

CLYDE PRESBYTERY

Tuesday 22nd November 2022 at 6.30pm

On the 22nd day of November 2022, Clyde Presbytery met in person at Inchinnan Church, with some members watching a live stream on YouTube, and was constituted with prayer.

SEDERUNT

Rev Christine Murdoch, Moderator, with 43 ministers; 59 elders and 10 corresponding members, as recorded separately.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from 6 ministers, 10 elders and 1 corresponding member, as recorded separately.

NOTICES

The Clerk read the notices

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of the conference meeting on 13th September 2022, having been previously circulated, were approved.

APPOINTMENT OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

The next ordinary meeting was approved as 14th February 2023.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business was approved as printed with an addition of an item from the Business Committee. The Convener moved that the Presbytery Mission Plan would not be presented for approval but instead Presbytery would move into conference session and hear parties who had been cited, but no decisions would be taken. The plan would be presented at a special meeting of Presbytery on Saturday 4th February 2023. This was approved.

WELCOME

Welcome to Rev Eleanor McMahon transferring from South West Presbytery

LEAVE TAKING

Rev Scott McCrum, Rev Elspeth McKay and Rev Ian McEwan all took leave of Presbytery. The Moderator thanked each of them for their faithful service and wished them well in the next chapter of their lives.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations were extended to Rev Jonathan Fleming who recently celebrated 10 years as an ordained minister.

PRESENTATION

The Moderator acknowledged the following ministry students, Chris Barlas, Adaeze Goziem Ibonye, Thorsten Koenig, William McCulloch and Aaron Marshall and presented them with a grant towards their continuing studies for ministry.

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

Approved the request from Kilmacolm: St Columba and Kilmacolm: Old Kirk to hold joint services of worship in October. The first on the 9th Oct in K:StC and the other the 23rd Oct in K:OK.

Approved the job description for Rev Mark Boshoff, who has been approved to work within the Church of Scotland following his transition/ familiarisation, from the end of November 2022. He will work within the triple linkage in Dumbarton.

Approved the job description for Dougie Adam to work within the Church of Scotland following completion of his probationary period at Renfrew North Parish Church to facilitate mission and ministry within the new housing at Ferry Village - within the Parish.

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

Approved an application by the Greenock: St. Margaret's congregation for the replacement of roughcast rendering on the gable wall. The quoted inclusive cost is £3,400 and funding is available.

Approved an application by the Renfrew: North congregation for the installation of an additional heating boiler to relieve the existing church heating boiler from serving certain areas. The quoted inclusive cost is £2,650 and funding is available.

Approved an application by the Port Glasgow New Parish congregation for the purchase of a new electric organ at an inclusive cost of £23,500 and funding is available;

Approved an application by the Port Glasgow New Parish congregation to access up to £23,500 of their funds held in the Consolidated Fabric Fund in connection with the above item

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 sick leave of Matthew Ritchie, minister at Neilston, from 25/10 – 16/11/22
3. notes the demission of Rev Scott McCrum from his post at Old Kilpatrick Bowling from 31st October 2022;
4. notes the return to work and demission of Rev Elspeth McKay from her post at Paisley Abbey from 30th November 2022;
5. notes the demission of Rev Dr Ian McEwan from Bearsden Baljaffray from 31/12/2022;
6. approves the request from Dalmuir Barclay and Clydebank Waterfront to continue their pattern of joint services until February 2023;
7. approves the request from Paisley North to suspend 'in person' worship on Sunday 25th December and 1st January 2023 and meet via Zoom instead

8. approves the request from Old Kilpatrick Bowling Congregation to attend Bearsden Westerton Church for a joint service on Sunday 1st January 2023 at 11 a m;
9. approves the request from Craigrownie, Garelochhead and Rosneath: St Modan's to have joint services on Sunday 25th December in Garelochhead and on 1st January in St Modan's;
10. approves the request from Kilmacolm congregations to hold joint services on 25th December in Kilmacolm:St Columba's, and 1 Jan 2023 in Kilmacolm:Old Kirk
11. approves the request from Bearsden New Kilpatrick and Bearsden Cross to hold joint services in Bearsden Cross on Christmas Day and New Kilpatrick on New Year's Day;
12. approves the request from the linked charge of Baldernock I/w Milngavie St Paul's to hold joint services on Christmas Day and New Year's. The Christmas Day service will be in St Paul's and the New Year's Day service in Baldernock;
13. approves the requests from Johnstone High and Johnstone St Andrew's Trinity to attend Johnstone St. Paul's on Sunday, 1st January, with no service in their buildings on that date;
14. approves the request from Greenock Westburn to hold joint services with Lyle Kirk as follows: Christmas Day in Lyle Kirk and New Year's Day in Westburn;

an additional section 15 was proposed and seconded

15. approves the request from Gourrock St John's to attend a joint worship service in Old Gourrock & Ashton along with Greenock St Ninian's on New Year's Day
16. gives notice of motion that an amendment to standing order number 54 will be tabled at the February meeting of Presbytery reading:

54 Presbytery Budget and Dues

*The Treasurer shall prepare a set of Accounts annually consisting of a Trustees Report, a Receipts and Payments Account and a Statement of Balances. The Treasurer shall also prepare an annual General Fund Budget, in consultation with Committee Conveners where appropriate. The Presbytery Accounts and Budget shall be presented to the **June Presbytery Meeting** for approval. At its **June Meeting**, the Presbytery shall appoint an Independent Examiner for the Accounts. For the purposes of preparing the budget, Committee Conveners are required to prepare an expenditure budget for the year.*

TREASURER

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

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. approves the change of year end for presbytery accounts from 30th December to 31st December;
3. appoints Mr Jim Gibson as Independent Examiner for a further year;
4. notes that a meeting for all congregational treasurers will be arranged in December to discuss these proposals in more detail

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 nomination of Mr. Stuart Wilson to go forward as a Candidate in Training for Ordained Local Ministry, having successfully completed the National Assessment Conference;
3. notes that in addition to our 5 current ministry students, we also have 3 Probationers on placement within the Presbytery one due to finish at the end of November and we wish them well as they complete their training.

MISSION

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

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;

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 figures for Giving to Grow for 2023 as contained at **appendix 3** ;
3. instructs the clerk to circulate the figures to all congregational treasurers;
4. approves from the discretionary fund £7500 to Craigrownie PC on behalf of the Lochside Linkage to support the Lochside Linkage Family Worker in 2022;

5. approves from the discretionary fund £3000 to Inverkip linked with Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay to support the work of their outreach worker in 2022

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. receives The Draft Presbytery Mission Plan for Clyde Presbytery

Parties from all congregations within the bounds had been cited to attend in their interest
The following congregational representatives spoke to the proposals on the draft plan

Cluster A

Ross Finnie	Lyle Kirk
Grace Kennedy	Wellpark Mid Kirk
Alan Aitken	Gourock St John's
Cathy Dunnachie	Port Glasgow Hamilton Bardrainey
Moira Hellyer	Greenock St Margaret's

Cluster B

Elizabeth Cockburn	Inchinnan
Jim Holmes	Kilmacolm St Columba
Dick Hughes	Bridge of Weir St Machar's
Ian Barber	Johnstone High

Cluster C

Kenneth Ritchie	Paisley Abbey
Jim Jack	Paisley West
Jessie Cross	Paisley Oakshaw Trinity
Graham Simpson	Paisley Sherwood Greenlaw

Cluster D

Martin Perry	Bearsden Killermont
Alistair Burrows	Bearsden New Kilpatrick
Lynn Fordyce	Clydebank Kilbowie St Andrew's
Douglas Thomson	Bearsden Cross

There were no congregational representations from Cluster E or Cluster F.

All comments made by both congregational representatives and presbyters in each cluster were noted by the Convener to inform further discussion with the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment to meet on Saturday 4th February 2023 at 10.00am to approve the Presbytery Mission Plan and then on Tuesday 14th February 2023 at 7.00pm for ordinary business venues to be advised in due course.

Moderator

Clerk