

CLYDE PRESBYTERY

Saturday 18th March 2023 at 10.00am

On the 18th day of March 2023, Clyde Presbytery met in person at Inchinnan Parish Church, with a live stream of proceedings available, and was constituted with prayer.

SEDERUNT

Rev Christine Murdoch, Moderator, with 37 ministers; 62 elders and 7 corresponding members as recorded separately.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from 9 ministers, 9 elders and 1 corresponding member, as recorded separately.

PRESBYTERY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Rev Jonathan Fleming, Convener, presented the draft mission plan and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the draft Mission Plan;

parties had been cited to appear in their interest and there spoke on behalf of congregations in cluster F, Mike Palmer of Luss, Alan Nimmo of Arrochar and Andrew Nisbett of Rhu & Shandon – parties were then removed

2. approves the proposals in Cluster F

F1 Helensburgh and Cardross

Helensburgh	1 FTE	A
Cardross	0.7 FTE	A

F2 – Garelochhead, Craigrownie, St Modan’s,

1 FTE (+ locally funded family worker)

Union

Garelochhead	B (Provisional)
Rosneath St Modan’s	A
Craigrownie	A

F3 – Arrochar, Luss and Rhu & Shandon

0.7 FTE

Union

Arrochar	A
Rhu & Shandon	A
Luss - Sanctuary	A
Remainder of Luss Estate	B

An amendment to cluster F3 was proposed and seconded as follows:

Re-categorise the building category of Luss Estate to A

On being put to a vote the amendment fell, although the convener indicated he would amend the summary narrative to allow time for the disposal of the Luss property by no later than the fourth quarter of 2026

A counter motion was proposed and seconded that the allocation of ministry to cluster F3 be changed to 1FTE and not the 0.7 allocated

On being put to a vote the counter motion fell.

parties had been cited to appear in their interest and there spoke on behalf of congregations in cluster E, Charles Gothard of Dumbarton West – parties were then removed

3. approves the proposals in cluster E

E1 Dumbarton

1.6 FTE (inc. 0.6 MDS)

Union

Riverside	A
West Kirk	B
St Andrew's	B

An amendment to cluster E1 was proposed as follows:

Re-categorise the building category of Dumbarton West to A

There was no seconder for the amendment and so it fell

E2 – Kilmarnock Gartocharn and Lomond

1 FTE

Union

Lomond	A
Kilmarnock Gartocharn	B

E3 - Bonhill and Renton

1 FTE • Transition Minister

Bonhill	A
Renton	A

parties had been cited to appear in their interest and there spoke on behalf of congregations in cluster D, Alistair Burrow of Bearsden New Kilpatrick, Ramsay Shields of Milngavie St Luke's and Christine Goldie on behalf of Old Kilpatrick Bowling – parties were then removed

4. approves the proposals in Cluster D

D1 - Bearsden: Killermont and Bearsden: Westerton

1 FTE

Union

Killermont Buildings	A
Westerton Buildings	B (Provisional)

D2 - Bearsden Cross, Bearsden: New Kilpatrick and Milngavie: Cairns

2 FTE

Consulation process about future pathway over life of plan

New Kilpatrick	A
Bearsden Cross	A
Cairns	A

An amendment was proposed and seconded that the narrative for cluster D2 was amended to state the congregations would form a parish grouping, the Convener accepted the amendment and presbytery agreed.

D3 – Bearsden: Baljaffray and Milngavie: St Luke’s

1 FTE

Baljaffray	A
St Luke’s A	

D4 – Baldernock and Milngavie: St Paul’s

1 FTE

St Pauls	A
Baldernock Church	A
Baldernock Halls	B

D3 - Faifley & Duntocher: Trinity

1 FTE

Union with Duntocher Trinity becoming LMC (using Village Hall)

Faifley	A
Duntocher Trinity	B

D4 – Clydebank: Radnor Park, Clydebank: Kilbowie St Andrew’s and Clydebank: Waterfront

1.5 FTE

Linkage between Kilbowie St Andrew’s and united Waterfront and Radnor Park

Waterfront	A
Radnor Park	B
Kilbowie St Andrew’s	A

D5 – Dalmuir Barclay and Old Kilpatrick Bowling

1.0 FTE

Union

Dalmuir Barclay	A
Old Kilpatrick Bowling Sanctuary	B
Old Kilpatrick Bowling Halls	A

An amendment to cluster D5 was proposed and seconded as follows:

Re-categorise the building category of Old Kilpatrick Bowling to A

On being put to a vote the amendment fell, however, the convener indicated that the narrative and summary could be amended to allow time to consider the disposal of the sanctuary by no later than the 4th quarter of 2026, presbytery agreed.

parties had been cited to appear in their interest and there spoke on behalf of congregations in cluster C, Thomas Blane and Gordon Armstrong of Paisley

Oakshaw Trinity and Kenneth Ritchie of Paisley Abbey – parties were then removed

5. approves the proposals for Cluster C

C1 – Paisley Abbey

1 FTE • Transition Minister (Known overallocation as discussed with PMPIG)
Abbey A

C2 - Paisley : North and Paisley: Oakshaw Trinity

1 FTE
Oakshaw Trinity A
Paisley North A
plus
1 FTE MDS • Pioneer Minister for Ferguslie Park area of Paisley

Mr Armstrong raised a point of order regarding the proposals for cluster C2 and the Clerk responded clarifying the position, the point of order fell.

C3 – Paisley South

1 FTE
Paisley: South A

C4 - Paisley St Georges

1 FTE
Causeyside Street A
Glenburn Outreach Centre B (Provisional) pending
Feasibility Study

C5 Sherwood Greenlaw & St Marks Oldhall

1 FTE
St Mark's Oldhall A
Sherwood Greenlaw A

C6 - Paisley West

1 FTE • Interim Ministry
King Street A
Amochrie Road - Sanctuary B
Amochrie Road – Halls B (Provisional)

Mr Gordon Armstrong and Mrs Jessie Cross asked for their dissent against presbytery's decision for cluster C2 to be noted.

parties had been cited to appear in their interest and there spoke on behalf of congregations in cluster B, Edith Forrest of Kilmacolm St Columba, Stephen Smith on behalf of Johnstone St Andrew's Trinity, Raymond Anderson of Johnstone High, Margaret Brook of Linwood, Neil McClune of Barrhead Bourock and Robert McLeod of Neilston – parties were then removed

6. approves the proposals for cluster B

B1 - Bishopston

1 FTE
Bishopston Church A
Cornerstone Centre A

B2 - Erskine

1 FTE

Note: Parish boundaries to be adjusted to accommodate entire town of Erskine

Erskine A

B3 - Inchinnan and Renfrew

1 FTE

Inchinnan A

Renfrew North A

1 FTE

Renfrew Trinity A

B4 Bridge of Weir, Houston & Killellan, Kilmacolm, Langbank**Houston & Killellan and Langbank**

1 FTE

Union with Langbank becoming LMC

Houston and Killellan A

Langbank A

Bridge of Weir

1 FTE

Freeland A

St Machar's Ranfurly B

Kilmacolm

1 FTE

Kilmacolm: Old A

Kilmacolm St Columba B

B5 – Howwood and Kilbarchan

1 FTE

Linkage

Kilbarchan A

Howwood A

An amendment to change the narrative to include the former Lochwinnoch parish area in cluster B5 was accepted by the Convener and agreed by Presbytery.

B6 – Johnstone

1 FTE

Johnstone High Sanctuary B

Johnstone High Halls A

St Paul's A

St Andrew's Trinity B

An amendment to cluster B6 was proposed and seconded as follows:

Re-categorise the building category of Johnstone St Andrew's Trinity to A

On being put to a vote the amendment fell, however, the convener was minded to amend the narrative allowing time until the 4th quarter of 2025 for the disposal of St Andrew's Trinity building and Presbytery agreed.

A further amendment to cluster B6 was proposed and seconded as follows:

Re-categorise the building category of Johnstone High to A

On being put to a vote the amendment fell.

B7 - Elderslie and Linwood

1 FTE

Union with Linwood as LMC

Elderslie	A
Linwood	B

B8 - Barrhead: Bourock, Barrhead: St Andrews and Neilston

2 FTE

Barrhead: Bourock	A
Barrhead: St Andrew's	A
Neilston: Sanctuary	B
Neilston: Halls	A

An amendment to cluster B7 was proposed and seconded as follows:

Re-categorise the building category of Neilston to A

On being put to a vote the amendment fell

An amendment to change the narrative for cluster B8 to read that a two way union would be better was put to a vote

The amendment fell

parties had been cited to appear in their interest – there were no speakers from this cluster.

Rev Jonathan Fleming passed to the vice convener Carol Moore at this stage, declaring an interest in Cluster A proposals.

7. approves the proposals for cluster A

A1 – Port Glasgow

1 FTE

Port Glasgow New Church	A
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A2 – Greenock: Wellpark Mid Kirk and Hamilton Bardrainey

1 FTE • Interim Minister

Linkage

Wellpark Mid Kirk	A
Hamilton Bardrainey	A

An amendment to cluster A2 was proposed and seconded as follows:

To allocate 1 FTE minister to Cluster A2

On being put to a vote this amendment fell

A further amendment was proposed and seconded as follows:

To amend the plan to provide a Transition Minister as opposed to an Interim Minister for Cluster A2. The vice convener was minded to accept this amendment and Presbytery agreed.

A3 – Greenock: Mount Kirk and Greenock: East End

1 FTE

Mount Kirk linked with East End	A
East End	RENTED

A4 - Westburn

1 FTE (Known overallocation as discussed with PMPIG)

Westburn Sanctuary	B
Westburn Halls	A

A5 – Lyle Kirk and St Margaret’s

1 FTE

Lyle Kirk (Union)	A
St Margaret’s	A

A6 – Greenock: St Ninian’s, Old Gourock and Ashton and Gourock: St John’s

1 FTE

Old Gourock & Ashton	A
St Ninians	B
Gourock St John’s	A

A7 – Inverkip, Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay

1 FTE

Inverkip	A
Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay	A

8. instructs the Clerk to send the approved Draft Presbytery Mission Plan to PIMPIG and the General Trustees for their approval

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment to meet on Tuesday 20th June 2023 at 7.00pm for ordinary business, venue to be advised in due course

Moderator

Clerk