

**Virtually on Zoom on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 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; Rev Nigel Chikanya; Rev Jonathan Fleming; Rev Marion Howie; Rev Roderick Macdonald; Rev Lily McKinnon; 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; Miss Christine Black; Mr Ian Brown; Mr Andrew Campbell; Mrs Margaret Cassidy; Mrs Elizabeth R Clark; Mrs Margaret Green; Mr Ian Hackney; Mrs Lynne Kerr; Mr Bill Mackay; Mrs Lorna MacLelland; Mr J. Fulton Murdoch; Mr Brian Murray; Mrs Deirdre Murray; Mr David Noble; Mr Magnus Ross; Mrs Christine Thomas.

**Corresponding members:** Mrs Aileen Brookens; Mr Andrew Bruce, Mrs Helen Kerr, Mrs Mary Ford.

### **Apologies for Absence**

**Ministers:** Rev Norman Cruickshank; Rev Dr Alan Falconer; Rev Alan Ford; Rev James McNay; Rev Fiona Ross.

**Elders:** Mr Archie Currie; Mr Stuart McMahan.

### **Minutes**

**Minutes** of the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 (Pages 1-4) were approved after the following amendments: under Sederunt – removed Mrs Mary Ford and Mrs Helen Kerr from Elders list to Corresponding members list of attending.

Under Finance & Stewardship Committee – No. 2 should have read Kilwinning Abbey not Largs St Columba's.

### **Correspondence**

An email had been received from the Assembly Trustees: welcoming applications from anyone interested in becoming an Assembly Trustee.

Most correspondence had been sent out to ministers, Deacons and Session Clerks directly from staff of 121. Other information is on the Church of Scotland website.

The Clerk reminded Presbyters to use the Presbytery Ardrossan E mail address when contacting her.

### **Roll of Presbytery**

No change

### **Order of Business**

Was as in the print on Agenda except that the Nan Stevenson Trust AGM would be held before the Standing Committees.//

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## Order of the Day

### Nan Stevenson Trust AGM

Mrs Christine Thomas, Treasurer presented the accounts of the Nan Stevenson Trust and explained them. A balance of £272, 456 remained in the account and money was available for loans.

The Moderator thanked Mrs Thomas for her work for the Trust.

## 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** that most of the Annual Congregational Statistical Returns had been returned to 121. These were submitted through Survey Monkey this year.
3. **Approved the Presbytery Accounts for 2020**, previously circulated. Accounts to be presented by Mrs Christine Thomas.
4. **Approved** the Presbytery dues for 2021 to be set at £3.60p per member, this included the survey fees at 60p. Mrs Thomas explained the budget for 2021 that had been circulated.

The Moderator thanked Mrs Thomas for presenting the accounts and all her work throughout the year as Treasurer.

5. **Appointed** Rev David Watson and Mr Archie Currie to the Commission of Assembly. One minister and one elder are appointed each year from the Presbytery commissioners to the General Assembly.
6. **Noted** the retirement of Rev Elizabeth Watson, minister of the charge of Whiting Bay and Kildonan on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 after 39 years since her Induction.

The Moderator thanked Miss Watson for her years of ministry and paid a fitting tribute to her a copy of which is in the Appendix.

7. **Noted** the retirement of Rev Lily McKinnon, minister of the charge of Kilmory I/w Lamlash on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

The Moderator thanked Mrs McKinnon for her six years as minister of Kilmory and Lamlash and paid tribute for her service in ministry. A copy of the tribute is in the Appendix.

8. **Approved Rev Dave Sutherland**, minister of Stevenston Ardeer I/w Stevenston Livingstone as Moderator of Presbytery elect for Session 2021/2022.
9. **Presbytery Union: Rev Jonathan Fleming** was asked to present a report on behalf of the steering group on the union of the Presbyteries of Ayr, Annandale and Eskdale, Ardrossan, Dumfries and Kirkcudbright, Irvine & Kilmarnock and Wigtown & Stranraer. The document//

//document 'Working Towards a Cohesive Plan for the Presbytery of South West Scotland' had been presented to Presbytery in December 2020 and was Noted.

Mr Fleming gave a full explanation from the steering group's meetings and decisions to present to the six presbyteries for agreement to move forward to a union forming a South west Presbytery.

After debate the Moderator asked for a show of hands to agree to move forward to union. There were 12 for the agreement and 11 against.

**Agreed** to the Presbyteries of Ayr, Annandale & Eskdale, Ardrossan, Dumfries & Kirkcudbright, Irvine & Kilmarnock and Wigtown & Stranraer uniting to form a South West Presbytery.

#### **10. Notice to General Assembly of 2021**

The Moderator had asked for a show of hands to the agreement to give notice to the General Assembly of 2021 of the six presbyteries of their intent to unite.

There were 14 for the agreement and 10 against

**Agreed** along with the other Presbyteries to give notice to the General Assembly of 2021 of their intent to unite.

#### **Finance & Stewardship Committee**

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Agreed** a dispensation to Dalry St Margaret's Parish Church (120657) from paying their 2021 Ministry & Mission allocation by Standing Order over ten or twelve equal instalments to allow them to pay in 2 instalments in July and November 2021.
3. **Agreed** a dispensation to Lamlash Parish Church (120699) from paying their 2021 Ministry & Mission allocation by Standing Order over ten or twelve equal instalments to allow them to pay in 2 instalments in July and November 2021.

#### **Property Committee**

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Approved** in principle the request to let out the manse of Ardrossan Park Church on the condition all legalities of land-lordship, safety and fabric conditions are met. An extract minute had been received.

**Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.30pm virtually on Zoom for the conduct of Ordinary Business.**

**Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021 at 3.00 pm virtually on Zoom.//**

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**Benediction**

Presbytery was then adjourned in prayer by the Moderator.

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

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