

**At West Kilbride Parish Church on 7<sup>th</sup> September September 2021, which date and place 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 Hilary Beresford, Rev Nigel Chikanya, Rev Caryl Kyle, Rev Roderick Macdonald, Rev Thomas Macintyre, Rev Dr Graham McWilliams, Rev Ross Mitchell, Rev Dave Sutherland, Rev Martin Thomson, Rev Alan Ward, Rev David Watson.

**Elders:** Mr Ian Brown, Mrs Margaret Cassidy, Mr Archie Currie, Mr Kenneth Gibson, Mr William Mackay, Mrs Sharon McLeod, Mr Stewart McLellan, Mr Stuart McMahan, Mr Fulton Murdoch, Mr David Noble, Mrs Peigi Robb, Mr Magnus Ross, Mrs Kathleen Tudor.

**Deacons:** Miss Fiona Blair.

**Corresponding Members:** Mrs Helen Kerr.

### **Apologies for Absence**

**Ministers:** Rev David Albon, Rev Scott Cameron, Rev Alan Ford, Rev Marion Howie, Rev Marjory Mackay, Rev James McNay, Rev Sarah Nicol, Rev Fiona Ross, Rev Elizabeth Watson.

**Deacons:** Mrs Isobel Beck.

**Elders:** Mrs Mary Aitken, Mrs Aileen Brookens, Mr Andrew Bruce, Mr Andy Campbell, Mrs Elizabeth Clarke, Mrs Elizabeth R Clark, Mrs Lorna MacDonald, Mrs Linda McClelland, Mr Brian Murray, Mrs Deirdre Murray, Mr Bill Parker, Mrs Fay Reid, Mrs Christine Thomas.

**Corresponding Members:** Mrs Mary Ford.

### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2019 (Pages 13-16) were approved with one amendment on Page 13 to record Rev Marjory McKay's apology that had been omitted.

### **Correspondence**

All correspondence has been previously circulated to Presbytery over last few months, 121 had been sending any relevant correspondence directly to Ministers, Deacons, Session Clerks and others.

### **Intimation**

The Clerk reminded Presbyters and informed those new to Presbytery that the circulation of Presbytery papers is done by her Clerical Assistant, Ailsa Morrison. If Presbyters don't receive the Papers by the Saturday preceding the Presbytery meeting they should contact Ailsa.

The Clerk informed the meeting that it was being live streamed for interested parties and that the members of Presbytery that couldn't attend in-person would only be able to watch the meeting but not participate in the Presbytery meeting. There is a protocol in place at the moment that Presbytery//

//Presbytery meetings can take place in-person or on Zoom, but not a hybrid meeting. The protocol is in place until the General Assembly of 2022.

### Order of Business

As was in the print with the additions to the Roll of Presbytery.

### Roll of Presbytery

Removed from Roll – Mrs Ann Turner through resignation as an Additional Elder.

Added to the Roll – new Commissioned Elders:

- Mrs Aileen Brookens – Lamash Church
- Mr Ken Gibson – Stevenston: Livingstone Church
- Mrs Sharon MacLeod – Whiting Bay and Kildonnán.

The Moderator welcomed all new members and thanked those who have stepped down for their service.

### Installation of the Rev David Sutherland BD as Moderator for Session 2021/2022

The Moderator Mr R Allan Richardson addressed Rev Dave Sutherland then installed Rev Sutherland as Moderator for Session 2021/2022. Rev Sutherland took the chair and thanked Mr Richardson for his service as Moderator over two years and for his diligence in carrying out his duties and his pastoral care. He thanked Presbytery for electing him and for entrusting him with this honour and he looked forward to the year ahead.

### 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. **Approved** the Presbytery Committees for Session 2021/2022 as they appear in the Presbytery Year Book for 2021/2022. There are a few changes to the previous Yearbook. New Finance & Stewardship Convener is Mr Fulton Murdoch and new Mission Convener is Rev Nigel Chikanya.
3. **Noted** that during his term of office the Moderator will conduct worship in the following churches:
  - Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate
  - Dalry: St Margaret's
  - Largs: Fairlie I/w St Columba's
  - Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's
  - Stevenston: High
4. **Noted** the appointment of Rev May Bell as Locum at Cumbrae and Largs St John's churches.//

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5. **Noted** that Rev David Albon was on sick leave from 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021.
6. **Noted** that the General Assembly Remits 2021 had been circulated to Presbytery. Two Overtures will come down to Presbytery under the Barrier Act: These have to be completed and returned by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.
  1. OVERTURE AMMENDING THE CHURCH COURTS ACT (ACT III 2000).
  2. SOLEMNISATION OF SAME SEX MARRIAGE OVERTURE
7. **Agreed** to the Business Committee changing the time of their meetings on Wednesdays from 3.00pm to 10.00am.
8. **Noted** that two meetings towards the new Presbytery of the South West had taken place over the summer with representatives of the Presbyteries of Annan & Eskdale, Ardrossan, Ayr, Dumfries & Kirkcudbright, Irvine & Kilmarnock and Wigtown & Stranraer. Rev Taylor Brown from Irvine & Kilmarnock reported to the Group on the talks he had with the relevant people from 121 relating to the start-up finances for a new united presbytery but these have not yet been finalised. The next meeting of the Steering Group will be an in-person one in Stranraer on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

### Appraisal Committee

**The Clerk gave a report on behalf of Rev James McNay, Convener and Presbytery approved the following deliverances:**

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report
2. **Noted** that there would be a meeting for Ministers, Deacons, OLM, MDS staff and Interim Moderators about the Presbytery Mission Plan on Thursday 16th September 2021 at 7.30pm at West Kilbride Parish Church.
3. **Instructed** each Kirk Session to send two Elders (preferably one being the Session Clerk) to a meeting to discuss the Presbytery Mission Plan.
4. **Noted** the dates of these meetings:
  - Thursday 23rd September 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom. (Arran)
  - Saturday 25th September 2021 at 10am at West Kilbride Parish Church. (Mainland)
5. **Noted** that following these meetings, that each Kirk Session would be visited by the Appraisal Committee between November 2021 and January 2022.

### Vacancy Procedure Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report:
2. **Appointed** the Rev Tom Macintyre as Interim Moderator for Brodick I/w Corrie, I/w Lochranza & Pirnmill I/w Shiskine from 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

### Ministries & Superintendence Committee

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

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Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report:
2. **Approved** the delay of the **Local Church Review** (LCR) for 2021/22 as its continuation; (1) could potentially be prejudicial to the Appraisal Committee's work which requires to be completed before the end of the year; (2) The continued uncertainty of the pandemic and the strong Scottish Government recommendation not to engage in large meeting groups inside would cause an issue in planning a timetable. The committee will undertake to carry out a review of the feasibility of proceeding with the LCR 2021/22 early in the New Year.
3. **Noted** the paper circulated with Presbytery papers from Faith Nurture seeking **Person Specification: National Assessors**.
4. **Noted** the **Safeguarding report** circulated with these papers and in particular the paragraph in relation to the instruction to Ministers regarding Safeguarding training.
5. **Noted** that regarding the **Attestation of Rolls and Records 2021** all congregations except one have now submitted documentation. The Treasurer also reports all congregational accounts with the exception of one (same as above) have been submitted and approved. Enquiries are ongoing to offer support to the office bearers of the said congregation to ensure proper documentation is submitted.

**Property Committee**

**The Clerk on behalf of Mr Brian Murray, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following deliverances:**

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report:
2. **Approved** in principle the letting of the manse for Cumbrae linked with Largs: St John's subject to all certification and legal requirements being in place and with the approval of the General Trustees. An extract minute had been received and no major expenditure is foreseen as required to the premises at this time.
3. **Approved** in principle the letting of the manse at Shiskine subject to some remedial and decoration works being in place all certification and legal requirements being in place and with the approval of the General Trustees. Extract minutes had been received in connection with this and all four interested parties are aware and involved in the process.
4. **Homologated** the decision by the Property Committee to allow West Kilbride Parish Church to carry out urgent stone repairs to the steeple and associated decorative pinnacles using Northern Steeplejacks as main contractor and for a cost in the region of £44,995 plus VAT (VAT recoverable). Monies are available within the church funds and an extract minute had been received.

**Finance & Stewardship Committee**

**Mr Fulton Murdoch, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following deliverances.**

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report://

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2. **Approved** the decision made by the Finance & Stewardship Committee not to consider any application for reductions in Ministry & Mission contributions with immediate effect and until there was more clarity in respect of Presbytery Mission Plan.

### **Mission Committee**

**Rev Hilary Beresford, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following deliverances:**

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report:
2. **Noted** that the five marks of mission had been welcomed by the General Assembly as fundamental to healthy congregations. These being:
  - i. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
  - ii. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
  - iii. To respond to human need by loving service
  - iv. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.
  - v. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.
3. **Noted** that the committee commends the Scottish Bible Society's resources to congregations.
4. **Encourages** Kirk Sessions to participate in a National Gift Day during Harvest time and engage with the National Stewardship Programme.
5. **Urges** congregations to adopt the ACORN Programme as a means to help members practise mission at grass roots level, and through support in small groups, to gain confidence in effective discipleship. ACORN being
  - Ask God to nudge us
  - Call: think of people to remember and pray for
  - Obey by sharing time with neighbours
  - Report back/share stories to encourage faith
  - Numerous ways to be active in showing and sharing God's love.

### **Adjournment**

**Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 5th October 2021 for the conduct of Ordinary Business.**

**Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 22nd September 2021 at 10.00am virtually on the Zoom platform.**

**Benediction//**

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Presbytery was then adjourned by the pronouncing of the benediction by Rev Dave Sutherland.

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

