

At Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church on 4th February 2020, 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 M Scott Cameron, Rev Jonathan Fleming, Rev Alan Ford, Rev James McNay, Rev Dr Graham McWilliams, Rev D. Ross Mitchell, Rev Sarah Nicol, Rev Alex Noble, Rev Fiona Ross, Rev Andrew Taylor, Rev Betsi Thane, Rev Martin Thomson, Rev Alan Ward, Rev David Watson,

Elders: Mrs Mary Aitken, Miss Christine Black, Ms Margaret Brown, Mr Andrew Campbell, Mrs Elizabeth R Clark, Mr Ewan Cochran, Mr Ian Hackney, Mrs Lynne Kerr, Mr William Mackay, Mr J B (Sheena) Marr, Mrs Annie Martin, Mrs Beverley Millar, Mrs K McIlreavy, Mr Stewart McLellan, 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, Mr Ken Welch.

Deacons: Mrs Isobel Beck, Miss Fiona Blair.

Corresponding Members: Mrs Mary Ford, Mrs Helen Kerr, Mr Robert McCool, Mr William Robertson.

Apologies for Absence

Ministers: Rev Andrew Black, Rev Norman Cruickshank, Rev Marjory Mackay, Rev Roderick Macdonald, Rev Lily McKinnon, Rev Dave Sutherland, Rev Elizabeth R L Watson.

Elders: Mr Ian Brown, Mr Andrew Bruce, Mr Archie Currie, Mrs Margaret Green, Mr Finlay Kerr, Mrs Linda McLelland, Mrs Fay Reid, Miss Helen Scott.

Corresponding Members: Mrs Elizabeth Clarke, Mrs Bea Nicholson

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2019 (Pages 41-45) were approved.

The Minutes of the *in hunc effectum* meeting of 23rd January 2020 (Pages 1-2) were approved.

Correspondence

E mail was received from Rev Alex Noble, Saltcoats North Church, intimating his intention to retire on May 31st 2020.

E mail was received from Isobel Booth-Clibborn, Children's Development Worker with information on a Regional Day event on children, youth and family ministry on Saturday 28th March at St Andrew's Church Ayr.

E mail was received from Calum Strang, Programme Manager, Flourishing Local Communities for fundraising relating to carrier bag levy from Tesco. cstrang@churchofscotland.org.uk //

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Extract Minute was received from a meeting of the joint Kirk Sessions of Stevenston: Ardeer and Stevenston: Livingstone informing Presbytery that both Sessions believed that they should set the basis of Union process in motion.

Intimation was made relating to 'Souls of our Shoes' – Travelling Exhibition that was available to visit churches in our area.

The Clerk reminded Presbytery that those who hadn't received presbytery papers by the Saturday prior to the Presbytery meeting should contact Mrs Ailsa Morrison, Clerical Assistant as soon as possible and certainly before the Tuesday.

Roll of Presbytery

Rev Beata (Betsi) Thane was added to the roll with her Ordination and Introduction as Presbytery Chaplain, short term on the 23rd January 2020.

The Moderator welcomed Rev Thane and invited her to say a few words to Presbytery.

Rev Thane thanked Presbytery for their support through her training and also the ministers and congregations where she undertook her placements and probation period. She also thanked Mr Ron Lavalette her Presbytery representative for his years of support and encouragement. She was looking forward to her Induction in St Andrews, Malta at a later date.

Order of Business

Was as in print with a change to the Appraisal Report and deliverance and added under Business Committee at No. 11 relating the Rev Dave Sutherland, under Ministries and Superintendence added Nos 6 & 7 relating to Study Leave, under Finance & Stewardship No. 4 relating to Ministries and Mission allocation for Stevenston: Ardeer.

STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORTS & DELIVERANCES

Appraisal Committee

On behalf of the Convener, the Clerk gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance:

Presbytery:

1. Received the amended report;
2. Noted the details of the Mission Group meetings:

Mission Group 1 –

Largs, Fairlie, Cumbrae and West Kilbride meet on Tuesday 10th March

at 6.00pm in St Columba's Church, Largs.//

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Mission Group 2 –

3 Towns meet on Tuesday 17th March at 7pm in Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's Church Hall.

Mission Group 3 –

Beith, Dalry, Kilbirnie and Kilwinning meet on 24th March in Kilwinning: Old Church at 7.00pm.

Mission Group 4 –

Arran meet on Tuesday 11th February at 7.30pm in Brodick Church.

Business Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. Received the report;
2. Noted that with the impending retirement of Rev Alex Noble from the Charge of Saltcoats: North on the 31st May 2020, the Vacancy procedure Committee will proceed with the impending vacancy on the return of the Convener from holiday.
3. Noted that the Kirk Session of Kilwinning: Old Church appointed Rev D. Ross Mitchell as Locum from 1st December 2019.
4. Nominated Miss Deborah Nicol, Saltcoats: St Cuthberts Church for the election of Youth Representative to represent the Presbytery of Ardrossan at the General Assembly 2020 and instruct the Clerk to send the nomination to Faith Impact Forum (former Mission and Discipleship Council) for their consideration.
5. Noted that we had been awarded a Faithshare Grant for up to four people to visit Milala Presbytery in the Autumn.
6. Noted that to date approximately £3,400 had been raised to buy mosquito nets for families in Milala Presbytery.
7. Considered what to do with the cloth that was gifted to Presbytery by the visiting representatives from Milala Presbytery. Ideas were to be given to the Clerk.
8. Noted that the Clerk would attend the Presbytery Clerk's Forum from 24th to 26th February 2020 in Crieff.
9. Noted the report of the Steering Group of the Presbyteries of Ardrossan, Ayr and Irvine & Kilmarnock. The Convener invited Rev Jonathan Fleming to give the report. Rev Fleming explained that after discussion with the other members of the Steering Group from of Ayr and Irvine & Kilmarnock and other factors it was clear that the Overture for an Ayrshire Presbytery could not be presented to the General Assembly of 2020. There will be another meeting on 18th February in Kilmarnock. (Report in the Appendices)
10. Noted the retirement of Mrs Margaret Cassidy from her post as manager of South Beach House. The Moderator Addressed and thanked Mrs Cassidy for all the years she had worked at the Crossreach Home. (Moderator's report in the Appendices).
11. Noted that Rev Dave Sutherland was currently on sick leave.//

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Ministries and Superintendence Committee

Rev James McNay, Vice-Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverance.

Presbytery:

1. Received the report;
2. Noted the dates for upcoming Safeguarding Trainings within Presbytery.
3. Noted there is new training available for Safeguarding Panel members, available on request.
4. Noted that the safeguarding report to the General Assembly 2019 included the following deliverance:
'Instruct Kirk Sessions to conduct basic disclosure checks on all individuals (regardless of their employment status) in their congregation in leadership roles and/or in positions of trust, including but not limited to organists, church officers/care takers, café workers, where their duties may involve contact with vulnerable groups as referred to in the protection of vulnerable groups Scotland Act 2007.
5. Noted the change of Miss Fiona Blair's Mobile No. 07368696550
6. Approved study leave for Rev Scott Cameron from 2nd - 9th March 2020 at a preaching conference in California, subject to the approval of the Training Task Group.
7. Approved study leave for Rev Dave Sutherland at various dates throughout 2020 (a total of 28 days) to complete the Pioneer Ministry Course run by Forge Scotland, subject to the approval of the Training Task Group.

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 2020 of £5,000.00 made by the congregation of Stevenston: Livingstone (120681) to be funded from the 2019 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
3. Approved a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2020 of £3,404 made by the congregation of Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity (120674) to be funded from the 2019 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
4. Agreed to Stevenston: Ardeer Church having a dispensation from paying their Ministries and Mission by 10 equal payments.

Property Committee

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

1. Received the report:
2. Noted that the General Trustees are now in agreement with the design and the professional supervision element in place for the completion of a new Brodick manse. An E mail to that effect has been received by the Presbytery Clerk and copied to the Property Convener.

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 within Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.//

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Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 19th February 2020 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

