

Virtually on Zoom on May 4th 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 Tom Macintyre; Rev James McNay; Rev Dr Graham McWilliams; Rev Ross Mitchell; Rev Fiona Ross; Rev David Stewart; Rev Dave Sutherland; Rev Martin Thomson; Rev Alan Ward; Rev David Watson; Rev Elizabeth Watson.

Elders: Mr Ian Brown; Mr Andrew Campbell; Mrs Margaret Cassidy; Mrs Elizabeth R Clark; Mr Archie Currie; Mrs Mairi Duff; Mrs Margaret Green; Mr Finlay Kerr; Mrs Lynne Kerr; Mr Ian Hackney; Mr William Mackay; Mrs Linda McClelland; Mrs Lorna McDonald; Mr Stewart McLellan; Mr Stuart McMahan; Mr Fulton Murdoch; Mr Brian Murray; Mrs Dierdre Murray; Mr David Noble; Mr William Parker; Mrs Fay Reid; Mrs Peigi Robb; Mr Magnus Ross; Mrs Christine Thomas; Mrs Kay Tudor.

Deacons: Miss Fiona Blair; Mrs Isobel Beck.

Corresponding members: Mrs Aileen Brookens; Mr Andrew Bruce; Mrs Mary Ford; Mrs Helen Kerr; Mrs Sharon Macleod.

Apologies for Absence

Ministers: Rev Alan Ford, Rev Sarah Nicol.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of 2nd March 2021 (Pages 5-8) were approved.

Correspondence

Most correspondence had been previously circulated.

The Clerk reminded Presbyters of her new contact details which were on the Presbytery Agenda.

Roll of Presbytery

Rev Tom MacIntyre, retired minister, added to the roll with his move from Aberdeen & Shetland Presbytery. The Moderator welcomed Mr MacIntyre to Presbytery.

Order of Business

Was as in print on the Agenda with the following additions: Under Appraisal Committee Nos. 3 & 4 references to Mission Group 3 were withdrawn; Under Business Committee added a new No. 5 relating to the appointment of an Interim Moderator for Cumbrae l/w Largs St John's and renumbered from 6.//

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STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORTS & DELIVERANCES

Appraisal Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Noted** that Mission Groups 1, 2 and 3 would be brought to Presbytery following a time of consultation with affected congregations.
3. **Accepted** the proposed amendments with readjustment after discussion to Mission Group 4. **Representatives** of the congregations of Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza and Pirnmill, Shiskine, Kilmory, Lamlash and Whiting Bay had been cited for their interests.
4. **Agreed** to remove suspension of the Presbytery Plan from Mission Group 4 to allow amendments and readjustment to proceed (subject to concurrence from PPTG).
5. **Noted** that adjustments may be required in light of proposals coming up at the General Assembly of 2021.

Business Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Noted receipt** of a valid call to Rev Jonathan Fleming from Greenock: Lyle Kirk which had been sustained by the Presbytery of Clyde.
3. **Agreed to release** Mr Fleming from his current charge of Cumbrae I/w Largs: St John's.
4. **Noted** that the date of Mr Fleming's Induction to his new charge is set for Tuesday 11th May at 7.00pm. This would be live streamed from Greenock: Lyle Kirk.

The Moderator thanked Rev Fleming for all his work within Presbytery. He paid a fitting tribute to Mr Fleming's ministry and his time as minister with Cumbrae and Largs: St John's.

The Moderator's address is contained in the Appendix of the Minute Book.

5. **Appointed** Rev Dr Graham McWilliams, minister of Fairlie I/w Largs: St Columba's, as Interim Moderator from the 7th May 2021 in the charge of Cumbrae I/w Largs: St John's.
6. **Noted** that the Presbyteries of Ayr, Annandale & Eskdale, Ardrossan, Dumfries & Kirkcudbright, Irvine & Kilmarnock and Wigtown & Stranraer have agreed to unite to form the Presbytery of the South West. An Extract Minute of the relevant Presbytery meetings and the Overture anent the union of the six Presbyteries have been sent to the Assembly Office and the Principal Clerk.
7. **Approved** the date of the next Business Committee meeting being changed to Wednesday 2nd June because of the General Assembly meeting when the appointed date for Business Committee was set.//

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8. **Noted** that Mr J Fulton Murdoch has agreed to administer Zoom meetings on behalf of Presbytery.
9. **Appointed** Rev James McNay as Appraisal Committee Convener from 7th May 2021.
10. **Appointed** Rev Dave Sutherland as a commissioner at the 2021 General Assembly in place of Rev Jonathan Fleming.

Ministries & Superintendence Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Noted** that this year's Attestation of Rolls and Records took the form of a self-certificated checklist by Session Clerks and has been completed. There are three congregations where the Safeguarding forms are as yet incomplete. Eight congregations have yet to submit property registers to the Property Convener.
3. **Noted** that the Local Church Reviews to be carried out during 2021/22 are:
 - a. Complete Beith (from the 2020 schedule).
 - b. West Kilbride
 - c. Largs: Clark Memorial
 - d. Fairlie I/w Largs: St. Columba's

and note the convener of each group will be asked to make pastoral contact with the minister of these churches. Once COVID restrictions are removed to allow meetings to take place, the Local Church Review 'My Story' questionnaires will be e-mailed to the various churches allowing the process to proceed and be concluded.

4. **Noted** the Safeguarding report circulated with these papers.
5. **Approved** in view of an issue raised by Safeguarding that a survey should be carried out by congregations on the need to provide suitable computer equipment and training in order that all office bearers can competently complete their duties.
6. **Noted** that an email had been sent out to all Ministers requesting that their logbooks should be submitted for inspection to the Convener as soon as possible. However, a different way would have to be found to inspect minister's mileage as the logbooks are no longer in use and all information was now submitted online.

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 2021 of £10,000 made by the congregation of Fairlie Parish Church 120659 in respect of upgrading audio-visual and livestreaming capability to be funded from the 2020 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve provided that any requirements from the General Trustees and Presbytery are fully complied.
3. **Approved** a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of 2021 of £8,000 made by the congregation of Corrie Parish Church 120655 in respect of the exceptional financial//

//financial circumstances faced by Corrie Parish Church in meeting their contributions to the building of the North Arran Manse.

- 4. **Encouraged** the congregations of Brodick I/w Corrie I/w Lochranza & Pirnmill I/w Shiskine to review the contributions to the Manse building costs to take into account the current financial circumstances.
- 5. **Encouraged** the congregations of Brodick I/w Corrie I/w Lochranza & Pirnmill I/w Shiskine to seek financial support in respect of the Manse build costs from other funding bodies.

Property Committee

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

Presbytery:

- 1. **Received** the report;
- 2. **Approved** the fitting of new windows and doors at West Kilbride Parish Church Manse in the amount of £12,300, or thereby, which includes VAT.
- 3. **Approved** in Brodick I/w Corrie I/w Lochranza & Pirnmill I/w Shiskine to approach the General Trustees by application for funding assistance towards the new manse build.
- 4. **Approved** Saltcoats: North Parish Church’s request in principle to rent out the manse depending on all the legalities being in place, a local letting agent commissioned to oversee the let and the elders in a majority or unanimously agreeing on this course of action.

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 8th June 2021 at 7.30pm virtually on Zoom for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 2nd June 2021 at 3.00 pm virtually on Zoom.

Benediction

Presbytery was then adjourned in prayer by the Moderator.

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

