

At Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church on 3rd December 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 David Albon, Rev David Albon, Rev Hilary Beresford, Rev Jonathan Fleming, Rev Alan Ford, Rev Marion Howie, Rev Roderick Macdonald, Rev James McNay, Rev Dr Graham McWilliams, Rev D Ross Mitchell, Rev Alexander Noble, Rev Fiona Ross, Rev David Sutherland, Rev Elizabeth R L Watson, Rev David Watson.

Deacons:

Mrs Isobel Beck, Miss Fiona Blair.

Elders:

Mrs Mary Aitken, Miss Christine Black, Mr Ian Brown, Ms Margaret Brown, Mr Andrew Bruce, Mr Ewan Cochran, Mr Ian Hackney, Mr Finlay Kerr, Mrs Annie Martin, Mrs Beverley Millar, Mrs Lorna McDonald, 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 Peigi Robb, Mr Magnus Ross, Mrs Kathleen Tudor, Mrs Ann Turner.

Corresponding Members:

Mrs Mary Ford.

Apologies for Absence

Ministers:

Rev Angus Adamson, Rev Andrew Black, Rev M Scott Cameron, Rev Lily McKinnon, Rev Sarah Nicol, Rev Martin Thomson, Rev Alan Ward.

Elders:

Mr Andrew Campbell, Mrs J B (Sheena) Marr, Mrs Christine Thomas, Mr Ken Welch.

Corresponding Members:

Mrs Helen Kerr, Mrs Bea Nicholson, Mr William Robertson.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2019 (Pages 37-40) were approved.

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An Extract Minute received from Kilwinning: Old Parish Church seeking to change the name of the Church to Kilwinning: Abbey Church.

An E mail received requesting nominations for a Youth representative of Presbytery to attend the General Assembly of 2020.

An E mail received relating to current maps of Presbyteries and parishes within Scotland that they are now available online. <http://arcg.is/11rSXH>

Further to an E mail that had been circulated relating to scam E mails, the Clerk intimated to presbyters to be aware when opening E mails and that the E mail relating to the Christmas Cards to raise funds for mosquito nets for Milala Presbytery was genuine.

Roll of Presbytery

Rev Jeanette Whitecross transferred to the Presbytery of Ayr.

Order of Business

Was as in the print with the added Appraisal Committee report which had been previously circulated.

Order of the Day – 8.00pm

The Moderator invited Deacons, Mrs Isobel Beck and Miss Fiona Blair, to address Presbytery on the diaconate.

A slideshow of photos of the Diakonia Region Africa and Europe (DRAE) Conference held in June was presented. This was to mark the 25th Anniversary of DRAE. The main speaker had been Rev John Bell. Deacons from Germany and the other countries were also in attendance. The Deacons met in groups to discuss various topics including Climate Change.

At the moment there are 35 active Deacons working in Scotland in various posts but not all working for the Church of Scotland.

The Moderator thanked Mrs Beck and Miss Blair for an informative presentation and thanked them for the work they are doing within presbytery.

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. Noted the appointment of Mr Andrew Bruce as Locum in the Vacancy at Ardrossan: Park Church from 1st December 2019.//

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3. Resolved to engage with the Presbyteries of Ayr and Irvine & Kilmarnock with a view to achieving the union of the Presbyteries of Ardrossan, Ayr and Irvine & Kilmarnock.
4. Appointed Rev Jonathan Fleming, Rev James McNay and Mrs Jean Hunter to serve on a Steering Group which would bring proposals for the union of the Presbyteries of Ardrossan, Ayr and Irvine & Kilmarnock to the February 2020 meeting of Presbytery.
5. Appointed the following Commissioners to the General Assembly of 2020:
 Ministers: Rev Hilary Beresford, Rev Roderick Macdonald, Rev Dr Graham McWilliams, Rev David Sutherland, Rev Martin Thomson, Rev Elizabeth Watson.
 Deacon: Mrs Isobel Beck.
 Elders: Mrs Margaret Green, Mr James Hodge, Mrs Jean Hunter, Mrs Deirdre Murray, Mr David Noble, Mr Allan Richardson.
6. Agreed to Kilwinning: Old Parish Church applying for a change of name of the Church to Kilwinning: Abbey Church.
7. Noted that the Clerk had attended the Presbytery Clerk's Forum on Tuesday 12th November 2019.
8. Noted that Rev Lily McKinnon, minister of Kilmory l/w Lamlash had returned to work on a phased return.
 Discharged Rev Angus Adamson Interim Moderator for Kilmory Church and Mrs Jean Hunter Interim Moderator at Lamlash Church from 7th December 2019.
9. Agreed to the Milala Committee of Presbytery applying to Faith Share (World Mission) for a grant to visit Milala Presbytery, Malawi next year.
 As this was agreed, names of those who would like to go on the visit to Milala Presbytery had to be given to the Business Committee Convener.

Property Committee

Mr Brian Murray, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following deliverance:

Presbytery:

1. Received the report;
2. Approved the repair works in Stevenston: Livingstone to repair the purlin ends, treat the woodworm and associated remedial works in the amount of £45,706.80, which includes VAT and professional fees, and to seek approval of the General Trustees if further works are discovered that carry the costs beyond the set Threshold in Regulation 1(b) (v) Appendix II of the Guidelines for Property Conveners as published by the Church of Scotland.
 Monies were available through the church funds and an extract minute had been received.

Mission Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. Received the report;
2. Encouraged congregations to think of ways to raise funds in support of World Mission major projects.

3. Noted that Faith Share (World Mission) grants support to Milala Presbytery, Livingstonia Synod, CCAP, Malawi through meeting travel expenses.
4. Noted that the education trainers are available to train in all matters of the remits circulated to Kirk Sessions in August 2019. The trainings available had been previously 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 the Ministries and Mission Contributions that were circulated with the November papers in accordance with the Notice of Motion given at the November meeting.
3. Approved a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2020 of £2000 made by the congregation of Cumbrae Parish Church (120656) to be funded from the 2019 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
4. Homologated the decision of Business Committee to commission the printing of a Presbytery Gift Card in aid of mosquito nets for our sisters and brothers in Milala Presbytery. These were to be funded by means of the 2019 5% Mission and Ministries Fund.

Appraisal Committee

Rev Dave Sutherland, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following deliverance:

Presbytery:

1. Received the report;
2. Instructed all Kirk Sessions within the mission groups to meet jointly with each other to generate planning proposals for their own mission areas which takes into account the suitability of buildings and the available number of ministries.
Reports to be returned to the Appraisal Committee by Friday 3rd April 2020.
3. Instructed the Presbytery Clerk to send an Extract Minute of this instruction to all Session Clerks and Ministers.

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 4th February 2020 within Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 22nd January 2020 at 3.00 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church.

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

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

