

## **CLYDE PRESBYTERY**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.00 pm**

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

### **SEDERUNT**

Rev Dr Alistair Shaw, Moderator, with 49 ministers, 60 elders and 13 corresponding members, as recorded separately.

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from 10 ministers, 7 elders and 1 corresponding member, as recorded separately.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

The Moderator welcomed Rev Elspeth McKay, recently inducted minister at Paisley Abbey.

### **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Minutes of ordinary meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and the induction on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021, having been previously circulated, were approved.

### **APPOINTMENT OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING**

The next ordinary meeting was approved as 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The order of business was approved as printed

### **OVERTURES**

The Moderator invited discussion on both Overtures and members contributed with comments both for and against the proposed amendments.

### **OVERTURE AMENDING THE CHURCH COURTS ACT (ACT III 2000)**

There voted in favour of the overture 99 with 3 votes against. There were 3 abstentions.

### **SOLEMNISATION OF SAME SEX MARRIAGE OVERTURE**

There voted in favour of the overture 63 with 33 votes against. There were 10 abstentions.

At the close of the second vote Francis Murphy, Stuart Stevenson, Ramsay Shields and Jack McHugh wished their dissent to be recorded.

Presbyters were advised that if they wished specific comments to be included in the return to the Principal Clerk, they should put them in writing to the Presbytery office forthwith.

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

Approved the application from Cardross Parish Church and Greenock Lyle Kirk to adopt the Unitary Constitution and advised the Law Department to issue the new deed.

Approved the appointment of Rev Sandy MacPherson, OLM in Argyll Presbytery, as the Church of Scotland representative on Argyll & Bute Council's Community Services Committee.

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

### **Property Committee (north)**

approved the application from Dalmuir Barclay to let their manse at 16 Parkhall Road, Clydebank now that they are in vacancy and instructed the congregation to use the services of the law department at '121' when drawing up a tenancy agreement

approved the refurbishment of Baldernock church windows at a cost of £59,286 incl. VAT and professional fees and further approved the release of funds held on their behalf in the central fabric fund. Thereafter instructed the clerk to forward the application form to the general trustees.

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. notes the sad passing of Denis Wadsworth, representative elder from Elderslie, and remembers in prayer those who mourn his loss;
3. notes that Rev Dr Charles Cameron will be retiring from parish ministry and demitting his charge at Johnstone St Andrew's Trinity Church from 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021;
4. notes that Rev Eileen Ross will be retiring from parish ministry and demitting her charge at Linwood Parish Church from 31st March 2022;
5. notes that Rev Barbara O'Donnell will be retiring from parish ministry and will be demitting her charge at Bonhill linked with Renton Trinity from 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022;
6. notes that Rev Ian Johnson will be retiring from parish ministry and will be demitting his charge at Dumbarton: Riverside linked with St Andrew's linked with West Kirk from 30th June 2022;
7. notes the change to service times in Lochside churches (for even years, Craigownie 09.45, St Modan's 11.15 and Garelochhead 11.15 and for odd years St Modan's 09.45, Craigownie 11.15 and Garelochhead 11.15, with the exception being Remembrance Sunday when Craigownie is 09.45 and St Modan's and Garelochhead 10.45 each year);
8. notes the change to service times in Dumbarton from October (a joint service for all congregations at 11.15am in West Kirk for October, December, February, in Riverside for November, January, March etc and the service will be live streamed to St Andrew's on the 2nd- 4th/5th Sunday of the month, once a month there will be a 10.00am service in St Andrew's conducted by the minister);
9. notes that there will be joint services in Barrhead as follows – Barrhead Bourock on 26<sup>th</sup> December (no service at Barrhead St Andrews), and then at St Andrews on 2<sup>nd</sup> January (no service at Bourock);
10. approves the application from Barrhead St Andrew's to adopt the unitary

constitution and instructs the Clerk to send the necessary documentation to the Law department;

11. delegates powers to the Business Committee to appoint Commissioners to the General Assembly 2022;
12. notes that the Convenor of the Assembly Business Committee, Rev Donald McCorkindale, has asked to address a special online meeting of Presbytery to discuss proposals for the reform of the General Assembly, and instructs the Clerk and Moderator to make suitable arrangements with Mr McCorkindale for such a meeting, most probably in January, and to intimate the time and date of this meeting to Presbyters.
13. proposes that the February meeting be held in person and instructs the committee to seek ways in which a hybrid meeting enabling remote participation might be made possible;
14. notes that the Faith Nurture Forum has appointed the Very Rev Martin Fair and Rev Mike Goss to act as facilitators to Presbytery in the Mission planning process;
15. appoints Rev Dr Alan Hamilton to collate any responses to the report of the Theological Forum's report 'Westminster Confession and the Church' and invites Presbyters to submit any comments to him by 30th November 2021, and instructs Dr Hamilton to submit those responses on behalf of Clyde Presbytery;
16. notes the determination from the General Trustees, set out below, with regard to the sale of the former church and halls which formed part of Paisley Martyrs' Sandyford;

### **TREASURER**

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

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. confirms approval to change in Accounting Reference 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

### **AD HOC MISSION AUDIT TASK GROUP**

Rev Jonathan Fleming, Convenor, presented the report from the *ad hoc* group and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. urges congregations to complete the Mission Audit exercise as fully as possible and respond by the deadline given;

## **MISSION**

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

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. notes the link to various resources and online events
3. welcomes the presbytery mission officer, Andy Reid, to his new role and offers him our prayers and encouragement

## **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 an application from Paisley St George's to be permitted to let the Manse at 10 Hawick Avenue, PAISLEY,
3. notes that the 2021 tranche of quinquennial inspections covering the following congregations; Erskine, Greenock: Lyle Kirk, The Mount Kirk, Wellpark Mid Kirk and Westburn, Paisley: Abbey, North (formerly Sandyford and Wallneuk North), St George's (formerly Glenburn & Stow Brae), South and West (formerly Martyrs' and St Columba Foxbar), all in the former Presbytery of Greenock and Paisley, should now be complete and reports are due to be passed to congregations around the end of November 2021;
4. notes that the Job Application Pack for the Presbytery Buildings Officer is enclosed at **appendix 3** and is ready to be advertised with a closing date in early December.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

Mr Neil Turnbull, Convener, presented the report from the Safeguarding Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. instructs all congregations to notify the Safeguarding Committee of their training requirements so that adequate training can be put in place;
3. reminds congregational safeguarding co-ordinators that two sets of records are required to be presented for inspection at the annual attestation of records which is likely to take place in February 2022;

## **SUPERINTENDENCE**

Rev Stephen Smith, Convener, presented the report from the Superintendence Committee and the following deliverance was approved;

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. notes the dates and process for the annual inspection of records.

## **MINISTRY**

In the absence of Rev Yvonne Smith, Convener, Mrs Patricia Robertson presented the report from the Ministry Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Deliverance:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. awards a grant of £500 to each of the seven ministry students within Clyde Presbytery from the Weddell Book Fund;

## **LEAVE TAKING**

Since Rev Dr Charlie Cameron will have demitted his charge before the next Presbytery meeting, the Moderator wished him well for a long and happy retirement. Dr Cameron replied in suitable terms.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment to meet on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm for ordinary business.

Moderator

Clerk