

On the Zoom platform on 1st September 2020, which date and place the Presbytery of Ardrossan met virtually 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 Jonathan Fleming, Rev Alan Ford, Rev Roddy Macdonald, Rev Lily McKinnon, Rev James McNay, Rev Dr Graham McWilliams, Rev Ross Mitchell, Rev Sarah Nicol, Rev David Sutherland, Rev Martin Thomson, Rev Alan Ward, Rev David Watson, Rev Elizabeth Watson.

Elders: Mr Ian Brown, Mrs Margaret Cassidy, Mr Archie Currie, Mrs Mairi Duff, Margaret Green, Mr Ian Hackney, Finlay Kerr, Mrs Lynne Kerr, Mr William Mackay, Lorna McDonald, Stewart McLellan, Mr Stuart McMahan, Mr Fulton Murdoch, Mr Brian Murray, Mr David Noble, Mr Magnus Ross, Mrs Christine Thomas, Mrs Kay Tudor.

Corresponding Members: Mrs Mary Ford.

[To be assigned: Galaxy A50 ; Welcome ; Galaxy Tab A]

Apologies for Absence

Ministers: Rev Norman Cruickshank, Rev Marion Howie.

Elders: Mr William Parker.

Deacons: Fiona Blair.

Corresponding Members: Mr Andrew Bruce.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2020 (Pages 8-13) were approved.

Correspondence

Correspondence had been circulated to Presbytery over the past few months of Lockdown.

Intimations

The Clerk intimated that a sole nominee, Rev Nigel Chikanya had preached for the charge of Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate on Sunday 30th August. More details on the result of that would be given in due course.

Mr Douglas Creighton, Graduate Candidate preached as sole nominee for East Neuk Trinity and St Monan's on Sunday 30th August. Details of Mr Creighton's Ordination and Induction will be given later.//

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Order of Business

As was in print except for an addition to the Property Report at No. 4 and an addition of a No. 2b to the Ministries & Superintendence Committee deliverances. Also an addition to Finance & Stewardship Deliverance, a No. 3 in relation to Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church.

Roll of Presbytery

Rev Alex Noble transferred to the Presbytery of Gordon with his retirement on 31st May 2020.

STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORTS & DELIVERANCES

Business Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. Received the report:
2. **Agreed** to revoke the powers of the Business Sub-Committee that have been acting on behalf of Presbytery.
3. **Approved** the Presbytery Committees for Session 2020/2021 as proposed by the Business Committee Sub-Committee, as they appear in the Presbytery **Year Book for 2020/2021**.
4. **Noted** that during his term of office the Moderator will conduct worship in the churches he didn't complete last year according to the guidelines on restrictions.
5. **Noted** that an interim General Assembly will take place on Friday night of 2nd to Saturday 3rd October virtually. The Commissioners invited to attend the GA are those who would have attended the Assembly in May that was cancelled.
6. **Appointed** Rev Dr Graham McWilliams and Mr R Allan Richardson to the Commission of Assembly.
7. **Noted** that the Presbyteries of Ardrossan, Ayr, Irvine & Kilmarnock, Annandale & Eskdale, Dumfries & Kirkcubright, Wigtown and Stranraer had met virtually on Zoom on two occasions to explore the way for a United Presbytery of the six.
The convener invited Rev Jonathan Fleming and Rev James McNay to give an update on the meetings.
The Presbytery Clerks were meeting on Wednesday 2nd September at 4.00pm on Zoom.

Property Committee

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

1. **Received** the report.//

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2. **Approved** the installation of the AV and sound equipment in line with CARTA recommendations and after ascertaining the final costs adopting the professional input from the CARTA professional at Largs St. Columba's. Monies were available for the work and an extract minute was received regarding the proposals.
3. **Homologated** the decision to accept the lowest quotation from 'Freel and Beattie' and to continue to carry out the emergency works to the bell tower at Largs Clark Memorial Church. Monies were in place and an extract minute received by the Presbytery Clerk.
4. **Noted** that the General Trustee Fabric Committee have approved the works at Stevenston Livingstone Parish Church and as such a preferred contractor can now proceed to carry out the repairs. Monies are in place and an extract minute had been received for a previous Presbytery meeting.
5. **Noted** that an air test and fogging treatment was carried out at Ardeer Parish Church and that the costs were met by Presbytery of £380 and that a further in-depth report will be forthcoming in the near future.
6. **Approved** the purchase of identical folders with identical numbered clearly defined sections within and contents page with shorter explanations of the information needed and give these out to all church congregations for next year's attestation of records. The costs to be met by the Presbytery.
7. **Noted** that the works had started on Brodick Manse and a professional supervisor from Allied Surveyors had been commissioned to report on stages of construction as the works proceed.
8. **Homologated** emergency work to repair and reinstate a leaded window at Lamlash Parish Church that collapsed during inclement weather in the amount of £12,920. Monies were available including a contribution from the Church Insurance.

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

1. **Received** the report.
2. **Noted: Attestation of Rolls and Records**
 - a. All completed during February 2020 even Arran. The convener had one outstanding issue which would have to wait until COVID-19 restrictions are rescinded.
 - b. All accounts for 2019, with the exception of one church had been submitted. Another 2 had minor issues caused by COVID-19 which would be resolved.
3. **Noted that all Ministers Log Books** had been attested by May 2020 and that a report would be submitted to Ministries Council.
4. **Noted the current status regarding the Local Church Review 2019/2020**
 - a. Saltcoats: St. Cuthbert's completed approved virtually by the Kirk Session and will be presented to Presbytery next month
 - b. Whiting Bay and Kildonan awaiting Kirk Session approval.
 - c. Beith "My Story" completed awaiting visit which was cancelled due to the lockdown and has yet to take place.
5. **Noted: Local Church Review 2020/21**
The following four churches were due for review this coming year, subject to COVID 19
 - a. Largs: St. Columba's
 - b. Lamlash I/w Kilmory
 - c. Largs: Clark Memorial
 - d. West Kilbride.//

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6. **Noted: Safeguarding** that there had been communication between the Presbytery trainer, Presbytery contact and Safeguarding at 121 on how to take forward training which at this time would be virtual.

Finance & Stewardship Committee

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

1. **Received** the report.
2. **Vice-Convener was asked to present this part: Approved** a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission contributions of 2020 of £1,621.71 made by the congregation of Stevenston Livingstone (120681) to be funded from the 2020 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
3. **Approved** a reduction of Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of 2020 of £2,250 made by the congregation of Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish.

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet virtually on Tuesday 6th October 2020 at 7.30pm for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet virtually on Wednesday 23rd September 2020 at 7.30pm.

Benediction

Presbytery was then adjourned by the saying of the grace together.

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

