

PRESBYTERY OF GREENOCK AND PAISLEY*September 10th 2019*

At Kilmacolm and within the Old Kirk there, the 10th day of September 2019, the Presbytery of Greenock and Paisley met as appointed and was constituted with prayer.

SEDERUNT

Rev Dr Peter McEnhill, Moderator, with 29 ministers, 42 elder and 7 corresponding members, as recorded separately.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from 8 ministers, 13 elders 1 Deacon and 2 corresponding members, as recorded separately.

MINUTES

Minutes of the ordinary meeting on June 18th and the induction on June 19th being in print and in the hands of members were approved

APPOINTMENT OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

The next meeting was approved as 12th November in the Cornerstone, Bishopton.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business was approved as printed

THANKS TO RETIRING MODERATOR, REV DR PETER McENHILL

The Business Convener, Rev Ken Gray, thanked the retiring Moderator, Rev Peter McEnhill, for his service to Presbytery over his year in office and presented him with a gift from the court. Mr McEnhill replied in suitable terms.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW MODERATOR,

Rev Dr Peter McEnhill, having completed his period of office as Moderator proposed Mr Jack McHugh, nominated at the meeting of the Presbytery on 12th February last, as the next Moderator of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery approved and resolved accordingly.

Dr McEnhill offered Mr McHugh congratulations and good wishes and led the Presbytery in prayer. Mr McHugh took the chair and expressed his thanks to the Presbytery for the privilege entrusted to him.

NOTICES

The Clerk highlighted the notices.

WELCOME TO REV GRAY FLETCHER

The Moderator welcomed Mr Fletcher to his new charge at Elderslie and said he looked forward to working with him.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY

The Moderator welcomed new members, Mr Lee, Mr Pettinger and Mrs Sands and hoped they felt able to contribute to discussion and participate in the workings of the committee they had been assigned to.

VACANCY PROCEDURE

In the absence of the Convener, the Clerk presented the report of the Vacancy Procedure Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. notes the decision of the VPC, acting under the provisions of section 2 of the Act 7 2003 (Vacancy Procedure) ,to release Rev Owen Derrick from his charge at Greenock: Lyle Kirk from 31st August 2019 in order to take up a charge at the First Presbyterian Church of Tekamah, Nebraska, USA;
3. homologates the appointment of Rev Morris Coull as Interim Moderator and Locum at Greenock Lyle Kirk from 1st September 2019 following the demission of Rev Owen Derrick;
4. homologates the appointment of Rev Teri Peterson at Greenock St Margaret's from 1st September to replace Mr Derrick there;
5. notes the decision, of the VPC, acting under the provisions of section 2 of the Act 7 2003 (Vacancy Procedure), to release Rev Dr Peter McEnhill from his charge at Kilmacollm: Old Kirk from 27th. September in order to accept a call to St Andrew's Church of Scotland in Rome;
6. appoints Rev Gary Noonan as Interim Moderator at Kilmacollm Old Kirk from 27th. September following the translation of Rev Dr Peter McEnhill;
7. notes that Rev David Nicholson preached as sole nominee at Erskine on Sunday 18th August and was duly elected by 158 votes to 16 and remits the arrangements for his induction to the Clerk and Moderator once the vacancy schedule has been approved

LEAVE TAKING REV DR PETER MCENHILL

Dr McEnhill took leave of Presbytery and thanked colleagues for their support during his time both as Presbytery Clerk and as minister at Kilmacollm Old Kirk. The Moderator wished Dr McEnhill well as he took up his new charge at St Andrew's, Rome.

BUSINESS

Rev Ken Gray, Convener, presented the report from the Business Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. notes receipt of the remits from the General Assembly 2019 and instructs the relevant Presbytery committees to respond to the relevant instructions outlined in **Appendix 1**
3. notes the determination from the General Trustees with regard to the sale of the manse of Port Glasgow::St Martin's and credit their respective Consolidated Fabric Funds with the free proceeds of the sale;
4. notes the resignation of Mr Ian Keith as Presbytery Representative on Renfrewshire Education Committee and encourages anyone interested in this role to contact the Presbytery Office;
5. approves a grant of £ 8,000 and a monthly contribution of £ 500 for the next 6 months to the congregation of Paisley:St Ninians Ferguslie from the St. James fund.

The money is necessary to fund repair and improvement works on the manse and the church halls and to help the congregation through a cash flow crisis.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Mr Leon Marshall presented the report from the Stewardship & Finance Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. Receives the report ;
2. Attests that the 2018 accounts of the following congregations fulfil the General Assembly's Regulations anent Congregational Finance and the requirements of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations:
 - Inchinnan (140748) – R & P
 - Johnstone St Paul's (140751) – SORP
 - Paisley Oakshaw Trinity (140767) – SORP
 - Paisley St Columba Foxbar (140770) – R & P
3. Instructs the Clerk to contact the treasurers of the congregations advising them of the attestation of their accounts and informing them that these may now be sent to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator ;
4. Instructs the Clerk to advise the General Treasurer's Department of (3) above in the designated manner by 30 September 2019 ;
5. Notes that final accounts have still to be received from the congregation of Linwood and grants powers to the committee to attest these accounts in the name of Presbytery once they have been examined and found to be in order ;
6. Agrees that the following sums be awarded from the 5% Discretionary Allowance to reduce the 2019 Ministries and Mission contributions of the congregations concerned :

• Barrhead St Andrews	£ 1,500
• Greenock St Margaret's	5,000
• Greenock St Ninian's	2,500
• Johnstone High	1,000
• Paisley Abbey	5,000
7. Agrees that the balance of the 5% Discretionary Allowance be used to reduce the Ministries and Mission contributions of congregations as detailed in **Appendix 2** ;
8. Instructs the Clerk to send an extract minute of this decision to the Church's Stewardship & Finance Department by 30 September 2019 and to inform the congregational treasurers of this by the same date ;
9. Notes that a copy of the proposed Ministries and Mission contributions for 2020 has been sent to congregational Treasurers and that any appeals against these proposed contributions should be made to the Convener by 24 October 2019

PROPERTY

Mr Ian Russell, Convener, presented the report from the Property Committee, apart from section 4 which was presented by the Clerk) and the following deliverance was approved;

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. homologates the approval granted in August under powers by the Convener to the Paisley: Sherwood Greenlaw congregation to treat an outbreak of dry rot in the upper and lower halls. The estimated cost including ancillary expenditure is £22,500 inclusive of VAT and funds are available;
- 3(a). approves an application in principle by the Bishopton congregation to install an external platform lift for disabled access to the Sanctuary. The estimated cost is £30,450, is VAT exempt and fundraising is underway from both the congregation and other bodies for possible grant aid and CARTA is aware of the project;
- 3(b). approves an application to the General Trustees from the Bishopton congregation for financial assistance from the Central Fabric fund in connection with the above project;
4. approves the request from the Paisley: Stow Brae congregation to let their manse during the vacancy and instructs the said congregation to liaise with the General Trustees in connection with the arrangements for any lease and to use the services of the Church of Scotland Law Department;
5. notes that the Erskine Parish manse will be inspected by representatives of the Property and Ministry Committees in the immediate future and if found to be ready for occupation this will be reported to the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery;
6. notes that the Property Committee has approved a grant of £4,896 from the Cargill Bequest Fund to the Paisley: St Mark's Oldhall congregation in connection with the full renovation of their manse approved by Presbytery at its June 2019 meeting;
7. instructs those congregations whose property records were incomplete at the Annual Inspection of Records, to provide the missing information from their property register and the manse condition schedule as soon as possible to allow these records to be attested;
8. notes that the presentation slides from the Health and Safety Seminar, which took place on Tuesday 2nd April 2019, are now available and can be supplied on application to the convener;
9. notes that the convener attended the General Trustees' seminar 'Well equipped spaces in the right places' on their Land & Buildings Plan Consultation Paper held in Kilmarnock on Wednesday 4th September;

MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP

In the absence of the Convener, Rev Hanneke Marshall presented the report from the Mission & Discipleship Committee and the following deliverance was approved;

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. encourages members to consider applying for the vacant safeguarding trainer post to share the burden of training throughout the Presbytery;
3. notes the new Safeguarding Training for volunteers dates as follows:
 Sunday 8th September 2019 in Paisley St Marks from 2pm until 4.30 pm,
 Sunday 6th October 2019 in Johnstone St Pauls from 2pm until 4.30pm.
4. notes that the next deadline for receipt of grant applications is 12 noon on Friday 13 Sep 2019;
5. encourages Kirk Sessions to visit this website for a refresher on supporting people with additional needs in their congregation;
<https://theadditionalneedsblogfather.com/2019/07/18/10-ways-to-belong/>
6. thanks Kirk Sessions for their response to the Mission questionnaires sent earlier this year; and to the Mission Fair itself, and notes that the committee is working on disseminating information a webpage be added to the Presbytery website;
7. invites Callum MacMillan from Johnstone High Parish Church to report on the 2019 NYA ;

COMMUNITY INTERESTS

The Convener, Rev Pamela Gordon, presented the report of the Community Interests Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. notes that the Scottish Government is undertaking a consultation on best funeral practise and encourages responses by 20th September by clicking the link in the report;
3. notes that Renfrewshire Council is undertaking a consultation on licensing sexual entertainment venues and encourages interested parties to respond using the link in the report;
4. gives thanks for the work of David Burt and Ian Keith, representing Presbytery on Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Education Board, and looks forward to hearing more about their respective roles at a future meeting.

MINISTRY

Rev Ann McCool, Convener, presented the report from the Ministry Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

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1. receives the report
2. notes that the Annual Review of OLM's and Auxiliary Ministry will take place on Thursday 12th September
- 3 a) notes that the next Worship Leaders Training Course will be held in the Cornerstone, Bishopton, from Sunday 26th January until Sunday 1st March from 2-4pm
- b) reminds Presbyters and Ministers that the relevant Application Form for future Worship Leaders must be completed and emailed or handed to Rev Maureen

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4. notes with gladness that there are 73 Candidates in training for various ministries in the Church of Scotland
5. congratulates William Boyle on having had his Probationary Period sustained;
6. notes that Enquirers for Ministry in the Church of Scotland should now contact the Vocations Team on vocation@churchofscotland.org.uk in the first instance, to request a Discernment Conversation;
7. notes that 25 persons will enjoy Afternoon Tea and fellowship together on Sunday 22nd September from 2-4pm;
8. notes the appointment of Mrs Mary Jane Bird as locum at Barrhead St Andrew's from 29th September 2019;
9. notes the appointment of Mr Russell Banks as locum at Lochwinnoch from 6th October 2019;
10. notes the appointment of Rev May Bell as locum at Port Glasgow Hamilton Bardrainey from 1st September 2019

WORLD MISSION & ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

Rev Peter Gill, Convener, presented the report from the World Mission & Ecumenical Relations Committee and the following deliverance was approved;

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. invites Mr Darren Gillen from YMCA to address Presbytery

PRESBYTERY PLAN REVIEW

Rev Alistair Shaw presented the report from the Presbytery Plan Review Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;

an additional deliverance was proposed by the convener and approved as follows:

2. notes the results of the recent votes from congregations in Port Glasgow St Andrew's linked with Langbank and Hamilton Bardrainney linked with St Martin's on a number of Bases of Adjustment, confirms its agreement with the results and instructs the Clerk to send the decision of Presbytery in each case to the Presbytery Planning Task Group in Edinburgh for their concurrence.-
 - for the Basis of Severance of the linkage between Langbank and Port Glasgow: St. Andrew's;
 - for the Basis of Severance of the linkage between Port Glasgow: Hamilton Bardrainney and Port Glasgow: St. Martin's;
 - for the Basis of Guardianship for Langbank;
 - for the Basis of Union between Port Glasgow: St. Andrew's and Port Glasgow: St. Martin's.

LOCAL CHURCH REVIEW

Rev Stephen Smith presented the report from the Local Church Review Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. notes that it is the committee's intention to conduct Local Church Reviews in the congregations of Elderslie, Houston and Killellan, Johnstone High, Johnstone St Andrew's Trinity, Johnstone St Paul's and Linwood in October with a view to reporting at the December Presbytery.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment to meet on Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 7.00pm for ordinary business in the Cornerstone, Bishopton.

Moderator

Clerk

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