

**At Ardrossan and Saltcoats Church on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022, 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 Scott Cameron, Rev Nigel Chikanya, Rev Alan Ford, Rev Marion Howie, Rev Caryl Kyle, Rev Roderick Macdonald, Rev James McNay, Rev Sarah Nicol, Rev Martin Thomson, Rev Alan Ward, Rev David Watson.

**Elders:** Mr Ian Brown, Mrs Elizabeth R Clark, Mr Archie Currie, Mr Kenneth Gibson, Mr Ian Hackney, Mrs Lynne Kerr, Mr William Hackney, Mrs Lorna McDonald, Mrs Katherine McIlreavy, Mr Stewart McLellan, Mrs Linda McLelland, Mrs Sharon McLeod, Mr Stuart McMahon, Mr Fulton Murdoch, Mr David Noble, Mr William Parker, Mrs Peigi Robb, Mr Magnus Ross, Mrs Christine Thomas, Mrs Kathleen Tudor.

**Deacons:** Mrs Isobel Beck, Miss Fiona Blair.

**Corresponding Members:** Mrs Carol Boyd, Mr Andrew Bruce, Mr Brian Devlin, Mrs Mary Ford, Mrs Helen Kerr, Mr Gus McKay.

### **Apologies for Absence**

**Ministers:** Rev David Albon, Rev Dr Graham McWilliams, Rev Ross Mitchell, Rev Fiona Ross, Rev Elizabeth Watson.

**Elders:** Mrs Margaret Cassidy, Mr Brian Murray, Mrs Dierdre Murray.

**Corresponding Members:** Mrs Elizabeth Clarke.

### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 (Pages 36-39) were approved.

### **Correspondence**

Correspondence had been previously circulated

### **Roll of Presbytery**

No change

### **Order of Business**

Was as in the print.

**ORDER OF THE DAY** for the Nan Stevenson Trust A.G.M. was held at 7.45pm.

Mrs Christine Thomas, Treasurer presented a full report for the Nan Stevenson Trust Accounts for 2021. Questions from the floor were asked for and answered by Mrs Thomas.//

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The Moderator then invited Mr Magnus Ross to the Lectern. Mr Ross thanked Mrs Thomas on behalf of the Nan Stevenson Trust Trustees for her diligence and all her work for the Trust over the years.

## 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. **Noted** that the Clerk had received information on Youth Reps to this year's General Assembly. If Ministers in Charge and Interim Moderator's wanted to nominate a Youth from their church they had to contact the Clerk for the information noting that time was short for nominations.

**The Moderator invited the Treasurer Mrs Christine Thomas to present items 3-5.**

3. **Approved** the Presbytery Accounts for 2021 that were presented and explained.
4. **Agreed** the Budget for January to September 2022 and after that time we would be part of the united presbytery of the South West.
5. **Agreed** the Presbytery dues be set at £2.50 per person for 2022.
6. **Agreed** to Mrs Fiona Borland, Elder of Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church as a Worship Leader in her own congregation subject to assessment by representatives of Presbytery to complete the process.  
An Extract Minute had been received from Whiting Bay & Kildonan Kirk Session nominating Mrs Borland for this role.  
Mrs Borland had completed the Designing and Leading Christian Worship course through Glasgow University, a course approved by the Church for such purposes in terms of the Parish Ministry Act (Act II, 2018).
7. **Noted** that the Clerk attended the Presbytery Clerk's Forum on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 which was held on Zoom.

The Clerk had then been invited to present the Paper for the united presbytery which had been circulated.

## 8. THE PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTH WEST OF SCOTLAND

### 1. STRUCTURE AND INITIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- a) **Agreed** the outline proposals for structure and meetings for the new Presbytery of the South West of Scotland. A comment was made that there didn't seem to be enough meetings scheduled for the amount of business that was felt would be needed for a large presbytery.
- b) **Agreed** to the initial financial arrangements for the Presbytery. A comment was made//

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c) **Agreed** the start date of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 for the Presbytery of the South West

## 2. APPOINTMENTS

**Agreed** to appoint a Presbytery Clerk, Depute Clerk and Presbytery Administrator from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022, subject to Finance arrangements being in place.

In the event of a Presbytery Clerk not being appointed an Interim Clerk will be required.

## 3. COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

**Agreed** that the proposed Committees for the new Presbytery will be populated from existing Presbytery Committees, utilising the talents and experience currently available.

### Appraisal Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the Report.

The Convener presented the Draft Presbytery Mission Plan and asked for questions.

2. **Noted** the first draft of the Presbytery Mission Plan had been completed.

3. **Noted** that the draft Presbytery Mission Plan had been sent to the Presbytery Mission Plan Implementation Group (PMPIG) and the General Trustees for comment.

4. **Approved** that the draft Presbytery Mission Plan should be sent to Kirk Sessions for comment with comments sent back to the Presbytery Clerk by 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

5. **Noted** that AMBA Building Audits are ongoing with almost half now completed and sent to the General Trustees.

6. **Noted** that John Maddock had been allocated to assist with the Presbytery Mission Plan from the General Trustees.

### Mission Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report;

2. **Noted** that the Prayer Cycle in its new format will be circulated once it is finalised by all means before the end of the current Prayer Cycle.

### Ministries & Superintendence Committee

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

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1. **Received** the report:
2. **Noted** that Ministers were reminded to submit all mileage log books electronically for the year 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021 to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to the convener (Ian Brown) by the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022.
3. **Instructs** the congregation of Kilmory Parish Church to accept assistance from Presbytery in order to comply with all requirements of the attestation of rolls and records which includes the submission of accounts for 2020 and 2021.

### **Property Committee**

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report:
2. **Approved** in Principle that Lamlash Parish Church should be able to rent out their manse on condition that the General Trustees and the Church of Scotland Legal Department are contacted to gain their approval and the legal documentation required. Also, that the manse smoke and heat detection systems were upgraded in compliance with new legislation that came into force in February 2022 together with other minor works and cleaning to make the property suitable to attract a tenant.

### **Finance and Stewardship Committee**

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the Report.
2. **Noted** that applications were open to apply to the Presbytery Discretionary Fund by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

### **Adjournment**

**Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 at 7.30pm within Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.**

**Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 10.00am virtually on Zoom.**

### **Benediction**

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

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.....Moderator

.....Clerk

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