

Virtually on Zoom on 1st December 2020 at 7.30 pm, on which date and time the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Mr R Allan Richardson.

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Mr R Allan Richardson (Moderator), Mrs Jean Hunter (Clerk)

Ministers: Rev David Albon, Rev Hilary Beresford, Rev Scott Cameron, Rev Nigel Chikanya, Rev Jonathan Fleming, Rev Marion Howie, Rev Roderick Macdonald, Rev James McNay, Rev Dr Graham McWilliams, Rev Ross Mitchell, Rev Fiona Ross, Rev David Stewart, Rev David Sutherland, Rev Martin Thomson, Rev Alan Ward, Rev David Watson, Rev Elizabeth Watson.

Elders: Mrs Mary Aitken, Miss Christine Black, Mr Ian Brown, Mr Andrew Campbell, Mrs Margaret Cassidy, Mr Archie Currie, Mrs Elizabeth R. Clark, Ms Margaret Green, Mr Ian Hackney, Mr Finlay Kerr, Mrs Lynne Kerr, Mr William Mackay, Mr Stewart MacLellan, Mrs Lorna McDonald, Mr Stuart McMahon, Mr Fulton Murdoch, Mr Brian Murray, Mrs Dierdre Murray, Mr William Parker, Mrs Peigi Robb, Mr Magnus Ross, Mrs Christine Thomas, Mrs Kay Tudor,

Deacons: Mrs Isobel Beck, Miss Fiona Blair.

Corresponding members: Mr Andrew Bruce, Mrs Helen Kerr

Apologies for Absence

Ministers: Rev Norman Cruickshank

Elders: Mrs Mairi Duff

Unassigned: Moto G (5)

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of 3rd November 2020 (Pages 22-25) were approved.

Minutes of the *in hunc effectum* meeting of 19th November 2020, Induction service of Rev Nigel Chikanya to the charge of Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate (pages 26-27) were approved.

Correspondence

An E mail had been received from the Nominations Committee of the Church of Scotland that have more than 50 vacant positions to fill for various committees. If this is a way you can serve the church please contact Julie Rennick, Convener of the Nominations Committee. This has already been circulated to Ministers, Session Clerks, Ministries Development Staff and others.

Order of Business

As in the print.//

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Roll of Presbytery

Rev Nigel Chikanya added to the Roll with his Induction to the charge of Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate.

The Moderator introduced Mr Chikanya and welcomed him to Presbytery.

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. **Noted** the appointment of Mr Brian Murray as Locum in the Vacancy at Saltcoats: North Parish Church from 20th November 2020.
3. **Noted** the appointment of Rev Marion Howie as Locum in the Vacancy at Ardrossan: Park Church from 1st October 2020.
4. **Noted** the resignation of Dr Gordon Isbister from the MDS Post at Ardrossan: Park on 13th November 2020.
5. **Appointed** Mr Ian Brown to attest the Presbytery Minute book when able to.
6. **Noted** that an agreement has been made between Rev Lily McKinnon and Faith Nurture Forum for Mrs McKinnon to step back from her ministerial duties until 31st March 2021 at which date the present tenure for Kilmory I/w Lamlash will end to allow for readjustment in the south of Arran.
7. **Appointed** Mrs Jean Hunter as Interim Moderator for Kilmory I/w Lamlash in the short term.
8. **Noted** the draft paper 'Working Towards a Cohesive Plan for a South West Presbytery' that was presented to Presbytery.

Ministries & Superintendence Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Noted** that after Attestation of Rolls and Records this year training issues were identified. Fiona Blair our Presbytery Safeguarding Trainer and Fulton Murdoch the Presbytery Safeguarding Contact are working hard to prepare and deliver courses during this year of the pandemic.//

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3. **Noted** that an update had been sought from 121 on how or if the Attestation of Rolls and records are to take place in 2021. Once a reply has been received Presbytery would be updated.

The Convener reported that he had received advice from 121 and that it was a Presbytery matter how to proceed. A letter would be sent to ministers and Session Clerks with an explanation that the Attestation of Rolls and Records would not take place as normal in February and what they should do.

Finance & Stewardship Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Approved** a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of 2020 of £10,000 made by the congregation of Largs: St Columba's (120671) in respect of upgrading audio-visual and livestreaming capability to be funded from the 2019 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.

Church & Society Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Noted** that nationally Church and Society has been merged with World Mission into the new Faith Impact Forum.

The committee discussed looking at a change of name to reflect this, but felt that with the imminent larger Presbytery on the horizon, and change at this time might be confusing.

3. **Noted** in its report to the General Assembly the Faith Impact Forum proposed to structure its work around three thematic areas:
 - Congregational Engagement
 - Global Justice
 - Public Witness,
 and that, together with the particular needs of Ardrossan Presbytery, we would look to mirror work in these three areas.
4. **Noted** that it remains the situation that by the time the committee hear locally of events and themes, it is usually too late to present these through Business Committee.
5. **Noted** that the committee will look in 2021 to find ways to facilitate a central diary to co-ordinate events and share best practice.
6. **Commended** the invaluable ongoing work by many congregations and individuals who both continue, and find new ways, to support our neighbours at home and abroad during these times.

7. **Commended** the article on the Church of Scotland website, under News and Events entitled “Christmas might look different this year but its meaning remains the same” dated 23 October. This highlights the areas of Hope, Isolation, and Bridging gaps between people and God. If anyone is not online, I’m sure someone from your congregation will print this off for you.
8. **Noted** the event entitled Carols for Christmas on the Doorstep (you can search for their website). This is an event based in Shropshire where the local radio station have agreed to broadcast carols whereby anyone who cares to join in can go to their door and, with the radio broadcast to keep them in time, enjoy some community singing.

I’m sure we all will have heard disappointment that there will likely be a restriction on carol singing in churches at Christmas this year. While we have no radio station which, locally, would broadcast Presbytery wide, perhaps congregations, either individually, or better still, town or locality wide, could use Zoom or a similar platform, to have a communal time of praise, either on the doorstep or inside their own homes.

Property Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Approved Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church’s** expenditure of £157,520 (includes VAT and some recovery of same) in order to commence and complete Phase 2 of the internal refurbishment and associated works subject to further approval by the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland. The money is available from the church funds and an Extract Minute has been received by the Presbytery Clerk.
3. **Approved** the purchase of AV equipment at Kilwinning: Abbey Church and their application to apply to CARTA for advice and approval of the siting of the same within the church.
4. **Noted** that Stevenston: Livingstone Parish Church rot and refurbishment works have now been completed under budget and in good time.
5. **Approved** the application from Stevenston: Livingstone Parish Church to the General Trustees for a funding grant in connection with the repair and rot work to the roof and ceilings, and any ongoing works to be investigated in the coming 12 months.

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 2nd February 2021 at 7.30pm virtually on Zoom for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 3.00 pm virtually on Zoom.

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Presbytery was then adjourned in prayer by the Moderator.

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.....Clerk

