

At Saltcoats and within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirgate Parish Church on Tuesday 6th May 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 B Noble (Moderator) Mr A K Saunderson (Clerk)

Ministers:

M S Cameron, A Falconer, D Granger, M L K Howie, A D McCallum, A M McCance, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, F C Ross, A Sherratt, J Teasdale, T Webster, A Ward.

Elders:

K Anderson, J Aitken, M Brown, J Cameron, A Campbell, A Cochrane, I Hackney, J C Q Hunter, R Head, R Jarvie, R Kelso, R Lavalette, W Mackay, S Marr, A Martin, C Massie, H Mitchell, D Murray, G K McConnell, R McLean, S McLellan, S McMahan, J M McSwan, D A Oakes, F Page, A Pringle, R A Richardson, A Turner, A Todd, K Tudor, K S Welch.

Corresponding Members:

R McCool, N Smith, M M B Ross.

Guild Presbyterian Council Committee Members:

B Guthrie, M Broster.

Apologies

Ministers:

R A Adamson, N Cruickshank, A Ford, D J H Harbieson, D J Heberton, M Hickman, R I T Macdonald, M H Mackay, I M Roy, A S Taylor, M Thomson, J Whitecross, E R L Watson.

Elders:

S Brown, G Cunningham, M Duff, M Green, A C D Hamilton, J Niven, E Taylor.

Corresponding Members:

A Currie.

- The Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 1st April 2014 (Pages 14-16) having been circulated, were approved.
- Correspondence
- (a) General Trustees** – Notification of the Approval of the Dalry: St Margaret's Restoration Project.
- (b) General Trustees** – Letter regarding Care of Ecclesiastical Properties

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- (c) **General Trustees** – New Application Form for approval of works and Financial Assistance. This replaces the old A & C Forms. Copies of the new forms will be sent to all Kirk Sessions for information.
 - (d) **West Kilbride Parish Church** – Extract Minute advising of change of time of Worship on 18th May (09.30) to allow the Congregation to attend the Heart & Soul Event at Edinburgh.
 - (e) **Ministries Council (PVG Membership)** – Intimation that the costs of Parish Ministers, Ordained Local Ministers, Auxiliary Ministers, Mission Development Staff, Deacons and Readers (undertaking Regulated work) joining the PVG Scheme will now be met by the Council.
- **Order of Business** – The Order of Business was approved.

Reception of Ardrossan Presbyterial Council

The Council were introduced by the Revd Fiona C Ross and were represented by, Mrs M Broster, Mrs B Guthrie, Mrs E Slater and Mrs H Hawthorn.

The annual report was delivered in the form of a sketch and at the conclusion the Moderator thanked the Council for all of the work undertaken by the Guild at all levels throughout the Church and thereafter offered prayer.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Committee

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

- i. **Moderator of Presbytery 2014/15** – Nominate Mrs Jean C Q Hunter BD, to serve as Moderator of Presbytery for session 2014/15.
 - ii. **Data Protection** – Remit to the Business Committee the task of formulating a Data Protection Policy and report Presbytery in due course. In the interim instruct the Clerk to circulate the Church of Scotland Law Department Data Protection Circular to all Kirk Sessions within the bounds, asking them to take cognisance of the information and guidance contained therein and to review local Data Protection policies.
- Standing Orders of Presbytery** – Notice having being given at the previous meeting the Committee the following amendments to Standing orders were considered by Presbytery. **Standing Orders** : 1, 4, 14, 16.1, 16.2, 16.3, 16.4, 16.5, 16.6, 16.7, 16.8, 17.1, 17.3, 19, 23.2, 23.3, 25 & 55.2 . The proposed amendments were circulated in the April Presbytery Reports (Pages 25-38)

(Pages 25-28)/

All of the amendments were approved with the exception of Standing order Number 1, which was amended to allow the start time of Presbytery to remain at 7.30 p.m.

At the conclusion, of the debate it was moved, seconded and agreed that the Standing Orders of Presbytery be approved as amended.

- iii. **Notice of Motion, Revd James J McNay** –Note that Mr McNay has given Notice of Motion that at the June Presbytery meeting he will propose an amend to Standing Order 12 - to read “ Robes may be worn”

Mission & Discipleship Committee

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

- i. **Safeguarding Trainers Annual Report** – Receive the Report and extend thanks to Mrs Sheena Marr for all of the work undertaken by her throughout the year as Safeguarding Trainer. (PDF Files)
- ii. **Learning Disabilities Report** – Note the Report (Reports Page 40) and instruct the Clerk to write to all Kirk Sessions within the Bounds to facilitate contacts being established within each congregation.
- iii. **Back to Church Sunday** - New name – **A Season of Invitation**. Normally held on the last Sunday in September and information can be obtained from <http://www.seasonofinvitation.co.uk> or calling 0845 859 0006.

Ministries Committee

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

- i. **Mr Andrew Bruce, Reader in Training**. - Note that Mr Bruce has successfully completed his 2nd practical placement at Kilwinning Old Parish Church. Congratulate Mr Bruce thank the Revd Jeanette Whitecross for her supervision of the placement.
- ii. **Mr Andrew Bruce, Reader in Training** - Note that Mr Bruce completed his final preaching assessment at Kilwinning Old on Sunday 23rd March 2014, with the Rev, Rachel Dobie present from Ministries Council. It was the unanimous recommendation of those presents that on completion of any outstanding academic work and other training requirements that Mr Bruce be set apart to the office of Reader in the Church of Scotland.

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- iii. **Vocations Conference** – Remind all Presbyters of the Conference to be held in the Howard Centre in Kilmarnock on Saturday 27th September 2014. Also note the Right Revd Lorna Hoods Easter Message on social media highlighting the need for young people to answer the call to Ministry.

World Mission Committee

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

- i. Note the Report. (Reports Page 41)
- ii. Note the online resources to help congregations think about the Church in Africa in 2014/15.
- iii. Encourage congregations to remember Syria in their prayers and to consider the 'Place at the Table' initiative.
- iv. Encourage congregations to continue to support Christian Aid week in whatever way is possible for them.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 10th June 2014 at 7.30 p.m. within Saltcoats: North Parish Church, for the Sacrament of Holy Communion and thereafter, the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 28th May 2014 at 3.00 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Church

The meeting was closed with prayer.

_____ **Moderator**

_____ **Clerk**