

## **CLYDE PRESBYTERY**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 pm**

**On the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022, Clyde Presbytery met in person at Johnstone St Pauls Church, with some members joining via Zoom, and was constituted with prayer.**

### **SEDERUNT**

Rev Dr Alistair Shaw, Moderator, with 42 ministers (30 in person and 12 via zoom), 57 elders (24 in person and 33 via zoom) and 15 corresponding members (7 in person and 8 via zoom), as recorded separately.

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from 6 ministers, 13 elders and 1 corresponding member, as recorded separately.

### **WELCOME**

The Moderator welcomed the Rev Marian Cowie, transferring from the Presbytery of Glasgow and invited her to confirm her ordination vows. She would sign the formula in due course.

Welcome was also extended to new members of Presbytery, Angus Baird, Frances Campbell, Elizabeth Johnstone, Steven Lee, Sheena McFarlane, Malison Ndau, Lynn Ross and John Spooner. The Moderator hoped they would find their service to Presbytery a fulfilling experience.

### **LEAVE TAKING**

Rev Fergus Buchanan took leave of Presbytery ahead of his retirement. The Moderator wished him well for a long and happy retirement and Mr Buchanan replied in suitable terms.

### **THANKS TO RETIRING MODERATOR, REV DR ALISTAIR SHAW**

The Business Convener, Rev Ken Gray, thanked the retiring Moderator, Rev Alistair Shaw, for his service to Presbytery over his year in office.

### **ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW MODERATOR,**

Rev Alistair Shaw, having completed his period of office as Moderator proposed the Rev Christine Murdoch, nominated at the meeting of the Presbytery on 8<sup>th</sup> February last, as the next Moderator of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery approved and resolved accordingly.

### **NOTICES**

The notices were in the print and had previously been circulated.

### **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Minutes of the conference meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022, having been previously circulated, were approved.

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

The next ordinary meeting was approved as 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The order of business was approved as printed

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

- Appointed Rev Sonia Blakesley as IM at Kilmacolm Old following resignation of Gary Noonan on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022
- Appointed Rev Karen Harbison as IM at Inverkip I/w Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 following the retirement of Alan Sorensen
- Appointed Rev Barbara O'Donnell as IM at Baldernock linked with Milngavie St Paul's from 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022 ahead of the retirement of Rev Fergus Buchanan
- Appointed Rev Ann Knox as Convener of the Mission Committee on the resignation of Gary Noonan
- Noted the resignation of Maureen Burke, Parish Assistant at Dumbarton Riverside, from 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022
- Approved the applications from Duntocher Trinity and Elderslie to adopt the Unitary Constitution
- Approved a joint service for Garelochhead at Roseneath St Modan's on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 11.15am
- Noted that Inchinnan held worship outside in their Car Park on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022

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

### Property Committee

*Approved an application by the Greenock: Lyle Kirk congregation for the improvement of the pathways at the front of Lyle Kirk Union Street building, the estimated inclusive cost is £3750 and funding is available.*

*Homologated the approval given under powers by the Vice Convener to the Port Glasgow: Hamilton Bardrainey congregation for the renovation of the main and lower roofs at a total inclusive cost of £28,450 and funding is available.*

*Approved an application by the Gourock: St John's congregation for the renovation of the Manse kitchen. The estimated cost is £18,000 exclusive of VAT and funding is available.*

*Approved an application by the Kilmacolm Old: congregation for the exterior re-decoration of the Kidston Hall for a total of £12,680 exclusive of plus VAT and funding is available.*

*Approved an application by the Kilbarchan Parish Church congregation for the installation of a Wi-Fi transmitter/receiver on the outside walls of the church and hall at an estimated total inclusive cost of no more than £2000 and funding is available. The General Trustees are aware of the project and have no objections.*

*Noted that the list of congregations of the former Presbytery of Greenock and Paisley due to be included in the annual tranche Quinquennial Inspections will be carried out by the Presbytery's Building Officer – Jamie McNamara – over the next few months should have included Kilbarchan Parish Church (omitted in error) and both parties have been notified.*

## **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 continuing sick leave of Rev Scott McCrum and Rev Elspeth McKay;
3. notes that the new version of the Presbytery Handbook is available on the website [www.clydepresbytery.org](http://www.clydepresbytery.org)
4. encourages congregations to put forward ideas and projects for the Moderator to visit whilst working within Clyde Presbytery in April 2023.

*An additional section 5 was proposed as follows:*

5. approves the appointment of Rev Jim Gibson as locum at Paisley Abbey from 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 during the sick leave of Rev Elspeth McKay

## **TREASURER**

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

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. approves the financial statements as included at **appendix 1**;
3. instructs the Clerk and Treasurer to sign the Trustees Report and the balance sheet where appropriate on behalf of Clyde Presbytery;
4. instructs the Treasurer to obtain the Independent Examiner's report and lodge a copy of the signed accounts with OSCR;

## **MISSION**

Rev Ann Knox, Convener, presented the report from the Mission Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. notes the resume re-Presbytery Mission Officer Andy Reid;
3. encourages Congregations to support the DEC Appeal in aid of the Pakistani people after the recent floods

## **PRESBYTERY PLANNING**

In the absence of Mr Jack McHugh, Convener, Rev Jonathan Fleming presented the report from the Presbytery Planning Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. approves the request from Killermont Church to recruit a children and family worker under section 5.3 of the PMP Act 2021 on a two-year contract which will be funded locally, the appointment will be included in the Presbytery Mission Plan but will not affect the Presbyteries ministry allocation.
3. notes that the Presbytery Planning committee are continuing to meet with ministers, Kirk Sessions and Clusters to discuss the proposals in the Consultation Document;
4. approves the criteria to be used by Planning to make the buildings determinations required as part of the Draft Presbytery Mission Plan contained in **appendix 2**
5. instructs the Clerk to send the AMBA audit results, the Building Officers additional comments, as contained in **appendix 2a**, and the other agreed criteria to all Presbyters, Ministers and Session Clerks;
6. urges congregations to review the additional comments, when received, particularly with regard to outstanding works from previous quinquennial reports and to report back if those works have been subsequently completed

### **SAFEGUARDING**

Ms Carolyn Lockhart, 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 with their contact details;
3. urges all Congregational Safeguarding Coordinators to notify the Presbytery Safeguarding Contact with the numbers for their training requirements as follows:
  - Advanced Safeguarding Training (Coordinator Training/Panel Training)
  - Volunteer Training
  - Trustee Safeguarding Training (Kirk Session Training)

so that a Training Programme can be put in place in the very near future.

4. notes the instruction of the General Assembly that Ministers are to undertake safeguarding training as prescribed by the Safeguarding Service.

### **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE**

Mr Robert Kinloch, Convener, presented the report from the Stewardship & Finance Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. notes the accounts from congregations listed in **appendix 3** have been attested and can now be sent to OSCR by the 30<sup>th</sup> September deadline

*a new section 3 was proposed as follows:*

3. thanks all congregational treasurers and finance teams for their diligence in preparing accounts and the work done within their congregation

## **IN PRIVATE**

### **SUPERINTENDENCE**

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

Presbytery:

1. receives the report
2. appoints an Ill- Health committee in relation to Mr McCrum's continuing sick – leave as per the provisions of Act 6 2019 Income Protection and Ill Health, the committee to comprise of the Rev Stephen Smith, Rev Dr Peter McEnhill and the Rev Lezley Stewart as the Faith Nurture staff member on the committee;
3. instructs the Superintendence Committee to engage with local parties at Old Kilpatrick Bowling Church with a view to considering the concerns raised by the Interim Moderator re finding key office bearers.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment to meet on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 at 7.00pm for ordinary business venue to be advised in due course.

Moderator

Clerk