

CLYDE PRESBYTERY

Tuesday 14th February 2023 at 7.00pm

On the 14th day of February 2023, Clyde Presbytery met in person at Dumbarton Riverside Church, with some members joining via zoom, and was constituted with prayer.

SEDERUNT

Rev Christine Murdoch, Moderator, with 21 ministers in person and 20 on zoom; 29 elders in person with 35 joining on zoom and 4 corresponding members in person with 5 on zoom, as recorded separately.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from 3 ministers, 6 elders and 1 corresponding member, as recorded separately.

WELCOME

The Moderator welcomed Rev Dougie Adam recently ordained as an Associate Minister and wished him well as he started his ministry.

NOTICES

The Clerk read the notices

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting on 22nd November and the ordination on 14th January 2023, having been previously circulated, were approved with a couple of minor amendments to the spelling of members' names.

APPOINTMENT OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

The next ordinary meeting was approved as 20th June 2023.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business was approved as printed

TRIBUTES

Tributes were led for two members of Presbytery who had died recently. Douglas Vallance paid tribute to the late Alan Grant, Presbytery elder for Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay and Ian Millar read a tribute to Rev Donald Campbell, retired minister.

DECISIONS MADE UNDER POWERS (S/O 61) for noting

Approved the request from Greenock Wellpark Mid Kirk to stay closed on Christmas Day due to difficulties in sourcing pulpit supply

Approved the request from Bonhill church to remain closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day and for the congregation to attend worship in neighbouring congregations

Appointed Rev Dr Alan Hamilton as Interim Moderator at Bearsden Baljaffray from 1st January 2023 on the demission of Rev Dr Ian McEwan

Appointed Rev Ann Cameron as Interim Moderator at Helensburgh linked with Rhu and Shandon from 29th November following the resignation of Rev Roddie Hamilton

Appointed Mr Jim Gibson as Interim Moderator at Paisley Abbey from 2nd December 2022 following the demission of Rev Elspeth McKay

Approved the application from Greenock Lyle Kirk to the small grants fund for a grant of £5000 to facilitate a “warm space” initiative

Approved the application from Dalmuir Barclay to the small grants fund for a grant of £2000 to expand their drop in café hub

Approved the application from Houston & Killellan to the small grants fund for winter support and warm bank activities

Approved the application from the Lochside linkage to the small grants fund for a grant of £280 towards a “warm space” initiative

Noted that Johnstone High would worship in their halls from Sunday 18th December until further notice due to water ingress in the church

COMMITTEE DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER POWERS (S/O 60) for noting

Business Committee

Approved Clyde Presbytery’s commissioners to the General Assembly 2023 contained in **appendix 1**

Nominations

Appointed Rev Jonathan Fleming as interim convener of the Planning Committee, following the resignation of Jack McHugh

Approved the nomination of Rev Dr Graeme Wilson and Rev Hanneke Marshall as Presbytery representatives to the Faith Action Leadership Team

Property Committee

Approved, subject to the approval of the General Trustees, an application by the Paisley Abbey congregation for the installation of a replacement audio system at an estimated fully inclusive cost of £63,000 and funding is available by way of a recent bequest together with a promised donation from the Baird Trust.

Approved subject to the approval of the General Trustees an application by the Paisley: St Marks Oldhall congregation for a phased programme of alterations to the church hall to form a Church café with a new kitchen, disabled toilet and a ramp access comprising a total cost of £40,600 inclusive of VAT and Fees.

However, it should be noted that funding is only available at present for phases 1,2 and 4 of the project at a total inclusive cost of £22,600. Therefore, as phase 3 with an inclusive cost is £18,000, the creation of patio doors in connection with the disabled access, remains the subject of fund raising including ongoing grant applications, that phase of the project will remain approved in principle only until full funding is confirmed with the property committee.

Noted that the Paisley: St George's congregation will move to the next stage of their Feasibility Study relating to the Outreach Centre in Glenburn by issuing a tender enquiry document to get prices for the full Study and identify the preferred bidder. The congregation do not intend to authorise the full report until the Draft Presbytery Plan is fully approved and official notification of the right to call a minister is issued.

Approved the application from Helensburgh congregation to sell their current manse and purchase a new one in line with current C of S legislation. Note that any prospective Manse will have to be approved by Presbytery in advance of purchase.

Approved the application from Milngavie Cairns congregation to sell their current manse and purchase a new one in line with current C of S legislation. Note that any prospective Manse will have to be approved by Presbytery in advance of purchase.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Rev Ken Gray, Convener, presented the report from the Business Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. subsequent to the notice of motion on November 18th 2022, approves an amendment to standing order number 54 as follows:

54 Presbytery Budget and Dues

*The Treasurer shall prepare a set of Accounts annually consisting of a Trustees Report, a Receipts and Payments Account and a Statement of Balances. The Treasurer shall also prepare an annual General Fund Budget, in consultation with Committee Conveners where appropriate. The Presbytery Accounts shall be presented to the **June Presbytery Meeting** for approval. At its **June Meeting**, the Presbytery shall appoint an Independent Examiner for the Accounts. For the purposes of preparing the budget, Committee Conveners are required to prepare an expenditure budget for the year.*

3. nominates Rev David Burt, minister at Old Gourrock & Ashton Church as the next Moderator of Clyde Presbytery from September 2023;
4. notes the draft timetable for the visit from the Moderator of the General Assembly as attached at **appendix 2**
5. approves the application from Dalmuir Barclay and Clydebank Waterfront to continue their pattern of joint worship services from February 2023 until further notice

TREASURER

Mr Ian Steven, Treasurer, presented his report and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. approves the General Fund Budget for the year ending 31st December 2023 as tabled in **appendix 3**;

3. approves the allocation of Presbytery Dues for 2023 as detailed in **appendix 4** and authorise the issue of payment requests to Church Treasurers noting that payment falls due to be paid on receipt of the payment request and no later than 30th June 2023.

MINISTRY

Rev Yvonne Smith, convener, presented the report from the Ministry Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. approves the study leave for Rev Dr Alan Hamilton from 6th to 19th March 2023;

MISSION

Rev Ann Knox, Convener, presented the report from the Mission Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. seeks permission to show the video from Barrhead St. Andrew's Church in bringing the community together to paint a mural which is a visible sign of the church.
3. notes that the mission Conference has been scheduled for 13th May 2023, and request for names to indicate level of participation to be forwarded to Ann Knox aknox@churchofscotland.org.uk
4. notes that a grant of £10,000 was awarded to Dalmuir Barclay for their twice weekly Food Pantry requests prayers for the success of that venture.
5. encourages congregations to look at funding available for 121 and other outside agencies to aid mission initiatives. Some information on grants can be found on: <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/grants-and-funding> and the Mission Officer is available to give advice

SAFEGUARDING

Miss Carolyn Lockhart, Convener, presented the report from the Safeguarding Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. notes the dates for safeguarding training

PROPERTY

Mr Ian Russell, Convener, presented the report from the Property Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
- 2a. approves, in retrospect, an application by the Barrhead: St Andrew's congregation for the urgent treatment of asbestos within the boiler house. The final cost was £3269 plus £817 in VAT to give a total cost of £4.086 and funds were made available;
- 2b. approves, an application to the General Trustees by the Barrhead: St Andrew's congregation for £2,000 in grant assistance from the Central Fabric Fund in connection with the above project;
3. reminds all congregations that there should be an ongoing regime of portable appliance testing (usually described as PAT testing) in accordance with the General Trustees recommendations;
4. approves in principle, subject to the approval of the General Trustees, an application by the Bishopton congregation to carry out phase 3 of their staged programme of major stonework repairs to their church buildings at an estimated cost of £90,249 (plus VAT which will be reclaimed) and fees of £6,530 to give a total estimated expenditure of £96,779. Part of the funding is available and grant applications for the remainder are ongoing. Therefore, the project will remain approved in principle only until full funding is confirmed with the property committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment to meet on **Saturday 18th March 2023** to receive the Presbytery Mission Plan at 10.00am in Inchinnan Parish Church and then on Tuesday 20th June 2023 for ordinary business, venue to be advised in due course

Moderator

Clerk