

## **CLYDE PRESBYTERY**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 pm**

**On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022, 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 50 ministers, 71 elders and 13 corresponding members, as recorded separately.

### **APOLOGIES**

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

### **WELCOME**

The Moderator welcomed Mr Jamie McNamara, Clyde Presbytery's Building Officer and Rev Mark Boshoff, currently completing a familiarisation placement at Bearsden Baljaffray.

### **NOTICES**

In addition to those in the print, Presbytery was saddened to learn of the death of Rev Douglas Hamilton, former minister of Greenock St George's North and Greenock Westburn

### **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Minutes of ordinary meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and pro re nata meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022, having been previously circulated, were approved.

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

The next ordinary meeting was approved as 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The order of business was approved as printed with an additional item from the Business Committee and Property Committee and an amended report from the Ad Hoc Mission Planning Task Group

### **FEEDBACK FROM ASSEMBLY ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE CONSULTATION**

The Clerk gave a brief report on the most recent Presbytery consultation meeting with the Assembly Arrangements Committee.

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

Noted that the majority of congregations held virtual or joint services over the Christmas period to comply with Covid guidance at that time

Appointed Rev Stephen Smith as Interim Moderator at Johnstone St Andrew's Trinity from 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 on the retirement of Rev Dr Charles Cameron

Appointed Rev Christine Goldie as Interim Moderator at Old Kilpatrick Bowling during the sick leave of Rev Scott McCrum

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

Property (south)

Approved an application from the Kilmacolm: St Columba congregation to let out their manse on a caretaker agreement from 1st December 2021 to 30th June 2022. The agreement is being drawn up by the Church of Scotland Law Department.

Approved an application by the Inchinnan Parish Church congregation for the temporary removal of five rows of pews from the back of the sanctuary and the installation of a moveable display cabinet to display older Communion Ware. The total cost is no more than £350 and funding is available and approval for this project has been given by the General Trustees.

Noted that the Neilston Parish Church manse was inspected on Friday 1st October by representatives of the Ministry and Property Committees and, following later confirmation that various outstanding items had been completed, was found to be ready for occupation.

### Stewardship & Finance

Granted a reduction in M&M payments from the discretionary allowance to the following congregations:

Against 2021 allocation

Presbytery	Presbytery Staffing costs	25000
Church	Purpose	Amount
150826 Greenock End	Clothing Exchange shop	5000
181180 Cardross Parish Church	AV	7500
181175 Arrochar	AV	1000
140757 Neilston	AV	3000
140755 Linwood	General M & M Reduction	5000

Against 2022 allocation

181225 Helensburgh	P/T Locum Assistant	6000
181179 Bonhill	AV help	1560
181213 Renton Trinity	AV help	1040
181188 Craigrownie	Lochside linkage worker	7500
140746 Houston & Killellan	Community Development worker	4500
181190 Dalmuir Barclay	CCTV	1500
140789 Paisley St George's	AV	3000
140754 Kilbarchan	AV	3000
140775 St Mark's Oldhall	Church Worker	7500
150814 Wellpark Midkirk	AV	5000

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 report of responses collated by Rev Dr Alan Hamilton following the consultation on the Westminster Confession as contained in **appendix 1**
3. suspends standing order number 54;

*a vote was taken regarding section 3 and it was unanimously agreed, therefore achieving the requisite 2/3 majority so standing order 54 was suspended*

4. notes that Rev Alan Sorensen, minister at Greenock: Wellpark Mid Kirk, has indicated his intention to retire from 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022;
5. appoints Rev Ann McCool as Interim Moderator at Linwood ahead of the retirement of Rev Eileen Ross on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022;
6. appoints Mrs Mary Jane Bird and Rev David Burt as Church of Scotland reps on Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Council when the appointments are reviewed following the local council elections in May
7. nominates Rev Christine Murdoch as the next Moderator of Clyde Presbytery from September 2022;
8. notes that Clyde Presbytery are due to be visited by the Moderator of the General Assembly in April 2023 and grants powers to the Clerk and Business Convener to form a small committee to deal with the arrangements;
9. approves the formation of a nominations committee ahead of the restructuring of committees in July 2022 and to deal with nominations for all appointments going forward and remits the arrangements to the Clerk and Business Convener to bring forward suitable names;
10. appoints commissioners to the General Assembly 2022 as contained in **appendix 2**

*Additional sections were proposed and seconded as follows:*

11. approves the demission of Rev David Young from Helensburgh linked with Rhu & Shandon from 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 as he takes up a position of Chaplain with the RAF;
12. appoints Rev Roddy Hamilton as Interim Moderator at Helensburgh linked with Rhu & Shandon ahead of the demission of David Young

## **LEAVE TAKING**

Rev David Young took leave of Presbytery ahead of his demission to take up a chaplaincy post in the RAF. In his absence, the Moderator thanked him for his ministry at Helensburgh linked with Rhu & Shandon and wished him well in his new position.

Rev Eileen Ross was retiring from her charge at Linwood and the Moderator thanked her for her service to Presbytery, where she served as convener of Mission & Discipleship for a number of years, and also her ministry at Linwood. He wished her well for a long and happy retirement. Mrs Ross replied in suitable terms.

## **TREASURER**

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

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. approves General Fund Budget for the year ending 31st December 2022 as tabled in **appendix 3**;
3. approves the allocation of Presbytery Dues for 2022 as detailed in **appendix 4** and authorises 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 2022

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

Rev Jonathan Fleming, Convener, withdrew the report as in the print, presented an amended report from the *ad hoc* group and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. approves the process outlined in the report;
3. encourages congregations to invite one additional representative to attend and participate in discussions at the March conference;

## **MISSION**

In the absence of Rev Gary Noonan, Convener, Rev Roddy Hamilton presented the report from the Mission Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. encourages congregation to submit Lent/Easter resources by 25 February;
3. notes the work and progress of the Mission Officer and commit to keep him in prayers

## **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 appointment of Rev Tommy Goodwin as a locally paid pastoral assistant at Helensburgh linked with Rhu & Shandon;
3. notes the study leave of Rev Dr Graeme Wilson from 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

### **PROPERTY**

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

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. notes the new Scottish Government regulations in regard to inter-connected alarm systems in domestic dwellings which apply to all manses;
3. approves the estimated expenditure of up to £120,000 on an urgent repair to the roof of Bonhill Parish Church, noting that this work also requires approval from the General Trustees before it can proceed;
4. notes that forthcoming building audits (AMBA) are an essential requirement of the Presbytery Mission Planning Act passed by the General Assembly of 2021;
5. instructs all congregations to facilitate and comply with the Audit process as described in the report and in the letter sent to congregations.

*An additional section 6 was proposed and seconded as follows:*

6. approves the application from Helensburgh linked with Rhu & Shandon to let their manse during the vacancy and instructs them to liaise with the Church of Scotland Law Department in that regard

### **SAFEGUARDING**

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

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. requests that all Congregational Safeguarding Coordinators notify the Presbytery Safeguarding Contact, Mr Neil Turnbull, with their contact details
3. requests that all Congregational Safeguarding Coordinators notify the Presbytery Safeguarding Contact with the numbers for
  - a. Coordinator Training
  - b. Volunteer Training
  - c. Safeguarding Panel Training
  - d. Kirk Session TrainingSo that a Training Programme can be put into place in the very near future.

4. reminds congregations that the recommendation from the Safeguarding Office @ 121 is that Refresher Training take place every Three Years and not more than Five Years.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment to meet on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am in Greenock Lyle Kirk for ordinary business followed by a conference.

Moderator

Clerk