

CLYDE PRESBYTERY

Saturday 5th March 2022 at 2.00pm

On the 5th day of March 2022, Clyde Presbytery met for ordinary business following a conference session, and was constituted with prayer.

SEDERUNT

Rev Dr Alistair Shaw, Moderator, with 26 ministers, 43 elders and 1 corresponding member attending in person, 6 ministers, 3 elders and 1 corresponding member joining via zoom, as recorded separately.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from 9 ministers, 7 elders and 1 corresponding member, as recorded separately.

NOTICES

The Clerk intimated the arrangements for the forthcoming Safeguarding Training.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of ordinary meeting on 8th February, having been previously circulated, were approved.

APPOINTMENT OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

The next ordinary meeting was approved as 21st June 2022

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business was approved as printed with an additional item from the Property Committee.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations were extended to both Rev Dr Alistair Shaw and Rev Fergus Buchanan on reaching 40 years as ordained ministers. This was recognised as an outstanding achievement and both afforded a round of applause.

LEAVE TAKING

Rev Barbara O'Donnell took leave of Presbytery ahead of her retirement in April. The Moderator wished her well for a long and happy retirement and Ms O'Donnell replied in suitable terms.

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

Ministry

Approved the study leave for Rev Christine Murdoch

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. appoints Rev Graeme Wilson as Interim Moderator at Bonhill linked with Renton Trinity on the retiral of Rev Barbara O'Donnell;
3. appoints Mr David de Paulo as legal adviser in the current discipline case following the resignation of David Stihler;
4. approves the application from Clydebank: Waterfront to continue the bi-monthly service arrangement with Dalmuir Barclay until the end of 2022;
5. appoints Rev Jonathan Fleming, Rev Ann Knox, Mr Robert Kinloch and Ms Sheena McFarlane to the Commission of Assembly 2022;
6. notes receipt of a request from Lomond Parish Church, (**appendix 1**), seeking Presbytery's approval of a proposed union with the linked charge of Kilmarnock Gartocharn and instructs representatives from the Presbytery Planning Committee and the Ad Hoc Task Group to confer further with local parties re this matter;
7. approves the request from Barrhead Bourock Church to appoint a Families and Youth Worker, for which local funds are available and instructs them to liaise with the Presbytery Planning Committee and the Ad Hoc Task Group re this as locally funded posts are now part of the Presbytery Mission Planning process.

PRESBYTERY PLANNING

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

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. notes the result of the congregational votes on the union between Kilmacolm Old Kirk and Kilmacolm St Columba as follows:

Kilmacolm Old Kirk	255 for 1 against
Kilmacolm St Columba	28 for 67 against
3. notes the failure to secure a vote approving the proposed union between Kilmacolm Old Kirk and Kilmacolm St Columba and refers the matter back to the Presbytery Planning Committee and the Ad Hoc Task Group for further consideration as part of the Presbytery Mission planning process.

SUPERINTENDENCE

In the absence of the Convener, Rev Steven Smith, Rev Christine Goldie presented the report from the Superintendence Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. notes that the annual Inspection of Records has taken place and that the committee is satisfied with the high level of record keeping and expresses thanks to the office bearers for their faithfulness and hard work, especially with the increased challenges the Covid pandemic brought;
3. thanks all those who assisted in the Inspection of Records, and the congregations who made premises available for that purpose;

PROPERTY

In the absence of the Convener, Rev Ian McEwan, Mr Ian Russell presented the report from the Property Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. notes that the property at 1 Carriagehall Drive, Paisley was inspected on Wednesday 3rd March by Rev Yvonne Smith (Ministry) and Mr Ian Russell (Property) and was found to be suitable for use as the manse of the Paisley Abbey congregation;
3. approves the purchase of 1 Carriagehall Drive, Paisley by the congregation of Paisley Abbey for use as their manse;
4. notes that the proposed purchase price is £384,995 and that funds are available from the sale of the former manse and approves the use of those funds for this purchase;
5. requires that the services of the Law Department of the Church of Scotland are used in connection with the purchase.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment to meet on Tuesday 21st June at 7.00pm for ordinary business, venue to be arranged.

Moderator

Clerk