

At West Kilbride Parish Church on 5th October 2021, which date and place the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev David Sutherland BD.

Sederunt

Rev David Sutherland (Moderator), Mrs Jean Hunter (Clerk)

Ministers: Rev Nigel Chikanya, Rev Alan Ford, Rev Caryl Kyle, Rev Roderick Macdonald, Rev James McNay, Rev Dr Graham McWilliams, Rev Ross Mitchell, Rev Fiona Ross, Rev David Stewart, Rev Alan Ward, Rev David Watson.

Elders: Mr Andrew Bruce, Mrs Margaret Cassidy, Mrs Elizabeth Clark, Mr Archie Currie, Mr Kenneth Gibson, Mrs Linda McClelland, Mr Stewart McLellan, Mr Stuart McMahan, Mr Fulton Murdoch, Mr Brian Murray, Mrs Dierdre Murray, Mr David Noble, Mr William Parker, Mr Allan Richardson, Mrs Peigi Robb, Mr Magnus Ross, Mrs Kay Tudor,

Deacons: Mrs I Beck, Miss Fiona Blair.

Corresponding Members: Mrs Mary Ford

Apologies for Absence

Ministers: Rev David Albon, Rev Hilary Beresford, Rev Norman Cruickshank, Rev Marion Howie, Rev Marjory Mackay, Rev Tom Macintyre, Rev Sarah Nicol, Rev Martin Thompson, Rev Elizabeth Watson.

Elders: Mrs Mary Aitken, Mr Ian Brown, Mrs Elizabeth Clarke, Mrs Mairi Duff, Mrs Sharon McLeod, Mrs Christine Thomas.

Corresponding Members: Mrs Helen Kerr.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th June 2021 (Pages 17-22) were approved.

Correspondence

All correspondence had been previously circulated to Presbytery.

Roll of Presbytery

Added to the roll, Mr Magnus Ross as a Representative Elder for Largs: Clark Memorial Church. Mr Ross was removed as an Additional Elder.

Removed from the roll as an Additional Elder, Miss Helen Scott.

Removed from the roll as Representative Elder for Kilwinning Abbey, Mr Andrew Campbell.

The Moderator welcomed Mr Magnus Ross as a commissioned Elder and thanked him for his previous service as an Additional Elder. He thanked Miss Helen Scott and Mr Andrew Campbell who have stepped down from their respective roles.//

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Order of Business

As in the print with an added deliverance at Business Committee No. 8 – South West Presbytery Steering Group meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORTS & DELIVERANCES

Appraisal Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report.
2. **Noted** that an information meeting concerning the Presbytery Mission Plan for Ministers, Deacons, MDS and Interim Moderators was held on 16th September 2021.
3. **Noted** that meetings about the Presbytery Mission Plan with representatives from Kirk Sessions have been held on 23rd September and 25th September 2021.
4. **Noted** that each respective Kirk Session will be visited by representatives from the Appraisal Committee between November 2021 and January 2022 to discuss the Presbytery Mission Plan.
5. **Encourages** Kirk Sessions to share the information about the Presbytery Mission Plan with their own congregations.
6. **Encourages** Kirk Sessions to discuss the Presbytery Mission Plan before the Appraisal Committee meet with them and to complete the survey concerning the Presbytery Mission Plan.
7. **Encourages** Kirk Sessions to engage with other Kirk Sessions, as appropriate, concerning the Presbytery Mission Plan.
8. **Noted** that the General Trustees will be giving training (date to be confirmed, but probably in October) to allow audits to be taken of every building in the Presbytery.

Business Committee

Rev David Watson, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following deliverances:

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report:
2. **Notice of Motion: Overture under the Barrier Act**
Solemnisation of Same Sex Marriage Overture will be considered at the November meeting of Presbytery.
(GA 2021 Remits)
3. **Noted** that the Solemnisation of Same Sex Marriage Overture had been remitted to the Business Committee Convener for preparation for the November Presbytery meeting.
4. **Appointed MDS staff**, Mrs Carol Boyd, Mr Brian Devlin and Mr Angus McKay as Corresponding members of Presbytery.//

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5. **Noted** that the Zoom Fees of £119.90 were due to keep using Zoom and this was agreed by the Business Committee to be paid.
6. **Noted** that the Clerk would attend a Presbytery Clerk's consultation on the Overture Amending the Church Courts Act (Act III 2021) on Zoom on 18th November 2021 ahead of the Overture under the Barrier Act coming to Presbytery.
7. **Homologated** the appointment of Rev Marion Howie as Interim Moderator for Dalry: St Margaret's during the sick leave and phased return of Rev David Albon.

The convener asked for the Clerk to present item 8.

8. **Noted** the Clerk's update of information from the meeting of 30th September 2021 of the Steering Group for the South West Presbytery. Volunteers with expertise in the various fields for the Consultation Working Groups were asked for. A hard copy of the paper with the remits of each of the seven Groups had been given out before the meeting. A further paper with the rest of the information would be circulated to presbyters in due course.

Finance and Stewardship Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received the Report.**
2. **Noted** in terms of Standing Order 34, the Convener will give Notice of Motion that the Committee will move the approval of the Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2022 at the November meeting of Presbytery.
3. **Noted** Ministries and Mission payments for 2022 and remind Treasurers that if they feel they may be unable to pay their 2022 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 31st December 2021.
4. **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.

Property Committee

Mr Brian Murray, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following deliverances:

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report:
2. **Approved** the request by Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's to apply for a grant assistance from the Valentine/Central Fabric Fund held by the General Trustees in the knowledge that money will be required to rectify the building as a matter of urgency, or at least to assist in other professional services required in the interim.

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 within West Kilbride Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.//

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Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 20th October 2021 at 10.00am virtually on Zoom.

Benediction

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

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

