

Virtually on Zoom on June 8th 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.

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

Ministers: Rev Hilary Beresford, Rev Scott Cameron, Rev Nigel Chikanya, Rev Caryl Kyle, Rev Tom MacIntyre, Rev Ross Mitchell, Rev James McNay, Rev Dr Graham McWilliams, Rev Sarah Nichol, Rev Fiona Ross, Rev Dave Sutherland, Rev Andrew Taylor, Rev Martin Thomson, Rev Alan Ward, Rev David Watson, Rev Elizabeth Watson.

Elders: Mr Ian Brown, Mr Andy Campbell, Mrs Margaret Cassidy, Mrs Elizabeth Clark, Mr Ewan Cochran, Mr Archie Currie, Mrs Margaret Green, Mr Ian Hackney, Mr Findlay Kerr, Mrs Lynne Kerr, Mrs Lorna McDonald, Mrs Linda McLelland, Mr Stuart McLellan, Stuart McMahan, Mr Fulton Murdoch, Mr Brian Murray, Mrs Deirdre Murray, Mr David Noble, Mrs Peigi Robb, Mr Magnus Ross, Mrs Kay Tudor, Christine Thomas.

Deacons: Miss Fiona Blair.

Corresponding members: Mrs Mary Ford, Mrs Helen Kerr.

Apologies for Absence

Ministers: Rev David Albon, Rev Roddy MacDonald, Rev Marjory Mackay

Elders: Mr Bill McKay.

Corresponding Members: Mr Andrew Bruce

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of 4th May 2021 (Pages 9-12) were approved.

Correspondence

An E mail from the Scottish Government with information of new funding available to places of worship to provide security measures to combat hate crime.

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

The full collated deliverances from the General Assembly of 2021 were now on the Church of Scotland website.

Roll of Presbytery

In his welcome, the Moderator congratulated Rev David Albon on thirty years of his ordination.

Rev Caryl Kyle, retired minister, added to the roll with her move from Hamilton Presbytery. The Moderator welcomed Mrs Kyle to Presbytery.

Removed from the roll through death, Rev David Heberton.//

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Tribute

Presbytery was saddened to hear of the death of Rev David Hebenton. Rev James McNay paid a fitting tribute to the life and service of Rev Hebenton whose funeral service had taken place earlier in the day.

(Tribute contained in the Appendix in the Presbytery Minute Book).

Order of Business

Was as in print on the Agenda with the addition of the Tribute to Rev David Hebenton.

Annual Report of Guilds Together, North Ayrshire

Mrs Mary Ford, Convener, gave a report of the work of the Guild local and national in the past year. Her report was accompanied by some slides.

The Moderator thanked Mrs Ford for her report and for the work of Guild members especially relating to the fundraising from their projects.

(The report is contained in the Appendix in the Presbytery Minute Book).

STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORTS & DELIVERANCES

Appraisal Committee

Rev James McNay, Convener, gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances:

Presbytery:

- 1. Received** the report;
- Noted the Presbytery Mission Plan Act agreed by the General Assembly 2021 and that final approval of Presbytery Mission Plans are to take place by 31st December 2022.
- Noted that throughout Scotland, Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) ministries are to be cut to 600 (with 60 vacancies) by 2025.
- Noted that Ardrossan Presbytery must drop from 23.1 FTE Ministries to 13.5 FTE ministries in our Presbytery Mission Plan.
- Noted the temporary amendment to the Vacancy Procedure Act (Act VIII 2003) that where permission to call has been given to a charge prior to 1st June 2021 that unless a sole nominee has preached for the vacancy by 31st December 2021, the process may be discontinued at that date unless agreement is reached between the Presbytery and the Faith Nurture Forum.

Business Committee

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

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1. **Received** the report;
2. **Noted** that Mrs Deirdre Murray had agreed to serve on the Complaints Committee. This committee needed adding to.
3. **Noted** that the Overture anent the union of the Presbyteries of Annan and Eskdale, Ardrossan, Ayr, Dumfries & Kirkcudbright, Irvine & Kilmarnock and Wigtown & Stranraer to make the Presbytery of the South West was passed at the General Assembly 2021. This union will be enacted in September 2022.
4. **Noted** diligence at the General Assembly of 2021, report was given by Mr Archie Currie. (Report in Appendix of the Presbytery Minute Book).
5. **Noted** that the Presbytery Yearbook 2021/2022 would be published in electronic form. Paper print outs would be provided for those not on E mail.
6. **Agreed** that the present Presbytery Committees membership would be retained until September 2022 although some small changes will be necessary.
7. **Noted** that it was not known yet if the Presbytery meeting in September and the Business Committee in August would be in person meetings or on Zoom. Presbytery will be kept informed.

Ministries & Superintendence Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Noted** that all Minsters logbooks that had been submitted had been inspected certified and returned. A report would be submitted to Faith Nurture in due course.

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 Largs: Clark Memorial Parish Church 120670 in respect of upgrading audio-visual and live streaming capability to be funded from the 2020 5% Presbytery Ministries & Mission Reserve provided that any requirements from the General Trustees and Presbytery are fully complied with.

Church & Society Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report:
2. **Homologated** the decision to support Mr Richard Campbell-Doughty, Presbytery Forces Champion, to attend a Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Course for the Armed Forces//

//Forces Community, to be held in Grangemouth on the 6th and 7th July 2021. It was proposed that Presbytery cover the cost of £130, plus reasonable expenses for Mr Campbell-Doughty. Due to the short notice for registration, a decision was required. The Presbytery Clerk had supported this and the Treasurer was happy that the cost could be covered.

Mission Committee

Rev Hilary Beresford, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following Deliverances.

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Noted** that there was attendance at the Christian Aid Virtual gathering on 16th February, which was both informative and reflective. A summary is in the Report.
3. **Noted** that Christian Aid Week 2021 took place from 10-16 May. It focused on the climate crisis and how it affects the people living in Kenya, who continue to battle the effects of extreme weather.
4. **Noted** World Day of Prayer held on 5th March was discussed and information to all congregations regarding the webinar had been sent.
5. **Noted** tnext issue of the prayer diary had been discussed over both meetings and the final copy was attached for distribution.
6. **Noted** that no take up for training had been received by the committee, even after the work to set this up had been requested by congregations, and was successfully produced.

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 7th September 2021 at 7.30pm virtually on Zoom for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 25th August 2021 at 3.00 pm virtually on Zoom.

Benediction

Presbytery was then adjourned in prayer by the Moderator.

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

