

**On the Zoom platform on 6<sup>th</sup> October 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 David Albon, Rev Hilary Beresford, Rev Scott Cameron, Rev Jonathan Fleming, Rev Marion Howie, Rev Roddy Macdonald, Rev James McNay, Rev Dr Graham McWilliams, Rev Ross Mitchell, Rev Fiona Ross, Rev David Stewart, Rev David Sutherland, Rev Andrew Taylor, Rev Martin Thomson, Rev David Watson, Rev Elizabeth Watson.

**Elders:** Miss Christine Black, Mr Ian Brown, Mr Andrew Campbell, Mrs Margaret Cassidy, Mr Archie Currie, Mrs Elizabeth R. Clark, Mrs Margaret Green, Mrs Lynne Kerr, Mrs Lorna McDonald, Mr Ian Hackney, Mr William Mackay, Mrs Linda McClelland, Mr Stewart McLellan, Mr Stuart McMahan, Mr Brian Murray, Mrs Deirdre Murray, Mr Fulton Murdoch, Mr David Noble, Mrs Peigi Robb, Mr Magnus Ross, Mrs Christine Thomas, Mrs Kay Tudor,

**Corresponding Members:** Mrs Aileen Brookens, Mr Andrew Bruce.

### **Apologies for Absence**

**Ministers:** Rev Angus Adamson; Rev Lily McKinnon; Rev Alan Ward

**Elders:** Mrs Mairi Duff, Mr William Parker

**Corresponding Members:** Mrs Elizabeth Clarke, Mrs Helen Kerr.

### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 (Pages 14-17) were approved with amendment to Sederunt.

### **Correspondence**

A letter from Rev Elizabeth Watson minister in charge of Whiting Bay & Kildonan Church informing Presbytery of her intention to retire from the charge on 1st April 2021.

A letter from Rev Angus Adamson informing Presbytery of his demission from the charge of Brodick I/w Corrie I/w Lochranza & Pirnmill I/w Shiskine on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

An E mail from Mary McLeod, Solicitor of the Church to inform Presbytery that Kilwinning: Abbey Church of Scotland has been granted a Unitary Deed of Constitution for the congregation by the Delegation of Assembly.//

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An E mail from Mr Barry Clarkson of CoSIS with information that their website had been updated with the confirmation that no additional charge will be made by Aviva for properties that remain unoccupied solely due to Covid-19 after 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

Individuals from congregations can contact CoSIS for further information.

### **Order of Business**

As was in the print with an amendment to the Appraisal Committee at No. 2 relating to Kilmory l/w Lamlash.

### **Roll of Presbytery**

Rev David Stewart, retired minister Category R transferred from Greenock and Paisley Presbytery is added to the roll. Mr Stewart was asked to take the oath that he took at his ordination, he would be asked to sign the formula at a later date.

Rev R Angus Adamson would remain on the roll as a Category O minister and retain a seat in Presbytery.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **REPORTS & DELIVERANCES**

#### **Appraisal Committee**

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

**Presbytery:**

1. **Receive** the report;
2. **Noted** the extension of Reviewable Tenure for Kilmory and Lamlash Parish Church for twelve months from 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020 (the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the induction of Rev Lily McKinnon).
3. **Noted** that the Appraisal Committee are taking all necessary steps to make progress with the Presbytery Plan with fairness and safety at the forefront of our efforts.

#### **Business Committee**

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

**Presbytery:**

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Agreed** to delay the LCR for 2020/2021 due to the difficulties with the continued Covid-19 pandemic. Congregations involved in a LCR would be contacted.
3. **Noted** that the Ordination of Mr Douglas Creighton and his Induction to the charge of East Neuk l/w St Monans would take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Details of the live streaming would be made available.//

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4. **Noted** that Rev Nigel Chikanya had accepted a Call to be minister of Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church. The date of Induction yet to be determined.
5. **Noted** that Rev Elizabeth R L Watson, minister of Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church intends to retire from her charge on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021. Miss Watson made an agreement with the Faith Nurture Forum to retire a year before her state pension was due and one of the conditions was that she gave six months notice of retirement to Presbytery. On the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 Miss Watson will celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her ordination and 39 years as minister in charge of Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church.
6. **Noted** that Rev R Angus Adamson demitted from the charge of Brodick I/w Corrie I/w Lochranza and Pirnmill I/w Shiskine on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
7. **Appointed** Rev David Sutherland, minister of Stevenston: Ardeer I/w Stevenston: Livingstone as Interim Moderator for the charge of Brodick I/w Corrie I/w Lochranza and Pirnmill I/w Shiskine from 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020.
8. **Appointed** Rev David Watson as a member of the Nan Stevenston Trust.

### Ministries and Superintendence Committee

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

**Presbytery:**

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Received** the reports arising from the Local Church Review visits to:
  - a. Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's Parish Church
  - b. Whiting Bay I/w Kildonan

and commend them to the respective Kirk Sessions for their ongoing encouragement and future planning. (**Reports circulated were taken in Private.**)

3. **Noted** Safeguarding was ongoing in the Presbytery, there had been a Zoom meeting the previous week with Presbytery Safeguarding Co-ordinators, and Fiona Blair the Presbytery Safeguarding trainer. Also attending were Roy Mulvanny, Safeguarding Training Officer Church of Scotland Edinburgh, Caroline Deerin, Safeguarding Training Sub-Committee Chair.

### Property Committee

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

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Approved** the purchase of a gas central heating and hot water system for the manse for Fairlie Parish Church linked with Largs: St. Columba's Parish Church supplied by Scottish Gas as the preferred tender of three obtained, in the amount of £8483.49 plus a possible further £2,000 for the associated works outwith the contract. Monies are available and extract minutes have been received.
3. **Approved** the request to seek advice from CARTA in respect of AV equipment at Fairlie Parish Church costing in the region of £15,000 which includes VAT. Three quotes have been obtained and the application form has been received by the Presbytery Clerk for forwarding all to//

//to CARTA on approval of Presbytery. The church is not seeking funding from the central fabric fund or other sources at this time and they have monies to compete this work.

4. **Approved** the purchase of AV equipment for Dalry: St. Margarets Parish Church in the amount of £16,416 of which £10,000 had been granted as a reduction in the M&M for 2020. Additional monies are available from the church funds and an extract minute has been received.
5. **Noted** the on-going work of the Presbytery representatives in facilitating the opening of churches and church halls for prayer and worship over the last few weeks and months. A special thank you to the Presbytery Clerk who has been under some considerable pressure with all this and other Presbytery matters over the summer recess.

### Finance & Stewardship Committee

**Mr Fulton Murdoch, Vice-Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances.**

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Noted** in terms of Standing Order 34, the Vice-Convener gave Notice of Motion that the Committee would move the approval of the Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2021 at the November meeting of Presbytery.
3. **Noted** the Ministries and Mission payments for 2021 and remind Treasurers that if they feel they may be unable to pay their 2021 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.
4. **Reminded** Treasurers to ensure that they have fully paid all Ministry and Mission dues up to the end of 2020 as required. Failure to do so may render the congregation ineligible to receive monies from the Presbytery 5% M&M reserve.

### Adjournment

**Presbytery adjourned to meet virtually on Tuesday 3rd November 2020 at 7.30pm for the conduct of Ordinary Business.**

**Business Committee to meet virtually on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at 3.00pm.**

### Benediction

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

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

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