

**At Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church on 5<sup>th</sup> December 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:** Rev Alan Ford, Rev Jonathan Fleming, Rev Mandy Hickman, Rev Marion Howie, Rev Roderick Macdonald, Rev Alexander McCallum, Rev James McNay, Rev Alexander Noble, Rev John Purves, Rev David Sutherland, Rev Andrew Taylor, Rev Martin Thomson, Rev Alan Ward, Rev Elizabeth Watson, Rev Tanya Webster, Rev Jeanette Whitecross

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

**Elders:** Mrs Mary Blair, Mr Ian Brown, Mr Andrew Campbell, Mr Lindsay Campbell, Mrs Margaret Cassidy, Mr Ewan Cochran, Mr Archie Currie, Mrs Margaret Green, Mr Ian Hackney, Judith Howieson, Mr Finlay Kerr, Mr William (Roy) Kelso, Mr Ronald Lavalette, Mrs J B (Sheena) Marr, Mr William Mackay, Mr Gordon McConnell, Mr J Fulton Murdoch, Mrs Deirdre Murray, Mr David Noble, Mrs Anne Pringle, Mr R Allan Richardson, Mrs Peigi Robb, Mr Magnus Ross, Mr James Shirley, Mrs Christine Thomas, Mrs Ann Turner, Mr Ken Welch

**Corresponding Members:** Mr Andrew Bruce, Mrs Moira Buchanan, Mrs Mary Ford

### **Apologies for Absence**

**Ministers:** Rev Angus Adamson, Rev M Scott Cameron, Rev Norman Cruickshank, Rev Ian S. Currie, Rev Alan Falconer, Rev Dorothy Granger, Rev David Heberton, Rev Lily McKinnon, Rev D Ross Mitchell, Rev Sheila Mitchell, Rev Fiona Ross,

**Elders:** Miss Christine Black, Mrs Lorna McDonald, Mrs Linda McLelland, Mr William Parker, Mrs Kathleen Tudor

**Corresponding members:** Mrs Elizabeth Clarke, Mrs Evelyn Slater, Canon Rev A Montgomerie

### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of the service of Setting Apart on 4<sup>th</sup> November (Pages 43-44) were approved.

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> November (Pages 45-51) were approved.

### **Correspondence**

E mail from Session Clerk, West Kilbride, with a nominee for Youth Representative to the General Assembly of 2018.//

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E mail from Danny Murray relating to an appeal for toys and gifts at Christmas for needy children and young adults. This had been circulated to Presbytery.

E mail from Ministries Council relating to a day Conference for Presbytery Planning and/or Ministries Conveners to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in Perth.

E mail from the Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group with an Extract Minute relating to the Current Presbytery Plan.

E mail from Presbytery of Moray relating to Ecumenical links.

E mail from John Thomson on the application for a Transition Minister to Kilbirnie Auld Kirk.

### **Roll of Presbytery** No change

Presbytery was then informed that Rev John Purves is relocating on 12<sup>th</sup> December and would no longer be a member of Ardrossan Presbytery. The Moderator thanked Mr Purves for the work he had undertaken in Presbytery and as Locum at Fairlie and Largs: St Columba's.

### **Order of Business**

As in the print with an additional item under Appraisal Committee No. 3 relating to Kilbirnie: Auld Kirk, two additional items under Business Committee Nos. 5 and 6 attestation of Electoral Registers and one item under Ministries and Superintendence at No. 3 relating to recording Minutes.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **REPORTS & DELIVERANCES**

#### **Appraisal Committee**

**Rev Jeanette Whitecross, Convener, gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances.**

#### **Presbytery:**

1. received the report;
2. noted the application for a Transition Minister for Kilbirnie Auld Kirk was declined as the charge did not meet the criteria.
3. noted the Extract Minute received from the Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group meeting that there would be no change to the current Ardrossan Presbytery Plan.

#### **Business Committee**

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

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1. received the report;
2. noted that Rev Alan Ward attended the West Regional Interim Ministry meeting on behalf of Presbytery.
3. noted that Rev Jeanette Whitecross, Appraisal Convener will attend the Ministries Council day Conference in Perth on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 regarding Presbytery Planning.
4. noted that the Convener invited Mr Magnus Ross to give an up to date report regarding the Nan Stevenston Trust Trustees.
  - a) noted the details relating to the constitution of the Nan Stevenson Charitable Trust for Retired Ministers – SC015868 as was detailed in the Trustee’s Report and Financial Statements dated 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 and that was presented to Presbytery in February 2017.
  - b) agreed to the list of current Trustees as recommended by the Trust:  
Rev David Watson (Ex Officio), Moderator of Presbytery  
Mrs Jean Hunter (Ex Officio), Clerk of Presbytery  
Mrs Christine Thomas, Secretary and Treasurer (Treasurer of Presbytery)  
Rev Ian Currie  
Mr Magnus Ross  
Mrs Ann Turner  
Mr Ken Welch
  - c) approved the following as signatories to its accounts currently held with the Royal Bank of Scotland as recommended by the Trust. The signatures of two of these signatories are required to confirm transactions on the accounts of the Trust:  
Mrs Christine Thomas  
Mr Magnus Ross  
Mrs Ann Turner  
Mr Ken Welch
  - d) instructed the Clerk to send an Extract Minute confirming these details to the Royal Bank of Scotland to facilitate the recognition of the current trustees and signatories for banking purposes.
5. noted that the Electoral Register of Kilbirnie: Auld had been attested by the Clerk.
6. noted that the Electoral Registers of Fairlie and Largs: St Columba’s have been attested by the Clerk.

**Property Committee**

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

**Presbytery:**

1. received the report;
2. agreed to the request by Beith Parish Church to have architect Rebecca Cadie obtain tenders for installing floodlights in the Church Tower so as to proceed when there is scaffolding in place. The Church had been left a bequest for this specific purpose.//

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3. approved the letting of the manse in the vacancy of Dalry: St Margaret's, noting that this was an initial request before beginning the legal paperwork and finding a tenant.
4. approved the letting of the manse in the vacancy of Kilbirnie: Auld, noting that this was an initial request before beginning the legal paperwork.
5. homologated the decision by the Presbytery Property Committee to have allowed Cumbrae Parish Church to scrape the land and prepare for their archaeological survey to take place.
6. agreed to Dalry: Trinity engaging an architect to draw up plans and specifications to allow them to obtain three estimates to carry out work to their hall to provide storage and a new kitchen.

### **Ministries & Superintendence Committee**

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

#### **Presbytery:**

1. receives the report
2. noted that Rev James McNay, Rev David Sutherland and Rev Tanya Webster would be attending a training day on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in Perth for those interested in becoming Mentors or Presbytery Assessors.
3. noted that at the training session for Session Clerk's and Property Convener's on the 21<sup>st</sup> November, questions were asked regarding spaces in Session Minutes. The check list states "no spaces within minutes" followed with "space between minutes correctly filled". The Convener had checked with the Principal Clerk's office and the Depute Principal Clerk confirmed that in computer generated minutes it was acceptable to have one space between the end of one subject and the start of the next subject. Spaces at the end of each minute must be filled in the usual way. The Convener hoped this would clarify exactly what is required.

### **Mission Committee**

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

#### **Presbytery:**

1. received the report;
2. noted the Elder's Conference being held on 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – *A Journey of Discipleship*. There were leaflets for each Church.
3. noted that 2018 has been designated as the Year of the Young Person and ask all congregations to promote this.
  - a) The Year of Young People Pledge and Poster was available at the meeting.
  - b) Encourage all congregations to sign this (and send a photo of them doing so!) and start to explore what congregations might celebrate and do during 2018.
  - c) Noted the Year of Young People Toolkit which those churches who have signed the Pledge will be sent.//

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- d) Encourage congregations to explore what they might do or what they can celebrate during the Year of Young People. It is hoped that every congregation will have a YoYP Service on Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup> 2018 and ideas for this service are in the Toolkit and on the website [www.churchofscotland.org.uk/yoyp](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/yoyp).
  - e) Encourage congregations to share with Mission and Discipleship Council where there are positive things happening in your area, with children and young people.
  - f) Encourage congregations to use the website [www.churchofscotland.org.uk/childrenandyouth](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/childrenandyouth) and subscribe to the Children and Youth Newsletter.
  - g) Mission and Discipleship Council will be running Year of Young People Roadshows in different parts of the country in the Spring 2018, to offer a training opportunity to people from churches to explore ways to develop children and youth ministry and when more information is available, it will be brought to Presbytery.
4. noted that there will be a Theology Conference for leaders on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018 with Professor Andy Root, Associate Professor of Youth and Family Ministry, in the US, speaking on Faith Formation in a Secular Age. There will be an opportunity for Elders, Church members and Youth Workers to hear from him as a Webinar (*a seminar conducted over the internet*) on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018 will be held in a Church or facility within Presbytery for people to attend and to allow a wider access to this event. Rev Mandy Hickman will facilitate this and more details will be given nearer the time.
  5. noted the Bible Study material produced by the World Mission Council on Gender Based Violence and Anti-Human Trafficking and copies were available for all congregations and encourage everyone to make use of them.

### **Church and Society Committee**

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

#### **Presbytery:**

1. received the report
2. noted that the Church and Society Convener, Rev Roddy MacDonald will be taking part in 'Sleep in the Park' – a mass sleep-out on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to bring awareness to homelessness and to help bring about an end to homelessness in Scotland.  
If anyone wanted to sponsor Mr MacDonald they could make a donation through the link <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/roderickmacdonald>

### **Finance and Stewardship Committee**

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

#### **Presbytery:**

1. received the report; //

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2. approved a request made by the congregation of Dalry: St Margaret's (120657) for a Presbytery Dispensation to vary payment of their 2018 Ministries & Mission Contributions from ten or twelve equal monthly instalments by monthly standing order.
3. approved a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £4,320 to be made by the congregation of Dalry: St Margaret's (120657) to purchase a new photocopier to be funded from the balance of the 2017 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.

**Adjournment**

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 within Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 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

