

At Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church on 5th November 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 David Albon; Rev Hilary Beresford; Rev Scott Cameron; Rev Jonathan Fleming; Rev Marion Howie; Rev Roderick Macdonald; Rev James McNay; Rev Dr Graham McWilliams; Rev Ross Mitchell; Rev Sarah Nicol; Rev Alexander Noble; Rev Fiona Ross; Rev David Sutherland; Rev Andrew Taylor; Rev Martin Thomson; Rev Elizabeth R L Watson; Rev David Watson; Rev Jeanette Whitecross.

Deacons: Miss Fiona Blair.

Elders: Mrs Mary Aitken; Miss Christine Black; Mr Ian Brown; Ms Margaret Brown; Mr Andrew Bruce; Mr Andrew Campbell; Mrs Elizabeth R Clark; Mr Ewan Cochran; Mr Archie Currie; Mr Ian Hackney; Mr Finlay Kerr; Mrs Lynne Kerr; Mr William Mackay; Mrs J B (Sheena) Marr; Mrs Beverley Millar; Mrs K McIlreavy; Mr Stewart McLellan; Mr Stuart McMahon; Mr J Fulton Murdoch; Mr David Noble; Mr William Parker; Mrs Fay Reid; Mr Magnus Ross; Mrs Eleanor Taylor; Mrs Christine Thomas; Mrs Ann Turner; Mr Ken Welch.

Corresponding Members: Mrs Helen Kerr; Mr Robert McCool; Mr William Robertson; Canon Rev Alexander Montgomerie.

Apologies for Absence

Ministers: Rev Andrew Black; Rev Norman Cruickshank; Rev Alan Falconer; Rev Alan Ford; Rev Lily McKinnon; Rev Alan Ward.

Elders: Mrs Mairi Duff; Mrs Margaret Green; Mrs Lorna McDonald; Mrs Linda McLelland; Mr Brian Murray; Mrs Deirdre Murray.

Deacons: Mrs Isobel Beck.

Corresponding Members: Mrs Elizabeth Clarke; Mrs Mary Ford; Mrs Bea Nicholson; Mrs Evelyn Slater.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2019 (Pages 31-35) were approved.

The Minute of the *in hunc effectum* of 28th October, Service of Induction of Rev David Albon to Dalry: St Margaret's (Pages 36-37)

Correspondence

An E mail had been received from Sheena Orr, Chaplaincy Adviser, Scottish Prison Service to publicise Prisoners Week from Monday 18th November 2019.//

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Roll of Presbytery

Rev Tanya Webster removed from the roll with her translation to Midstocket Church, Aberdeen.

Rev Andrew McCance, retired minister removed from the roll with his death on 16th October 2019.

Intimation of Rev D C Gordon's death in South Beach House, Saltcoats was circulated to Presbytery. With the Registration of Ministries, Rev Gordon was not a member of Presbytery but was on our part of the Registration of Ministries as Category I.

Rev David Albon added to the roll with his induction into the pastoral charge of Dalry: St Margaret's. The Moderator introduced and welcomed him to his first meeting of Ardrossan Presbytery.

Tribute

A fitting tribute to the life and ministry of Rev Andrew McCance was made by Rev Jonathan Fleming.

Mr McCance was later in years at 59 when he felt the call to ministry of Word and Sacrament. He had been minister to the congregation of Coatbridge: Middle. When he retired he moved to Largs and continued his ministry in serving in Ardrossan Presbytery committees and as Locum in a few vacancies over the years. Jonathan had known him well as he had been a lifelong friend.

The Moderator then offered prayer giving thanks for Rev McCance's ministry and for his wife and family.

Order of Business

Was as in the print.

STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORTS & DELIVERANCES

Appraisal Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. Received the report (circulated);
2. Noted that there was an ongoing review of ministry on Arran.
3. Suspended the current Presbytery Plan with the exception of the Arran Mission Group.
4. Instructed the Presbytery Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group.

Business Committee

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

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1. Received the report;
2. Received a Notice of Motion that at the December meeting there would be an Order of the Day at 8.00pm when Mrs Isobel Beck and Miss Fiona Blair will address Presbytery on the Diaconate.
3. Noted that the Ill Health Committee met with Rev Lily McKinnon and there is an expectation of her return to work on a phased return later this month.
4. Appointed Mr Ian Brown, Ministries and Superintendence Convener to attest the 2019 Presbytery Minute Book.
5. Noted that the Clerk will attend the Presbytery Clerk's Forum on Tuesday 12th November 2019 within Renfield St Stephen's Church Centre in Glasgow.
6. Gave Notice of Motion that at the December meeting Presbytery will be asked to appoint three representatives to serve on the Steering Committee producing proposals for the shape of the new united Presbytery. Suggestions and recommendations should be sent to the Presbytery Clerk.

A time was given over to discussion for Presbyters to air their views, concerns and encouragement of a new United Ayrshire Presbytery and suggestions for the way forward for reform.

Finance and Stewardship Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. Received the report (circulated);
2. Noted that in terms of Standing Order 34, the Convener gave Notice of Motion that the Committee will move the approval of the Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2020 at the December meeting of Presbytery. (Circulated)
3. Noted the Ministries and Mission payments for 2020 and reminded Treasurers that if they feel they may be unable to pay their 2020 M&M's by Standing Order over ten or twelve equal instalments that they must complete a Presbytery Dispensation form and return to the Clerk by 31st December 2019.
4. Noted that a balance of the 5% reserve for the present financial year remained unallocated and was available for applications.
5. Reminded Treasurers to ensure that they have fully paid all Ministry and Mission dues up to the end of 2019 as required. Failure to do so may render the congregation ineligible to receive monies from the Presbytery 5% M&M reserve.

Church and Society Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. Received the report;
2. Noted the appointment of Mr Andrew Bruce as Church Representative on North Ayrshire Council.
Thanked Andrew and congratulated him on this role and asked that Presbyters and Congregations to keep him in their prayers.//

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Property Committee

Rev Angus Adamson, Vice-Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.

Presbytery:

1. Received the report;
2. Approved the let of Kilwinning Old Parish Church manse for a six-month period. An Extract minute has been received and the Property Committee concur.

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 within Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 20th November 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

