

At Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church on 1st October 2019, which date and place the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Mr R Allan Richardson.

Sederunt

Mr R Allan Richardson (Moderator), Mrs Jean Hunter (Clerk)

Ministers:

Rev Angus Adamson; Rev Hilary Beresford; Rev M Scott Cameron; Rev Jonathan Fleming; Rev Mandy Ralph; Rev Marion Howie; Rev James McNay; Rev Dr Graham McWilliams; Rev D Ross Mitchell; Rev Sarah Nicol; Rev Alexander Noble; Rev Fiona Ross; Rev David Sutherland; Rev Alan Ward; Rev Elizabeth R L Watson; Rev David Watson.

Deacons:

Mrs Isobel Beck; Miss Fiona Blair.

Elders:

Miss Christine Black; Mr Ian Brown; Ms Margaret Brown; Mr Andrew Bruce; Mr Andrew Campbell; Mrs Margaret Cassidy; Mr Ewan Cochran; Mr Archie Currie; Mrs Margaret Green; Mr Ian Hackney; Mr Finlay Kerr; Mrs Lynne Kerr; Mr William Mackay; Mrs J B (Sheena) Marr; Mrs Annie Martin; Mrs Lorna McDonald; Mrs K McIlreavy; Mr Stewart McLellan; Mr Stuart McMahon; Mr J Fulton Murdoch; Mr Brian Murray; Mrs Deirdre Murray; Mr David Noble; Mrs Peigi Robb; Mrs Kathleen Tudor; Mr Ken Welch.

Corresponding Members:

Mrs Moira Buchanan; Mrs Mary Ford; Mrs H Kerr; Mr Robert McCool; Mrs Bea Nicholson; Mr William Robertson; Mrs Evelyn Slater; Canon Rev A Montgomerie.

Apologies for Absence

Ministers:

Rev Norman Cruickshank; Rev Alan Falconer; Rev Alan Ford; Rev Roderick Macdonald; Rev Marjory Mackay; Rev Lily McKinnon; Rev Andrew Taylor; Rev Martin Thomson; Rev Tanya Webster; Rev Jeanette Whitecross.

Elders:

Mrs Elizabeth R. Clark; Mrs Elizabeth Clarke; Mrs Beverley Millar; Mrs Linda McLelland; Mr William Parker; Mr Magnus Ross; Mrs Eleanor Taylor; Mrs Christine Thomas; Mrs Ann Turner.

Corresponding Members:

Mrs Aileen Brookens; Mrs Elizabeth Clarke.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2019 (Pages 25-29) were approved.//

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Correspondence

Extract Minute received from Aberdeen Presbytery sustaining the Call to Rev Tanya Webster to Aberdeen: Midstocket. Agreed to the Induction Service date of Thursday 24th October 2019 at 7.00pm within Midstocket Church. Presbytery to meet at 6.45pm.

Extract Minute from Presbytery of Ayr noting the call to Rev David Albon, Mauchline l/w Sorn to Dalry: St Margaret's had been sustained and his translation was agreed.

Note the change of address of the manse of Stevenston Ardeer l/w Stevenston Livingstone: 27 Cunninghame Drive, Stevenston KA20 4AB

Intimation

The Clerk intimated that copies of the General Assembly Remits Booklet were available for uplift when members of Presbytery signed the Sederunt sheets.

Roll of Presbytery

No Change

Order of Business

Was as in the print with the added Finance & Stewardship report which had been previously circulated.

The Property Committee report and deliverance was also added.

STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORTS & DELIVERANCES

Business Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. Received the report;
2. Appointed Monday 28th October 2019 as the date of the service of Induction for Rev David Albon within Dalry: St Margaret's Church at 7.00pm.
Presbytery to meet at 6.45pm. The Moderator to preside, Rev Alex Noble to conduct and Rev Dr Graham McWilliams to preach the Sermon and deliver the Charges to the minister and congregation.
3. Noted that Rev Alan Ward had been added to the Complaints Committee as the number of members on that committee needed to be increased.//

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4. Invited Mrs Margaret Cassidy, manager South Beach House to intimate to Presbytery a matter relating to South Beach House.

Mrs Cassidy informed presbytery that The Moderator of the General Assembly would be visiting South Beach House on Monday 21st October at 2.00pm and she invited presbyters to go along for afternoon tea. It was also the 150th Anniversary of Cross Reach.

5. Noted that the latest date of appointing Commissioners to the General Assembly of 2020 has changed to the 31st January 2020. As a Presbytery, our Commissioners will have to be appointed at the December 2019 Presbytery meeting because we do not meet in January.
6. Noted that according to GDPR, last session's Presbytery Year Books should be shredded.
7. Noted that at the November meeting of Presbytery there would be a time for discussion on the proposed Ardrossan, Ayr and Irvine & Kilmarnock Presbyteries merger.
8. Invited Rev Mandy Ralph to address Presbytery.

Mandy said it had been a long road she had taken from 2006 until the present day. After study she was ordained as an O.L.M. in 2013 and was attached to West Kilbride Parish Church. Mandy had held various posts in Presbytery over the years. She was also Locum for a time in Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church. Mandy was thankful for all the support she had through the years from ministers and elders and her Presbytery representative, Mr Ron Lavalette. Then transferring to train for a minister of Word and Sacrament that support continued. Mandy said it had been fun being part of Ardrossan Presbytery but also very challenging at times. Although she was sad to be leaving, her passion lay with rural ministry and was pleased to be taking up the call to be minister of Annbank l/w Tarbolton in Ayr Presbytery.

The Moderator then thanked Mandy for all the work she had undertaken for the Presbytery.

Mission Committee

Rev Hilary Beresford, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.

Presbytery:

1. Received the report;
2. Noted the previous Convener's report (circulated). The report was on the responses from Kirk Sessions to the instruction of the 2018 General Assembly.

Ministries and Superintendence Committee

Mr Ian Brown, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.

Presbytery:

1. Received the report;
2. Noted that all accounts from the churches within Presbytery have been satisfactorily attested.
3. Noted the success of the Readers recent conference (report circulated).
4. Noted and thanked Rev Jonathan Fleming and Mr Douglas Creighton for providing such imaginative and stimulating experience for Readers at the Readers conference.
5. Affirmed the continuing support of the ministry of Readers through appropriate events and//

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6. Approved the holding of a training Conference for the Attestation of Rolls and Records in Brodick Church Hall on Saturday 9th November 2019 from 11.00, in Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate on Saturday 16th November 2019 from 10.00 to noon, both venues are available. Session Clerks, Clerk to the Congregational Boards and Property Convenors from all Churches within the bounds would be invited to attend.
7. Noted the dates for the annual attestation and inspection of Rolls and Records are as follows:

Tuesday 11th February 2019 at 7.00pm at Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Church.

Wednesday 12th February 2019 at 2.00pm at Largs: St Columba's.

Wednesday 12th February 2019 at 7.00pm at Dalry: St Margaret's.

Thursday 13th February 2019 at 11.00am at Brodick Church Hall.

Church & Society Committee

Mr Archie Currie, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.

Presbytery:

1. Received the report;
2. Noted the E mail from Agnes Mullen, Church & Society Education addressed to Ardrossan and Irvine & Kilmarnock Presbyteries relating to the Church Representative on North Ayrshire Council. (Report on Email circulated)

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 2019/20 of **£10040.00** made by the congregation of Largs: St Columba's Church (120671) to be funded from the 2019 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
3. Approved a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2019/20 of **£7500.00** made by the congregation of Largs: St John's Church (120672) to be funded from the 2019 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
4. Approved a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2019/20 of **£3165.00** made by the congregation of Fairlie Parish Church (120659) to be funded from the 2019 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
5. Approved a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2019/20 of **£8367.29** made by the congregation of West Kilbride Parish Church (120684) to be funded from the 2019 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.

Property Committee

Mr Brian Murray, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.//

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Presbytery:

1. Received the report;
2. Approved of Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church spending between £17,000 and £38,000 on repairs to the ceiling in the Sanctuary which was presently closed for worship as part of the refurbishment of the interior of the church. The exact figure will not be known until the scaffolding is in place. An Extract Minute had been received and the church has ample funds available for the repair.

Adjournment

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

Presbytery will meet *in hunc effectum* on Monday 28th October 2019 at 6.45pm within Dalry: St Margaret's Church for the service of Induction of Rev David Albon.

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

Benediction

Presbytery was then adjourned by the pronouncing of the benediction by Mr R Allan Richardson.

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

