

Virtually on Zoom on 1st February 2022, 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 Scott Cameron, Rev Nigel Chikanya, Rev Marion Howie, Rev Caryl Kyle, Rev Roddy Macdonald, Rev Tom Macintyre, Rev James McNay, Rev Ross Mitchell, Rev Everisto Musedza, Rev Sarah Nicol, Rev Martin Thomson, Rev Alan Ward, Rev David Watson.

Elders: Mr Andrew Bruce, Mr Ian Brown, Mr Ken Gibson, Mrs Lynne Kerr, Mr William Mackay, Mrs Lorna McDonald, Mr Stewart McLellan, Mrs Linda McLelland, Mrs Sharon McLeod, Mr Stuart McMahan, Mr Fulton Murdoch, Mr Brian Murray, Mrs Dierdre Murray, Mr David Noble, Mr William Parker, Mrs Peigi Robb, Mr Magnus Ross, Mrs Christine Thomas, Mrs Kay Tudor.

Deacons: Miss Fiona Blair, Mrs Isobel Beck.

Corresponding Members: Ms Carol Boyd, Mr Brian Devlin, Mrs Mary Ford, Mrs Helen Kerr, Mr Gus Mackay.

Apologies for Absence

Ministers: Rev Alan Ford, Rev Dr Graham McWilliams, Rev Fiona Ross, Rev Elizabeth Watson.

Elders: Mrs Margaret Cassidy, Mrs Elizabeth Clarke, Mrs Elizabeth R. Clarke, Mr Ian Hackney.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th December 2021 (Pages 31-35) were approved.

Correspondence

A reply from the Theological Forum to the letter sent to them from the December Presbytery meeting relating to being asked to discuss the Westminster Confession of Faith at Presbytery and Kirk Sessions and responses to be returned to them by 31st December 2021. (Reply circulated with Presbytery Papers).

A Flyer from Irvine & Kilmarnock Presbytery intimating a Pioneer Ministry in the West of Scotland Conference on Saturday 19th February 2022 from 10.00am to 3.00pm at Kay Park Church in Kilmarnock.

Other Correspondence had been previously circulated.

Roll of Presbytery

Rev Dave Sutherland removed from the roll with his transference to Hillington Park Church within the bounds of Glasgow Presbytery.//

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As Rev Sutherland had been the present Moderator, Mr R Allan Richardson, immediate previous past Moderator, agreed to moderate the Presbytery meetings for the few months until we go into the new united South West Presbytery.

Order of Business

Was as in the print.

STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORTS & DELIVERANCES

Business Committee

Rev Roddy Macdonald, Vice-Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following deliverances:

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Appointed** the following Commissioners to the General Assembly 2022:
Ministers: Rev Hilary Beresford, Rev Nigel Chikanya, Rev Roddy Macdonald, Rev Sarah Nicol.

Deacon: Mrs Isobel Beck

Elders: Mr Colin McKenzie (Brodick), Miss Elaine Ross (Cumbrae), Mrs Christine Thomas (Fairlie), Mrs Jean Hunter (Presbytery Clerk).

Commissioners appointed are asked to wait until after the 9th February Assembly Business Committee meeting before booking accommodation. The ABC are going to make the Decision then if it would be an in-person General Assembly or an online one.

3. **Homologated** the appointment of Rev Scott Cameron as Interim Moderator for Kilbirnie: St St Columba's in the absence of their minister Rev Fiona Ross who was on sick leave.
4. **Noted** the paper from the Nan Stevenston Trust Trustees.
 (This was presented by Mrs Christine Thomas).

Appraisal Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the Report.
2. **Noted** that the Appraisal Committee would endeavour to bring a draft of the Presbytery Mission Plan to the March Presbytery meeting
3. **Noted** the ongoing work to complete the AMBA building audits and that recommendations about will be added later to the Presbytery Mission Plan.
4. **Negotiate** a Basis of Union between Stevenston: Ardeer and Stevenston: Livingstone.//

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- 5. Noted** that on the date of any Union between Stevenston: Ardeer and Stevenston: Livingstone that the General Trustees will take ownership of the Ardeer building.

Vacancy Procedure Committee

Rev Ross Mitchell, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following deliverances:

Presbytery:

- 1. Received** the report;
- 2. Appointed** Rev Nigel Chikanya as Interim Moderator in the vacant charge of Stevenston: Ardeer linked with Stevenston: Livingstone with immediate effect.

Mission Committee

Rev Nigel Chikanya, Convener gave a report and Presbytery approved the following deliverances:

Presbytery:

- 1. Received** the report;
- 2. Encouraged** Kirk Sessions to share information on any projects or programmes they are busy with. (This is to be included in our Prayer Cycle for other congregations to pray for.) Information to be sent to the Convener by 14th February 2022.

Ministries & Superintendence Committee

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

Presbytery:

- 1. Received** the report:
- 2. Approved** the amended dates for the annual Attestation and Inspection of Rolls and Records this is as a result of availability of attesters. The dates are as follows: Dalry: St. Margaret's Parish Church amend from Wednesday 16th February 2022 at 7.00 pm to Monday 21st February 2022 at 7.00 pm.
Arran: Brodick Parish Church amend from Thursday 17th February 2022 to Wednesday 23rd February 2022 11.00 am (subject to CalMac)
- 3. Noted** the Safeguarding training dates from now to June have been circulated with the Presbytery papers and also Safeguarding co-ordinators. A reminder to ministers of the need for them to attend a volunteer training.

Property Committee

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

Presbytery:

- 1. Received** the report:
- 2. Homologated** the decision by the Property Convener and the Presbytery Clerk to allow Fairlie Parish Church to replace the failed boiler as a matter of urgency in the amount of £10,192.//

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- 3. Agreed** in principle to locate a classroom around 5m x 4m on the church grounds at Cumbrae Parish Church subject to all legalities, upkeep and approval being in place. All parties to be in agreement on the final siting and operation of the classroom/hut to include the Church Kirk Session, Presbytery, The Education Department, The General Trustees and all Local Authority permissions and warrants. The Church is not being asked to provide any funding. An extract minute has been received from the Kirk Session who agreed in principle in September 2021.

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 1st March 2022 at 7.30pm within Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 16th February 2022 at 10.00am virtually on Zoom.

Benediction

Presbytery was then adjourned by the pronouncing of the benediction by Mr R Allan Richardson.

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

