexander Noble, David Sutherland, Andrew Taylor, Martin Thomson, Alan Ward, Elizabeth Watson, David Watson, Tanya Webster, Jeanette Whitecross

Elders: Christine Black, Mary Blair, Ian Brown, Andrew Campbell, Lindsay Campbell, Margaret Cassidy, Ewan Cochran, Margaret Green, Ian Hackney, John Houston, Finlay Kerr, Jean Hunter, William (Roy) Kelso, Ronald Lavalette, J B Marr, William Mackay, Gordon McConnell, Linda McLelland, David Noble, William Parker, Anne Pringle, Allan Richardson, Peigi Robb, Magnus Ross, James Shirley, Ann Turner, Ken Welch

Corresponding Members: Andrew Bruce, Moira Buchanan, Robert McCool, Evelyn Slater, Canon Rev A Montgomerie

Apologies for Absence

Ministers: Angus Adamson, Norman Cruikshank, Alan Ford, Dorothy Granger, Marjory Mackay, Alexander McCallum, Lily McKinnon, James McNay, Fiona Ross

Diaconate: Isobel Beck, Fiona Blair

Elders: Archie Currie, Mairi Duff, Annie Martin, Lorna McDonald, Stuart McMahan, J Fulton Murdoch, Christine Thomas

Corresponding members: Elizabeth Clarke, Mary Ford, Sharon McLeod

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2017 (Pages 28-34) were approved.

Correspondence

E mail was received reminding Presbytery to send a representative to the Presbytery Conference on 1st -2nd November 2017.

E mail from the General Trustees relating to Beith Glebe.

E mail received by the Presbytery Clerk and Session Clerks relating to the Church Court Acts. The Clerks are required each to submit a response.

E mail from Ministries Council advertising a part time post for a Parish Assistant within Ardrossan Presbytery for the linked charge of Cumbrae and Largs St John's. Details from the Presbytery Clerk or on the Church of Scotland website.//

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Roll of Presbytery

Rev David Whiteman was removed by his demission of status as a Church of Scotland Minister.

Order of Business

As in the print with two additional items; the first under Business Committee at 2 add a 2b relating to an Interim Moderator for Kilbirnie Auld Kirk and the second an item by the Church and Society Committee relating to grey cakes.

STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORTS & DELIVERANCES

Church and Society

Revd Roddy MacDonald, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.

Presbytery:

1. received the report;
2. agreed at the November meeting of Presbytery to the sale of grey cakes for £1 each, an explanation of the reason for this would be given at that meeting.

Appraisal Committee

Revd Jeanette Whitecross, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.

Presbytery:

1. received the report;
2. noted that Kilbirnie Auld Kirk voted unanimously to apply to Ministries Council TASK Group to be considered for a Transition Minister.
3. agreed to support the application for Kilbirnie Auld Kirk to be considered for a Transition Minister at the November meeting of the Ministries Council TASK Group.
4. approved the recommendation of the Appraisal Committee that Kilbirnie Auld Kirk be given a 7 year Reviewable Tenure.
5. approved the recommendation of the Appraisal Committee that no changes would be made to the current Presbytery Plan and instructed the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to this effect to the Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group.//

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Order of the Day (8.00pm)

The Moderator invited Rev Roddy McDonald, Church and Society Committee Convener to introduce the speaker.

Mr MacDonald welcomed and introduced Mr Charles Sim a representative of Society, Religion and Technology who addressed Presbytery on the Churches Mutual Credit Union. (CMCU). Mr Sim gave an interesting explanation of what a Credit Union was and how it worked. Mr Sim said it was a non-profit financial organisation set up by members with something in common, to benefit their community. It was available for Ministers, Elders and employees of the church. When members save with the credit union, the money saved is used by the credit union to provide low cost loans to members who need them. Mr Sim had information leaflets available for members of Presbytery.

The Moderator thanked Mr Sim for taking the time to inform Presbytery on the work of the CMCU.

Business Committee

Revd Martin Thomson, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.

Presbytery:

1. received the report;
2. a) homologated the appointment of the Presbytery Clerk as Interim Moderator *pro tem* at Kilbirnie Auld Kirk until 4th October 2017.
b) appointed Rev Jeanette Whitecross as Interim Moderator at Kilbirnie Auld Kirk from 4th October 2017.
3. noted that Mr Stuart McMahon, Presbytery Elder was now unable to play the organ for Presbytery meetings because of a family illness and was asked if there was anyone who would be willing to play for meetings in the meantime to speak to the Convener.
4. noted that Mrs Aileen Brookens had completed all aspects of her training for the Readership. Set the date of Saturday 4th November 2017 for a Service of Setting Apart within Lamlash Parish Church. Presbytery to meet at 2.00pm and Service to start at 2.15pm. The Moderator to preside, the Revd Lily McKinnon to preach and Revd Angus Adamson to conduct.
5. noted the change of time from 7.00pm to 6.30pm for the Service of Induction of Revd Johnathan C Fleming within Largs: St John's Church on 13th October 20017 as agreed at the September Presbytery meeting.
6. noted that Rev David Watson agreed to represent Presbytery at the Annual Presbytery Conference to be run by the Ministries Council in November 2017.
7. noted that Rev Martin Thomson agreed to serve on the Presbyterial panel for one year.
8. noted that Mr Ron Lavalette agreed to be the new Convener of the Pastoral Advisers.
9. noted that an Information Session will be held for new Presbytery Elders and other interested parties if this was required, date will be arranged by Rev Ian Currie.//

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10. noted that the Presbytery had been allocated one Youth Representative to attend the 2018 General Assembly. The Clerk would circulate the details to Ministers and Interim Moderators.

Ministries & Superintendence Committee

Mr Allan Richardson, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.

Presbytery:

1. received the report;
2. noted that Mrs Betsi Thane, Candidate for Ministry of Word and Sacrament is continuing with her studies at University and is on placement at Kilwinning: Old Church with Rev Jeanette Whitecross.
3. noted that Rev Mandy Hickman, Candidate for Ministry of Word and Sacrament has one year of studies to complete and her Probation has still to be arranged. Mr Ron Lavalette represented Presbytery at the meetings.
4. noted that Mr Douglas Creighton, Candidate for Ministry of Word and Sacrament is continuing his studies and is on placement at West Kilbride Parish Church with Rev James McNay.
5. noted that Mrs Aileen Brookens had undertaken her Final Preaching Assessment and had successfully completed her training. Rev Jeanette Whitecross had attended the Final Preaching Assessment on behalf of Presbytery.
6. noted that Mr Brian Murray is required to do his final placement from January 2018 for six months and this will be with Rev David Sutherland at Stevenston Ardeer I/w Stevenston Livingston.
7. noted that there are two new Enquirers and Rev Jeanette Whitecross and Rev Martin Thomson will act as Presbytery Assessors.
8. noted that the date of the training day for Session Clerks with regards to what is required for the Attestation of Rolls and Records will be given out at a later date.

Property Committee

Mr Roy Kelso, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.

Presbytery:

1. received the report.
2. agreed to a request by the General Trustees to investigate marketing Beith Mansefield Glebe for housing development. Local parties had agreed to the investigation.
3. approved a request by the General Trustees to sell Beith Muriston Glebe to the local authority for provision of a care home. Local parties support the sale.//

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Mission Committee

Rev Elizabeth Watson, Convenor gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.

Presbytery:

1. received the report.
The Convenor explained that one of the Committee objected to the report which had been previously circulated.
2. noted the remits from 2017 General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and in particular the two instructions:
 - 1) Instruct Presbytery, when training Elders as Moderators of their own Kirk Session, to use the training resources that have been developed specifically for this situation.
 - 2) Instruct all Church members to challenge anti-Semitism and anti-Muslim prejudice and ask the Clerk to send an Extract Minute of this deliverance to all Session Clerks.

Finance and Stewardship Committee

Rev Tanya Webster, Convenor gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.

Presbytery:

1. received the report.
2. noted in terms of Standing Order 34, the Convenor gave Notice of Motion that at the November 2017 meeting of Presbytery, the Committee will move the Approval of the Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2018. (The report had been circulated)
3. noted the National Stewardship Programme: remind Session Clerks that the Annual Trustee Report contained within the Congregational Accounts must include a statement regarding how the congregation complied with the instruction of the General Assembly to participate in the National Stewardship Programme. Failure to do so may render the Congregation ineligible to receive monies from the Presbytery 5% M&M Reserve.
4. noted Ministries and Mission Payments 2017: remind Treasurers to ensure that they have fully paid all M&M's up to the end of 2017 in good time before the year end. Failure to do so may render the congregation ineligible to receive monies from the Presbytery 5% M&M Reserve.
5. noted Mission and Ministries Payment Dispensation 2018: remind Treasurers that if they feel they may be unable to pay 2018 M&M's by Standing Order over ten or twelve equal instalments, they must complete a Presbytery Dispensation form as per October Reports and return to the Clerk by 31st December 2017.
6. approved a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £950 to be made by the congregation of Brodick Parish Church (120654) for advertising their various outreach activities such as the website, cost of printing Christmas cards, magazine, flyers in B&B's and hotels, Come to Church invitations and advertising, Bibles to present at baptisms and weddings to be funded from the 2017 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.//

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7. noted the balance of the 2017 5% reserve which is unallocated and available for applications.

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 7th November 2017 within Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church at 7.30pm for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Presbytery to meet *in hunc effectum* on Friday 13th October 2017 at 6.15pm within Largs: St John's Church for the Induction of Revd Jonathan C Fleming.

Presbytery to meet *in hunc effectum* on Saturday 4th November 2017 at 2.00pm within Lamlash Parish Church for the Service of Setting Apart of Mrs Aileen Brooken.

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

Presbytery was then adjourned by the pronouncing of the benediction by the Rev David Watson BSc BD.

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

