

At Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church on 6th November 2018, which date and place the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev Tanya Webster BCom DipAcc BD.

Sederunt

Rev Tanya Webster (Moderator) Mrs Jean C Q Hunter (Clerk)

Ministers: Rev Hilary Beresford; Rev M Scott Cameron; Rev Jonathan Fleming; Rev Alan Ford; Rev David Hebenton; Rev Mandy Hickman; Rev Marion Howie; Rev Roderick Macdonald; Rev James McNay; Rev D Ross Mitchell; Rev Sarah Nicol; Rev Alexander Noble; Rev Fiona Ross; Rev David Sutherland; Rev Andrew Taylor; Rev Martin Thomson; Rev Alan Ward; Rev Elizabeth R L Watson; Rev David Watson; Rev Tanya Webster; Rev Jeanette Whitecross.

Diaconate: Mrs Isobel Beck.

Elders: Mrs Mary Aitken; Miss Christine Black; Mr Ian Brown; Mr Andrew Campbell; Mr Lindsay Campbell; Mrs Margaret Cassidy; Mrs Elizabeth R Clark; Mr Ian Hackney; Mr Finlay Kerr; Mr Ronald Lavalette; Mrs J B (Sheena) Marr; Mr William Mackay; Mrs Annie Martin; Mrs K McIlreavy; Mrs Linda McLelland; Mr Stuart McMahan; Mr J Fulton Murdoch; Mr Brian Murray; Mrs Deirdre Murray; Mr David Noble; Mr William Parker; Mrs Fay Reid; Mr Magnus Ross; Miss Helen Scott; Mrs Kathleen Tudor; Mr Ken Welch.

Corresponding Members: Mrs Elizabeth Barclay; Mrs Mary Ford; Mrs H Kerr; Mr Robert McCool; Mrs Bea Nicholson.

Apologies for Absence

Ministers: Rev Angus Adamson; Rev Norman Cruickshank; Rev Alan Falconer; Rev Marjory Mackay; Rev Lily McKinnon.

Deacons: Miss Fiona Blair.

Elders: Mrs Mary Blair; Mrs Liz Clarke; Mr Ewan Cochran; Mr Archie Currie; Mrs Margaret Green; Mr R K Marr; Mr Allan Richardson; Mrs Eleanor Taylor; Mrs Christine Thomas; Mrs Ann Turner.

Corresponding Members: Mrs Evelyn Slater.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2018 (Pages 40-43) were approved.

Minute of the *in hunc effectum* meeting of 28th September 2018 of the service of Introduction of Mrs Carol Boyd MDS (Pages 38-39) were approved.//

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Correspondence

An E mail had been received from Mr John Thomson, Secretary of the Church of Scotland Committee to HM Forces asking Presbytery to invite a senior chaplain of one of the HM Forces to address Presbytery at the earliest opportunity.

An E mail from Sarah Watts was received thanking Presbytery for organising her input at the October meeting. She had hoped that the information had been of interest and asked if she could be of assistance in any other way to contact her at North Ayrshire Council.

Roll of Presbytery

Rev Ian Currie removed from the roll with his transference to Greenock and Paisley Presbytery. The Clerk to write to Rev Currie and thank him and convey the appreciation of all the work he undertook for Presbytery.

Rev Andrew Black was added to the roll with his transference from Irvine & Kilmarnock Presbytery. Rev Black took the oath and signed the formula.

Order of Business

Was as in the print with one additional item under Business Committee. A new number 8 was added relating to the General Trustees and Largs Clark Memorial Conservation Building Project and then renumbered 9 & 10.

STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORTS & DELIVERANCES

APPRAISAL COMMITTEE

Rev David Sutherland, Convener gave a report and presbytery approved the following Deliverance.

Presbytery:

1. Received the report.
2. **Agreed** to forward any comments as to the accuracy of the current Presbytery Plan to the Convener or Clerk of the Appraisal Committee by 21st November 2018 so that the plan can be presented and approved at the December meeting.
3. **Agreed** that the figures should continue to be received as advisory and advises that, in the meantime, this would allow for flexibility whilst Presbytery and Kirk Sessions consult regarding deliverances from the Council of Assembly and Mission Discipleship Council. Instructed the Clerk to complete and return the proforma accordingly.//

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Presbytery Name: Ardrossan

1) Presbytery agrees that the figures should continue to be received as advisory and advises the following comments.....

OR

2) Presbytery does not agree that the figures should continue to be received as advisory and advises the following comments.....

4. **Noted** that the congregation of Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church had been cited to attend for their interests and the Moderator welcomed the representatives from the congregation.
5. **Noted** that the Presbytery Planning Task Group concurred with Presbytery's decision of 1st May 2018 to grant Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church permission to call a minister under the terms of an Unrestricted Tenure as in the current Presbytery Plan.

VACANCY PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

Rev Ross Mitchell, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report:
2. **Noted** that the congregation of Kilwinning: Old Parish Church had been cited to attend the meeting for their interests and the Moderator welcomed the representatives of the congregation.
3. **Noted** that the Clerk had received a letter from Rev Jeanette Whitecross intimating her intention to retire on 3rd March 2019. The Vacancy Procedure Committee agreed to the release of Rev Jeanette Whitecross from her pastoral tie with Kilwinning: Old Parish Church on 3rd March 2019.
4. **Noted** that the Vacancy Procedure Committee had invited Rev Alan Ford to be Interim Moderator of Kilwinning: Old Parish Church and Presbytery agreed to the appointment and that it would be with immediate effect.
5. **Noted** that the Vacancy Procedure Committee would appoint an Advisory Committee to the Kirk Session and Nominating Committee of Kilwinning: Old Parish Church which would be ready to meet with those bodies at appropriate times advised by the Interim Moderator.

The Moderator then thanked the representatives of Kilwinning: Old Parish Church and the representatives of Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church for attending the meeting.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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

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Presbytery:

1. Received the report:
2. **Notice of Motion: Overture under the Barrier Act**
Discipline Overture would be considered at the December meeting of Presbytery.
(GA 2018 Remits Booklet)
3. **Noted** that the Discipline Overture has been remitted to the Business Committee for preparation for December Presbytery meeting.
4. **Noted** that Mr Brian Devlin MDS began his appointment as Community Mission Worker with Stevenston: Ardeer I/w Stevenston: Livingstone on 1st October 2018.
5. **Appointed** the date of Tuesday 11th December 2018 at 7.00pm for the Service of Introduction of Mr Brian Devlin MDS as Community Mission Worker to Stevenston: Ardeer I/w Stevenston: Livingstone within Stevenston: Ardeer Church.
Presbytery to meet at 6.45pm. The Moderator to preside, Mr Archie Currie to conduct and Rev David Sutherland to preach the Sermon.
6. **Appointed** Mr Allan Richardson to attest the Presbytery Minute Book of 2018.
7. **Noted** that the Clerk attended the Presbytery Conference, 31st October- 1st November as representative of Presbytery. A report would be given at a later date.
8. **Noted** that the General Trustees have authorised the commencement of the Largs: Clark Memorial Church Building Project.
9. **Noted** and accept the resignation of Mr Roy Kelso as Convener of the Property Committee and thanked him for his years of service on that committee. Instructed the Clerk to write to Mr Kelso accordingly conveying the appreciation of Presbytery for his contribution to its work.
10. **Appointed** Mr Ken Welch as Property Convener until September 2019.

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Rev Jonathan Fleming, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance

1. Received the report.
2. **Approve** a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2019 of £840 made by the congregation of West Kilbride (013464) to be funded from the 2018 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
3. **Approve** a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2019 of £2453 made by the congregation of Stevenston: Livingstone Church (120681) to be funded from the 2018 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
4. **Approve** a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2019 of £2820 made by the congregation of Stevenston: Ardeer Church (120679) to be funded from the 2018 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
5. **Approve** the Ministries and Mission Contributions that were circulated with the October papers in accordance with the Notice of Motion given at the October meeting.//

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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 thanks was given to all members who sponsored Mary Ford in the abseil for CrossReach. To date the sum raised from all sources is almost £1800.
3. **Noted** the Sleep in the Park event this year will be held on Saturday 8th December in Princes Street Gardens.
4. **Noted** Speak Out is the new way of working of the Church and Society Council – committing the Council to a long-term process of advocating for and delivering change. This new way of working is much more intentional about learning from and resourcing local congregations and their partners to bring about lasting

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 4th December 2018 within Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 21st November 2018 at 3.00pm within Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church.

Presbytery was then adjourned by the pronouncing of the benediction by the Rev Tanya Webster BCom DipAcc BD.

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

