

**At Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019, which date and place the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev Tanya Webster BCom DippAcc BD.**

### **Sederunt**

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

**Ministers:** Rev Angus Adamson, Rev Hilary Beresford, Rev Andrew Black, Rev Jonathan Fleming, Rev David Heberton, Rev Mandy Ralph, Rev Marion Howie, Rev Roderick Macdonald, Rev James McNay, Rev D. Ross Mitchell, Rev Alexander Noble, Rev Sarah Nicol, Rev Andrew Taylor, Rev Alan Ward, Rev R L Watson, Rev David Watson.

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

**Elders:** Mrs Mary Aitken, Miss Christine Black, Mr Ian Brown, Mr Andrew Bruce, Mr Andrew Campbell, Mr Lindsay Campbell, Mrs Margaret Cassidy, Mrs Elizabeth R Clark, Mrs Liz Clarke, Mr Ewan Cochran, Mr Archie Currie, Mrs Margaret Green, Mr Ian Hackney, Mr Finlay Kerr, Mr Ronald Lavalette, Mr William Mackay, Mr R K Marr, Mrs Lorna McDonald, Mrs Kathleen, McIlreavy, Mr J Fulton Murdoch, Mrs Linda McLelland, Mr Stuart McMahan, Mr Brian Murray, Mrs Deirdre Murray, Mr David Noble, Mrs Fay Reid, Mr Allan Richardson, Mr Magnus Ross, Mrs Mrs Christine Thomas, Mrs Ann Turner, Mr Ken Welch

**Corresponding Members:** Mrs Elizabeth Barclay, Mrs Aileen Brookens, Mrs Moira Buchanan, Mrs Helen Kerr, Mrs Evelyn Slater, Cannon Rev A Montgomerie.

### **Apologies for Absence**

**Ministers:** Rev Norman Cruickshank, Rev Alan Ford, Rev Marjory Mackay, Rev Lily McKinnon, Rev David Sutherland, Rev Martin Thomson.

**Elders:** Mrs Mary Blair, Mrs Kathleen Tudor.

**Corresponding members:** Mrs Mary Ford, Mr Robert McCool, Mrs Bea Nicholson, Mr William Robertson.

### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 (Pages 1-5) were approved.

The Minutes of the *in hunc effectum* meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019, of the Introduction Service for Dr Gordon Isbister (Pages 6-7) were approved.

### **Correspondence**

**An E mail** from Mr David Robertson Secretary & Clerk to the General Trustees with information on the care of Ecclesiastical Properties and Diligence Report.//

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**An E mail** from Rev Dr John L McPake with information relating to '**Thy Kingdom Come Global Prayer Initiative**'. An item on this has appeared on the Church of Scotland website.

<http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news>

Also to encourage presbyteries and the congregations within their bounds to consider participating in the initiative and to use the resources that are provided through *Thy Kingdom Come website*.

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

### **Order of Business**

As was in the print with two additional items under Property Committee at No, 3 relating to the General Trustees and grants available and No. 4 relation to Stevenston Ardeer Church.

### **Roll of Presbytery**

Rev Jeanette Whitecross with her retirement remains a Category O minister within Presbytery according to the Registry of Ministers.

### **Reception of Students and Readers**

Rev James McNay welcomed the Readers, and those training for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, and introduced them to Presbytery.

Rev Betsi Thane thanked Presbytery on behalf of those present for the lovely meal at Cecchinis. Mrs Thane said that she wouldn't have believed that 10 years previous to this she would be standing before Presbytery speaking as then she didn't even speak English. She reported that it was good to have fellowship with one another and for the support they were given by Presbytery in their training and as they were used in their various roles. She thanked Presbytery for their Prayer support and the supervisors for their support and help.

The Moderator thanked them all for their contributions in their various roles and how much they were valued, that they would continue to be supported and thereafter offered prayer for them all.

### **Order of the Day 7.50pm**

#### **Nan Stevenston Trust**

Mrs Christine Thomas, Treasurer presented the accounts of the Nan Stevenston Trust and spoke briefly about the work of the Trust and explained of who qualified for a loan from the monies in the account. She explained that there needed to be added to the number of Trustees as Rev Ian Currie had moved away and Mrs Ann Turner was standing down. Rev Currie and Mrs Ann Turner were thanked for their diligence and work on behalf of the Trust.

Presbytery appointed Rev Alan Ward and Mr Brian Murray as the two new Trustees.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **REPORTS & DELIVERANCES**

#### **Business Committee//**

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Rev David Watson, Vice-Convenor gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances

Presbytery:

1. received the report;
2. **noted** that a meeting of committee conveners and clerks had been arranged for the Presbyteries of Ardrossan, Ayr, Irvine & Kilmarnock to take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2.00pm – 4.00pm in the Howard Centre, Kilmarnock
3. **noted** that the Annual Congregational Statistical Returns had all been received by the Clerk.
4. **approved** the Presbytery Accounts for 2018, previously circulated.  
**Congregational** Accounts had to be sent to Mrs Ann Turner for Attestation.
5. **approved** the Presbytery dues for 2019/2020 to be set at £3.25.per member and the survey fees at 55p. This meant that the full rate of £3.80 is up by 20p from last year.
6. **appointed** the following as Commissioners to the General Assembly of 2019:  
**Ministers:** Rev R A Adamson, Rev Hilary Beresford, Rev Roderick MacDonald, Rev Sarah Nicol, Rev Mandy Ralph, Rev Tanya Webster.  
**Elders:** Mrs Hazell Allan, Mrs Jennifer Fox, Mrs Jan Houston, Mrs Jean Hunter, Mr John Lewis and Mr Magnus Ross.
7. **approved** Mr Allan Richardson, Representative Elder, Beith Parish Church as Moderator elect for Session 2019/2020.
8. **noted** that the 2018 Presbytery Minute Book had been attested and instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the Department of the General Assembly.
9. **noted** that the Presbytery Conference took place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February in West Kilbride Parish Church. As the boat from Arran didn't sail because of the weather a shorter version of the Conference is planned for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 11.00am to 1.pm within Brodick Church Hall.

Vacancy Procedure Committee

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

1. **received** the report;
2. **noted** that Rev Alan Ford resigned as Interim Moderator at Kilwinning: Old Parish Church on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019 through ill health. The Committee thanked Mr Ford for what he had done during his time there and wished him well for the future.
3. **noted** that the Committee agreed to the appointment of Rev Ross Mitchell as Interim Moderator at Kilwinning: Old Parish Church from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and Presbytery to approved.

Finance and Stewardship Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. **received** the report;
2. **approved** a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2019 of £6,500.00 made by the congregation of Largs: St Columbas (120671) to be funded from the 2018 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.//

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3. **approved** a reduction of Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2019 of £758.97 made by the congregation of Largs: St Johns Church (120672) to be funded from the 2018 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
4. **approved** a reduction of Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2019 of £758.97 made by the congregation of Cumbrae Parish Church (120656) to be funded from the 2018 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.

### Property Committee

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

### Presbytery

1. **Received** the report;
2. **approved** in principle an application by Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church to apply for funding to assist with the cost of alteration to the Sanctuary including removal of pews, removal of existing heating system and installation of underfloor heating, new lighting and audio system, repairs to plasterwork and removal of 3 pews from the balcony to improve the view of the War Memorial Window. Cost expected to be in the region of £250,000. An Extract Minute has been received. Consideration of this application is based on understanding that continued consideration to await the formal application for work to proceed. The Property Committee recommends approval.
3. **noted** that the General Trustees had informed presbytery through an E mail of grants that were available from Historic Environment Scotland and the committee encouraged congregations to apply for these if needed.
4. **noted** that it had been said that Stevenston Ardeer Church was closed because it was condemned. It was closed at the moment because of a problem but that was being attended too. The congregation were worshipping with Stevenston: Livingston Church in their building for the coming weeks.

### Ministries & Superintendence Committee

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

### Presbytery:

1. received the report;
2. **noted** that Ministers Log Books should be submitted for inspection to Mr Allan Richardson by 7th May and returned by 11<sup>th</sup> June Presbytery meeting.
3. **noted** that all Rolls and Records within the Presbytery had been attested and thanks was given to all those involved in the inspections. Late last year again a conference was held for Session Clerks, Property Conveners and Treasurers and this was unsuccessful as numerous mistakes had been evident. The Committee will reword the documents before next year. Letters will be sent to churches concerned.
4. **noted** that letters of thanks had been sent to the churches for allowing Presbytery to use their halls for the Inspections:

Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Church  
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Brodick Church

5. **approved** a Conference to be held by the Readers within Presbytery on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August in Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Church from 10.00am to 2.15pm, the times to suit the Readers coming from Arran. It is proposed to call the Conference 'Creative Worship' and Rev Jonathan Fleming has agreed to be the keynote speaker.
6. **agreed** to the costs of the Readers Conference to cover expenses incurred be paid from the 5% Ministries and Mission Reserve.
7. **noted** dates for upcoming Safeguarding Training within Ardrossan presbytery:

### Volunteer Training

Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2.30pm	Beith Parish Church
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 7pm	Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 10am	West Kilbride Church TBA
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 10am	Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2.30pm	Beith Parish Church

### Kirk Session Training

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2pm	Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 7pm	Beith Parish Church

Coordinator Training is available throughout the year, please contact Fiona Blair to arrange a suitable day and time. Tel. 07495 673428

### **Mission Committee**

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

#### **Presbytery**

1. **Received** the report;
2. **noted** that Christian Aid week will take place from 12<sup>th</sup>–18<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and encouraged congregations to support this work.

### **Church & Society Committee**

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

#### **Presbytery**

1. **Received** the report;
2. **noted** Souper Sunday, part of the Church of Scotland's ground breaking HIV awareness programme, celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in February.
3. **noted** Christian Aid Week 12<sup>th</sup>–18<sup>th</sup> May will be highlighting the work undertaken in Sierra Leone to cut maternal deaths and improve lives of mothers and babies.
4. **noted** that Mental Health Awareness week - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May clashes with Christian Aid Week and the General Assembly.//

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5. **noted** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June is Refugee Sunday.
6. **commended** the work of our Ecumenical Partners in St Andrews Episcopal Church Ardrossan and encourage congregations to support the work with Syrian Refugees.

### Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 7th May 2019 within Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Presbytery will meet *in hunc effectum* on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 for the Induction of Rev Dr Graham Mc Williams to the pastoral charge of Fairlie l/w Largs St Columbas.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> h April 2019 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

