

Virtually on Zoom on 2nd February 2021 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.

Sederunt

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

Ministers: Rev David Albon, Rev Hilary Beresford, Mr Andrew Campbell, Rev Nigel Chikanya, Mr Archie Currie, Rev W P Finlay, Rev Jonathan Fleming, Rev Marion Howie, Rev Roderick Macdonald, Rev Marjorie Mackay, Mr William Mackay, Rev James McNay, Rev Dr Graham McWilliams, Rev Ross Mitchell, Rev Sarah Nicol, Rev David Stewart, Rev David Sutherland, Rev Andrew Taylor, Rev Martin Thomson, Rev Alan Ward, Rev David Watson, Rev Elizabeth Watson.

Elders: Mrs Mary Aitken, Mr Ian Brown, Mrs Margaret Cassidy, Mrs Elizabeth Clark, Mrs Mary Ford, Mrs Margaret Green, Mr Ian Hackney, Mrs Helen Kerr, Mrs Lynne Kerr, Mrs Lorna MacDonald, Mr Stuart McLelland, Mr Stuart McMahan, Mr J Fulton Murdoch, Mr Brian Murray, Mrs Deirdre Murray, Mr David Noble, Mrs Peigi Robb, Mr Magnus Ross, Mrs Christine Thomas, Mrs Kay Tudor.

Deacons: Mrs Isobel Beck, Miss Fiona Blair.

Corresponding members: Mr Andrew Bruce.

Apologies for Absence

Ministers: Rev Alan Ford, Rev Lily McKinnon, Rev Fiona Ross,

Elders: Mrs Mairi Duff, Mrs Linda McLelland, Mr William Parker.

Unassigned: Moto G (5)

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of 1st December 2020 (Pages 28-32) were approved.

Correspondence

All correspondence had been previously circulated. The Mission Convener, Rev Hilary Beresford had material pertaining to Christian Aid and would circulate this.

Roll of Presbytery

Rev Lesley Paton Cox, retired minister was added to the roll of Presbytery and would be added to our part of the Ministries Registration category R.

Order of Business

Was as in the print on Agenda.

STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORTS & DELIVERANCES//

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Appraisal Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Approved** the amendment of the Presbytery Plan for Stevenston: Ardeer and Stevenston: Livingstone to allow for a Union with the current Stevenston: Livingstone Parish Church as the sole place of worship.
3. **Supported** the decisions made 'in principle' by the Kirk Sessions of Stevenston: Ardeer and Stevenston: Livingstone to accept the proposed offer by the General Trustees in relation to the Ardeer building.

Business Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Noted** that the Kirk Sessions of Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza & Pirnmill and Shiskine appointed Mrs Elizabeth Clark as Locum for the North Arran linkage from 1st January.
3. **Appointed** the following as Commissioners to the General Assembly 2021:
Ministers: Rev David Albon, Rev Scott Cameron, Rev Jonathan Fleming, Rev James McNay, Rev David Watson.
Deacon: Miss Fiona Blair.
Elders: Mr Archie Currie, Ms Roni Fitzpatrick, Mrs Bea Nicholson, Mr Magnus Ross, Presbytery Clerk.
4. **Noted** that Mrs Jean Hunter MDS, will retire from the post of Parish Assistant for Brodick I/w Corrie I/w Lochranza & Pirnmill I/w Shiskine on 19th February 2021.

The Moderator then gave a brief summary of Mrs Hunter's last twenty years on Arran as a Reader, Locum then in the MDS post as Parish Assistant. He thanked Jean for her service on Arran and in Presbytery.

Vacancy Procedure Committee

Rev Ross Mitchell, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances.

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Noted** that Mrs Jean Hunter stepped down as Interim Moderator at Kilmory I/w Lamlash from 31st January 2021.
3. **Agreed** to the nomination of Mrs Sharon MacLeod as Interim Moderator for Kilmory I/w Lamlash from 1st of February 2021.
4. **Agreed** to the nomination of Mr Brian Murray as Interim Moderator for Whiting Bay and Kildonan from 1st February 2021.//

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Ministries & Superintendence Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Noted** that due to the current COVID-19 restrictions self-certificate forms for Attestation of Rolls and Records have been sent out early January to Session Clerks for them to check their records at this time. A copy for information has also been sent out to Ministers and Interim Moderators. A return of Safeguarding SG 7 and SG 11 are also required as is a property self-certificate form. A number of certificates are required to accompany the property form. The forms should be returned by the 24th February 2021. A full examination of 2020 records will take place when we are permitted 2021 or 2022.
3. **Noted** that a number of Safeguarding training courses had taken place on Zoom during the latter part of 2020. The number attending Co-ordinator initial /refresher training was 22 and attending Volunteer initial/ refresher training was 89. Two different courses per month have been offered January to June 2021. The courses and dates have been circulated to Co-ordinators.

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.
3. **Approved** a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of 2021 of £3782 made by the congregation of Dalry: Trinity 120658 in respect of upgrading audio-visual and livestreaming capability to be funded from the 2020 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
4. **Reminded** 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 28th February 2021.
5. **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.
6. **Agreed** to give dispensation to Stevenston: Ardeer Parish Church 120679 from paying their 2021 Ministry & Mission allocation by Standing Order over ten or twelve equal instalments.//

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

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 17th February 2021 at 3.00 pm virtually on Zoom.

Benediction

Presbytery was then adjourned in prayer by the Moderator.

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

