

CLYDE PRESBYTERY

February 9th 2021

On the 9th day of February 2021, Clyde Presbytery met via Zoom in line with current restrictions around the Covid-19 virus, and was constituted with prayer.

SEDERUNT

Rev Ian Johnson, Moderator, with 50 ministers, 66 elders, 2 deacons and 11 corresponding members, as recorded separately.

APOLOGIES

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

WELCOME

A warm welcome was extended to the Presbytery Clerk, Rev Dr Peter McEnhill, who started in post on 1st January 2021.

Three other new members were welcomed, Rev Jeanette Peel, ordained and working as Healthcare Chaplain at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Rev Matthew Ritchie, ordained and inducted to Neilston Parish Church and Rev David Hood, inducted to Paisley South.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of ordinary meeting on November 10th 2020, ordination on 18th November, ordination and induction on December 2nd 2020 and induction on 28th January 2021, having been previously circulated, were approved.

APPOINTMENT OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

The next meeting was approved as 9th March 2021.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business was approved as printed.

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

Business Committee

appointed 36 commissioners to the General Assembly 2021 as contained in **appendix 1**

Property Committee

approved an application by the Barrhead: Bourock congregation to carry out a programme of major roof repairs and redecoration of the Church and halls. The estimated total cost is £46,260 inclusive of any fees etc but exclusive of VAT and funds are available.

approved an application by the Paisley: Stow Brae congregation for the installation of an oak handrail with glass balustrade at the raised chancel area. The estimated cost is £2368.84 fully inclusive of all VAT etc, is funded from a donation from the Stow Brae Kirk Guild and the project has been approved by CARTA.

noted that the new manse for the Paisley: South congregation at 6 Southfield Avenue, Paisley, has been approved for use by representatives of the Property and Ministry Committees. The purchase price is £410,000 plus tax, fees and outlays in connection with the transaction. Funds are available from the sale of the former Paisley: Lylesland manse, the ongoing sale of the former Paisley St Luke's manse with short term financial assistance from the Central Fabric Fund;

noted that the General Trustees have approved short term financial assistance in the sum of £180,000 from the Central Fabric Fund. The loan will be the first call on proceeds of sale of the former Paisley St Luke's manse at 31 Southfield Avenue;

Stewardship & Finance Committee

Granted reductions in M&M contributions to the following congregations:

	Church	Purpose	Amount
140737	Barrhead Bourock	AV	2500
140738	Barrhead St Andrew's	AV	3000
181185	Bearsden Baljaffray	Gardens	5000
181179	Bonhill	AV	2500
181180	Cardross	Advent	500
181188	Craigrownie	Family worker	7500
181194	Dumbarton Riverside	AV	5000
140761	Glenburn	AV	1000
181225	Helensburgh Parish Church	AV	1000
140746	Houston & Killellan	Family community worker	7500
150816	Inverkip	Parish worker	6345
181204	Killermont	AV	1000
150819	Langbank	AV	5000
140755	Linwood	M & M reduction for 2020	7500
181227	Lomond Parish	AV & Lunch Club	4700
181212	Old Kilpatrick Bowling	AV	2500
140788	Paisley South	AV	2800
140781	Paisley Stow Brae Kirk	AV	2500
181213	Renton Trinity	AV	2500
181214	Rhu & Shandon	AV	2500
140780	Sherwood Greenlaw	AV	2750
140775	St Mark Oldhall	Worker	7500
181216	Westerton	AV	1500

Superintendence Committee

cancelled the Inspection of Records for this year given, the limitations around Covid restrictions, and advised Session Clerks that two year's records will be inspected next year.

Ministry Committee

approved a grant of £500 from the Weddell Bursary Fund to each of the following ministry students: Mr Thorsten Koenig, Mr Dougie Adam, Mr Aaron Marshall, Mr Alex MacCallum, Ms Adaeze Goziem-Ibonye and Mr Steven Henderson

Presbytery noted the above decisions made by committees on their behalf.

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. gives notice of motion to amend standing order number 1, 'Roll of Presbytery' at the next meeting of Presbytery on 9th March 2021 to include as corresponding members all candidates for the Ministry;
3. notes the continuing sick leave of Rev Scott McCrum at Old Kilpatrick Bowling and homologates the appointment of Rev Margaret Nutter as Interim Moderator there from 19th December 2020;
4. notes that Rev Liz Geddes will retire from her position as OLM from the end of April 2021 and wishes her well for a long and happy retirement;
5. nominates Rev Dr Alistair Shaw as the next Moderator of Clyde Presbytery from September 2021;
6. notes the co-option of Mr Jim Bain to the Vacancy Procedure Committee, Mrs Christine Cavanagh to the Planning Committee (D) and Mr Alan Grant to the Planning Committee (G&P) for a period of one year in accordance with standing order 16;

TREASURER

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

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. approves the change in Accounting date from 30th June to 31st December with the next set of accounts for Clyde Presbytery being for the eighteen-month period ending 31st December 2021;
3. approves the General Fund Budget for the year ending 31st December as tabled in **appendix 2**;
4. appoints James N Gibson, MA,CA, of 44 Aytoun Road, Pollockshields as Independent Examiner in connection with the accounts for the period ending 31st December 2021;
5. approves the allocation of Presbytery Dues for 2021 as detailed in **appendix 2** and authorise the issue of payment requests to Church Treasurers noting that payment is due no later than 30th June 2021.

PROPERTY

Rev Ian McEwan, Convener, presented the report from the Property Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. approves the disposal by sale of the former Paisley St Luke's church and hall;
3. notes that Greenock East End has now moved from their rented premises at 80 Bridgend Road, Greenock to 49 & 51 Belville Street, Greenock as of 27th January 2021,

PRESBYTERY PLANNING

The congregations of Paisley Glenburn and Paisley Stow Brae Kirk had been cited to appear in their interest.

Mr Jack McHugh, Convener, presented the report from the Planning Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. notes that the Basis of Union between Paisley: Glenburn and Paisley: Stow Brae was approved by both congregations, with Glenburn voting 47 in favour and 7 against and Stow Brae voting 165 in favour, 12 against and 2 abstentions;
3. approves the Basis of Union as contained at **appendix 4** and agrees to proceed with the union at a date to be determined by Presbytery when the process of registering a new name and charitable status for the united congregation has been completed by OSCR;
4. instructs the Clerk to send the approved Basis of Union to the Church of Scotland Law department authorising the Delegation of Assembly to issue a unitary constitution for the united congregation;
5. instructs the Moderator and the Clerk, in consultation with local parties, to make the necessary arrangements for a service of Union when all formal legal processes have been duly completed.

MISSION

Rev Gary Noonan, Convener, presented the report from the Mission Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Deliverance:

1. receives the report;
2. encourages all congregations to provide contact details for a member to represent them on their Local Mission Group;
3. notes the availability of Faith in Community Scotland Wee Boost Grant;
4. encourages congregation to submit any initiatives/resources that could be shared for Lent/Easter to the convener ASAP

CONFERENCE SESSION

Presbyters were assigned a break out room and were asked to discuss “mission” and resources for Lent/Easter, sharing good ideas.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment to meet on Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7.00pm for a conference session.

Moderator

Clerk