

At Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church on 4th December 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 Watson (Moderator), Mrs Jean Hunter (Clerk)

Ministers: Rev Angus Adamson; Rev Hilary Beresford; Rev Andrew Black; Rev Alan Ford; Rev James McNay; Rev Alexander Noble; Rev Mandy Ralph; Rev Fiona Ross; Rev Martin Thomson; Rev Alan Ward; Rev Elizabeth R L Watson; Rev David Watson; Rev Jeanette Whitecross.

Elders: Mrs Mary Aitken; Mr Ian Brown; Mr Andrew Campbell; Mrs Margaret Cassidy; Mrs Elizabeth R Clark; Mr Ewan Cochran; Mrs Margaret Green; Mr Ian Hackney; Mr Finlay Kerr; Mr Ronald Lavalette; Mr William Mackay; Mrs Annie Martin; Mr Robert Marr; Mrs Lorna McDonald; Mrs Kathleen McIlreavy; Mr Stuart McMahon; Mr J Fulton Murdoch; Mrs Dierdre Murray; Mr David Noble; Mr William Parker; Mr Allan Richardson; Mrs Peigi Robb; Mr Magnus Ross; Mrs Ann Turner; Mr Ken Welch.

Corresponding Members: Mrs M Ford; Mrs H Kerr; Mrs Bea Nicholson; Mrs Evelyn Slater.

Apologies for Absence

Ministers: Rev M. Scott Cameron; Rev Norman Cruickshank; Rev Alan Falconer; Rev Jonathan Fleming; Rev Marion Howie; Rev Roderick Macdonald; Rev Marjory Mackay; Rev Lily McKinnon; Rev D Ross Mitchell; Rev Sarah Nicol; Rev David Sutherland.

Diaconate: Mrs Isobel Beck; Miss Fiona Blair.

Elders: Mrs Mary Blair; Mr Lindsay Campbell; Mrs Liz Clarke; Mr Brian Murray; Mr Fay Reid; Miss Helen Scott; Mrs Eleanor Taylor; Mrs Christine Thomas.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th November (Pages 44-48) were approved.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Roll of Presbytery

There was no change.

OVERTURE UNDER THE BARRIER ACT

Discipline Overture

Rev Martin Thomson, Convener of the Business Committee spoke to the Report that he had prepared on behalf of the Business Committee in explanation of the proposed new Discipline Act. The Report had been previously circulated with the December Presbytery Papers.

Questions and Comments were taken.

Presbytery then proceeded to vote on the Discipline Overture.//

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After an adjournment while the votes cast were counted by Mrs Ann Turner and Mr Alan Richardson, Presbytery reconvened and the Clerk intimated the result.

APPROVE.....39 DISAPPROVE.....0

Decision of Presbytery: Approval of the Discipline Overture.

There were no comments to add to the Return Form.

STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORTS & DELIVERANCES

Appraisal Committee

Mr Ron Lavallette, Vice-Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.

Presbytery:

1. Received the report:
2. Noted that the Presbytery Plan will be sent to the Presbytery Planning Task Group for concurrence by 31st December 2018.

Business Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. Received the report;
2. Noted that Mr Ron Lavalette attended the Interim Ministry Conference and the report of that had been circulated. Mr Lavalette was thanked for attending the Conference on Presbytery's behalf.
3. Noted that the Clerk attended the Presbytery Conference from 31st October – 1st November convened by the Council of Assembly relating to their proposed three year Radical Plan "Follow me". A brief report of the Conference had been circulated with the Presbytery papers and the full report was available on the Church of Scotland website.
4. Noted that the Ardrossan Presbytery Conference will take place on Saturday 9th February from 10.15am to 2.30pm. in West Kilbride Parish Church and lunch will be provided. Invited Session Clerks to notify the Presbytery Clerk of numbers attending from their congregation, at least three representatives, for catering purposes by Wednesday 23rd January 2019.
5. Noted the appointment of Rev Andrew Black as Locum to Fairlie l/w Largs: St Columbas congregations from 2nd December 2018.

The Convener mentioned that there had been an increasing amount of correspondence to the Clerk to intimate events being held by various churches and outside agents. The committee had decided that this may cause a problem with GDPR so most of these intimations would not be circulated in the future and Clerk to use discretion on this.

Property Committee

Mr Ken Welch, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.

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1. Received the report;
2. Approved in principle an application by Saltcoats: St Cuthberts Church to apply to the General Trustees and Heritage Lottery Fund to assist with repairs to the Tower and continued consideration to await the formal application for work to proceed. This work is urgent and detailed proposals to be supplied as soon as possible.
3. Noted Applications to carry out works in excess of the Presbytery limit:
Reminded congregations to follow Fabric Standing Orders 55-55.4 to allow the smooth running of Presbytery's oversight of fabric matters and instructed the Clerk to send a copy of the regulations to Clerks of Congregational Boards or Session Clerks as appropriate.

Adjournment

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 5th February 2019 within Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Presbytery to meet *in hunc effectum* on Tuesday 11th December 2018 at 6.45pm within Stevenston: Ardeer Church for the Service of Introduction of Mr Brian Devlin MDS.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 23rd January 2019 at 3.00 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church.

Benediction

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

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

