

At Saltcoats and within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirgate Parish Church on Tuesday 4th February 2014, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted by the Moderator, the Reverend Alex B Noble MA BD ThM.

Sederunt:

Revd A N Noble (Moderator) Mr A K Saunderson (Clerk)

Ministers:

M S Cameron, I S Currie, A Falconer, A Ford, D J H Harbieson, M Hickman, M L K Howie, R I T Macdonald, A D McCallum, A M McCance, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, A Sherratt, A S Taylor, J Teasdale, M Thomson, T Webster, A Ward, J Whitecross.

Elders:

K Anderson, J Aitken, S Brown, A Campbell, G Cunningham, A C D Hamilton, J C Q Hunter, R Head, R Jarvie, R Lavalette, W Mackay, S Marr, C Massie, H Mitchell, J Niven, G K McConnell, R McLean, S McMahan, J M McSwan, A Pringle, R A Richardson, A Turner, A Todd, K Tudor, K S Welch.

Corresponding Members:

R McCool, M M B Ross.

Guild Presbyterian Committee Representatives :

B Guthrie.

Apologies:

Ministers:

R A Adamson, N Cruickshank, D Granger, D J Heberton, M H Mackay, F C Ross, I M Roy, E R L Watson.

Elders:

M Brown, C Black, J Cameron, A Cochrane, M Duff, M Green, I Hackney, J C Q Hunter, M Henderson, R Kelso, A Martin, D Murray, S McLellan, D A Oakes, F Page, E Taylor.

Corresponding Members:

N Smith.

- Minutes of the meeting held on, Tuesday 3rd December 2013 (Pages 50-54) and Wednesday 22nd January 2014 (Pages 1-2) having been circulated, were approved.
- Correspondence
- (a) **Beith Parish Church** – Extract Minute regarding financial assistance for Heating Consultant's Fees in connection with the Church Heating System.

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- (b) **CARTA** – Letter of response regarding Extract Minutes in connection with projects not being sent to the Presbytery Clerk. The situation had arisen due to personnel difficulties in the office. This had been addressed and Extracts will now be sent to the Clerk, as a matter of course.
- (c) **Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church** – Extract Minute seeking Presbytery Dispensation for payment of their 2014 Ministries & Mission Contributions by ten or twelve equal monthly instalments by monthly standing order.
- (d) **Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church** – Extract Minute formally agreeing to ask the General Trustees to dispose and market of the former Ardrossan: Barony St John's Buildings.
- (e) **Kilbirnie: St Columba's Church** - Extract Minute seeking Presbytery Dispensation for payment of their 2014 Ministries & Mission Contributions by ten or twelve equal monthly instalments by monthly standing order.
- (f) **Dalry: St Margaret's Parish Church** – Extract Minute seeking Presbytery Dispensation for payment of their 2014 Ministries & Mission Contributions by ten or twelve equal monthly instalments by monthly standing order.
- (g) **Dalry: St Margaret's Parish Church** – Extract Minute regarding the award of the Contract for the repair work to the Church.
- (h) **General Trustees** – Notification of the formal determination authorising the sale of the Cumbrae Manse (Marine Parade)
- (i) **Lamlash: Parish Church** – Extract advising the Island Churches Service of Unity will be held on Sunday 19th January 2014, within Whiting bay & Kildonan parish Church at 12 Noon and that the Kirk Session had agreed to ask Presbytery for permission not to hold the normal Sunday Service that day.
- (j) **I.C.O** – Data Protection Registration, Renewal Policy
- (k) **Fairlie Parish Church** – Extract Minute of a Congregational Meeting at which it was agreed to move to the Unitary Constitution.
 - **Order of Business** – The Order of Business was approved as circulated, with the addition of a Report from the Superintendence Committee regarding the Inspection of Ministers Log Books.
 - **Roll of Presbytery** –
 - Revd Arthur Sherratt – Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's. The Moderator welcomed Mr Sherratt who had been Inducted to the charge on 22nd January 2014.
 - Mr Hamish Mitchell – The Moderator welcomed Mr Mitchell who had been appointed as Representative Elder for Brodick Parish Church.
 - Revd Stuart Forsyth – The Moderator noted with sadness the death of Mr Forsyth. A formal tribute of Mr Forsyth's life and Ministry would be given by the Revd D R Mitchell at the March Presbytery meeting.

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Guest Speaker – Miss Helen Scott

The Moderator then introduced Miss Scott who was undertaking a 7 day visit to the Presbytery of Ardrossan. At the conclusion of her address to Presbytery Miss Scott was asked to take the Prayers and good wishes of Ardrossan Presbytery with her on her return to Malawi.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Committee

For the Committee the Vice Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

- i. **Fairlie Parish Church** – Note that an Extract Minute had been received following a meeting of the Congregation held on 12th January 2014, at which it was agreed to adopt the Unitary Constitution and invite the Solicitor of the Church to issue the Constitution to the Congregation.
- ii. **Notice of Motion General Assembly 2014** – Note that the Committee at the March meeting of Presbytery, will propose the names of six Ministers and six Elders to attend the forthcoming General Assembly.
- iii. **Superintendence Committee** – Confirm the appointment of Mrs Jean C Q Hunter as Vice Convener of the Committee.
- iv. **Presbytery Clerk** – Agree to the Business Committee's recommendation that the Clerk's working week of employment should be increased from 2 days to 3 days per week, with immediate effect.
- v. **March Meeting** – Note that Mrs Margaret Cassidy will be the Guest Speaker at the March Presbytery Meeting.
- vi. **March Meeting** – The Committee gives notice in terms of Standing Order number 50, that it wishes Standing Order number 1 to be suspended for the Presbytery Meeting on 4th March 2014, which will commence at 7.00 p.m.

Finance Committee

For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

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- i. **Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church** - Approve a request made by the congregation for a Presbytery Dispensation in payment of their 2014 Ministries & Mission Contributions by ten or twelve equal monthly instalments by monthly standing order.
- ii. **Dalry: St Margaret's Parish Church** - Approve a request made by the congregation for a Presbytery Dispensation in payment of their 2014 Ministries & Mission Contributions by ten or twelve equal monthly instalments by monthly standing order.
- iii. **Kilbirnie: St Columba's Parish Church** - Approve a request made by the congregation for a Presbytery Dispensation in payment of their 2014 Ministries & Mission Contributions by ten or twelve equal monthly instalments by monthly standing order.

Property Committee

For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

- i. **Dalry St Margaret's-** Grant permission (subject to confirmation being received of a Heritage Lottery Fund Grant) to accept a tender for the repairs to the church. Five tenders were received with the lowest being Wm Murchland which is £268,399.37. and this is approved by Heritage Lottery Fund.
- ii. **Beith Parish Church** -Note that the Kirk Session wishes to consider the installation of a new heating system for the Church and seeks a grant from the General Trustees to assist with fees for the Church of Scotland Heating Consultant. Grant permission to make an application for assistance from the General Trustees.
- iii. **Ardeer Parish Church** - Note that as part of the Restoration Programme, the Kirk Session seeks permission to remove the pews from the transept of the church and to install a folding door so that this area could be used as an additional meeting room when the church is not in use. The area would have a separate heating system from the main church and provide an additional facility as all other accommodation is currently being fully utilised. An extract minute has been received and CARTA are visiting the church on Thursday 23rd January to carry out an inspection. Grant permission to proceed, subject to the approval of CARTA.
- iv. **Scottish Government Consultation on Exemption Scheme for Third Sector Organisations** – Note this is a consultative document issued to congregations by the Scottish Government and the Committee recommends that they are completed and returned to Scottish Government in case there is a desire to remove the exemption currently being given to charities.

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- v. **Care of Ecclesiastical Properties** - Note that the General Trustees are arranging a series of 1 day seminars to include Presbytery and Congregational Fabric Conveners on a range of topics including heating and lighting issues. The meeting is planned for **Glasgow on 27th March 2014** with further details to be given in due course. The Convener has been invited to a meeting at 121 on 13th Feb to discuss arrangements and topics for the seminars. Ask congregations to note this date and arranged for a representative to attend.

Mission & Discipleship Committee

For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

- i. Note the arrangements for the appointment of a Youth Delegate to the General Assembly of 2014
- ii. Note the M & D General Information (Reports Page 1)
- iii. Note the Report on the 3% Mission spend. (Reports Pages 2-3)

Ministries Committee

For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

- i. **Placement Review Revd Mandy –Hickman OLM** - Note that on 25th November 2013, the Rev. J. Whitecross and the Rev. F. Ross met first of all with the Rev. Tanya Webster, Minister of Park Church Ardrossan, before meeting with the Rev. Mandy Hickman and then the Kirk Session. The response from all parties is that the placement of the Rev. Mandy Hickman as OLM at Park Church is working well and no major issues of concern were raised. **Therefore it would be the recommendation of the Ministries Committee that the Rev. Mandy Hickman continues for the immediate future as OLM at Park Church, Ardrossan.**
- ii. **Recruitment Vocations** – Note that the Ministries Committee Convener attended a planning meeting on 23rd January, 2014 to arrange an Ayrshire Area Vocations Conference later in the year. The Conference will be held on Saturday 27th September 2014, at the Howard centre Kilmarnock.

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Presbytery Review Group Report

For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

- i. Receive the report from the Convener Revd I S Currie (Reports Pages 4-6)
- ii. Set the date of Tuesday 4th March 2014 for a Conference Session to fully discuss the Report. This Conference Session to take place after the business meeting of Presbytery at 8.00 p.m. It is anticipated that the Conference Session will end no later than 9.30 p.m.

Superintendence Committee

For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

- i. **Ministers Log Books** – Note for the avoidance of doubt, that the Convener has asked Ministers Log Books are submitted for inspection by 26th April 2014.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 4th March 2014 at 7.00 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Church, for the conduct of Ordinary Business followed by a Conference Session to discuss the Presbytery Review Committee Report.

Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 19th February 2014 at 3.00 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Church.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

_____ Moderator

_____ Clerk