

At Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church on 3rd May 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 Nigel Chikanya, Rev Alan Ford, Rev Marion Howie, Rev Thomas Macintyre, Rev James McNay, Rev Dr Graham McWilliams, Rev D. Ross Mitchell, Rev Sarah Nicol, Rev Martin Thomson, Rev Alan Ward, Rev David Watson.

Elders: Mr Ian Brown, Mrs Elizabeth R Clarke, Mr Archie Currie, Mr Kenneth Gibson, Mr Ian Hackney, Mrs Lynne Kerr, Mrs Lorna McDonald, Mr Stewart McLellan, Mrs Linda McLelland, Mr J. Fulton Murdoch, Mr Brian Murray, Mrs Deirdre Murray, Mr David Noble, Mrs Peigi Robb, Mr Magnus Ross, Mrs Christine Thomas, Mrs Kathleen Tudor.

Deacons: Mrs Isobel Beck.

Corresponding Members: Mrs Carol Boyd, Mr Andrew Bruce, Mrs Mary Ford, Mrs Helen Kerr, Mr Gus Mackay.

Apologies for Absence

Ministers: Rev David Albon, Rev Caryl Kyle, Rev Roddy Macdonald, Rev Fiona Ross, Rev Elizabeth Watson.

Elders: Mrs Mairi Duff, Mrs Sharon MacLeod, Mr Stuart McMahon, Mr William Parker.

Deacons: Miss Fiona Blair.

Corresponding Members: Mrs Liz Clarke.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st March 2022 (Pages 40-44) were approved.

Correspondence

Correspondence had been previously circulated

Roll of Presbytery

No change.

The Moderator addressed Mrs Carol Boyd, MDS and Corresponding Member who was leaving her post at Kilwinning Mansefield Trinity Church on 4th May. He thanked Mrs Boyd for all her work she had been involved in at Kilwinning and the wider community.

Order of Business

Was as in the print except for a misprint at Adjournment which was rectified.//

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RECEPTION AND ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE GUILDS TOGETHER

The Moderator welcomed the representatives from the Guilds Together and invited Mrs Mary Ford to bring their Annual Report. (Report is contained in the Appendix of the Presbytery Minute book). Mrs Ford also thanked the Moderator for his support to the Guild over the last two years. The Moderator thanked Mrs Ford for the comprehensive report and for all the work the Guilds have been doing and the projects they are involved in. The Moderator then offered prayer for the Guild.

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 next Presbytery meeting, June 14th 2022 will be held in Beith Parish Church for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the conduct of ordinary Business.
3. **Notice of Motion** was given that at the Presbytery meeting to be held on 14th June 2022, up to three representatives of each congregation would be cited to attend the meeting when the Ardrossan Presbytery Mission Plan would be presented for approval.
4. **Noted** the progress towards a South West Presbytery. The convener explained that a personnel group was set up to make arrangements for looking for a Presbytery Clerk. He said that the envisaged timescale of having a Presbytery Clerk in place by 1st June was not going to happen.
As Convener of the Nominations Committee, he and the Clerk of the committee Mrs Deirdre Murray were engaged in the task of putting a name forward for the first Moderator of the new South West Presbytery. After speaking to Rev Dr Graham McWilliams he had agreed to let his name go forward with a representative of the other five presbyteries to be Moderator.

Appraisal Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the Report.
2. **Noted** that the next draft Presbytery Mission Plan had been completed (v.2.3) and now included recommendations on posts and buildings.
The Convener had given a full explanation in his report of the process and workings of the committee, with consultations and decision making in the preparation of the (v 2.3) of the PMP. Questions were asked for and answered by the convener. Quite a few comments were made.
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.//

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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 Tuesday 31st May 2022.
5. **Noted** that a committee consisting of Rev. James McNay (Convener), Rev Hilary Beresford and Mr Brian Murray had been to Stevenston: Ardeer on 28th April 2022 to begin the process of negotiating a Basis of Dissolution.
Presbytery had been asked by Email to agree to the dissolution of the Stevenston: Ardeer congregation rather than union with Stevenston: Livingstone which was previously proposed and this was agreed by Presbytery.

Ministries & Superintendence Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report:
2. **Noted** that this year's attestation of rolls and records had been protracted running from mid-February until mid-April mainly due to congregations coping with the fallout effects of COVID and trying to organise kirk session meetings. Arran was challenging as it took to the third attempt to get over, combination of weather and CalMac. Currently two churches still have to submit records, another two have individual files still to be produced and one has administrative safeguarding issues. Work is ongoing to resolve these outstanding issues. Thanks, have been sent to churches who hosted the checks and to all attesters who were involved
3. **Noted** the safeguarding report previously circulated.
4. **Noted** that a full explanatory email had been circulated to Ministers regarding their mileage logbooks which had to be submitted to Presbytery by the 1st May for attesting.

Mission Committee

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

Presbytery:

1. **Received** the report;
2. **Noted** that there was a Mission & Discipleship training on the 5th April. The Committee will be exploring another opportunity if people sign up.
3. **Noted** that the Prayer Cycle had been circulated and congregations were encouraged to use it.

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 two applications had been received, Dalry: Trinity and Stevenston: Livingstone.
3. **Approved** a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2022 of £1,453.97 made by the congregation of Dalry: Trinity (120658) to be funded from the 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve for AV//

//AV equipment for Youth Work & Books, Banner & Bunting for Queen's Jubilee.

- 4. **Noted** the application for £6,378 from Stevenston: Livingstone had been awaiting the result of the Appraisal Report regarding Stevenston.
- 5. **Approved** the recommendation of the Stewardship and Finance Committee for a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2022 of £2,530 to be allocated to the congregations in Presbytery who had no outstanding contributions to date for their M&M payments to assist with their ongoing Ministries and Mission contributions.

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 14th June 2022 at 7.30pm within Beith Parish Church for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 1st June 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

