

The Church of Scotland

The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy

Kirkcaldy: Linktown

5 February 2013

The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy met and was constituted in prayer by the Moderator, the Rev Tony Fowler, for the transaction of ordinary business.

Sederunt

21 Ministers, 1 Deacon, 31 Elders, and 7 Corresponding Members as per the attendance sheet.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from 5 Ministers, and 8 other Presbyters as recorded and intimated.

Minutes

The Minute of the meeting held on 4 December 2012 (pages 2497 - 2501) was approved and signed.

Approval of the Agenda

The Business Committee Convener, the Rev Gilbert Nisbet, moved adoption of the Agenda as printed. This was agreed.

Call from Glenrothes: St. Columba's to Mr Alan Kimmitt

a) The Clerk laid on the table the Call to Mr. Alan Kimmitt, along with all the relevant papers relating to the nomination and election.

The Moderator welcomed representatives of the Congregation who had been cited to appear for their interest. Mrs. Carol Gibson spoke on behalf of the Congregation.

Presbytery sustained the Call and the Moderator thanked the Members of the Congregation for their attendance and wished them and their new Minister well in the future.

b) The Moderator called on the Business Convener to speak to section five of the Business Committee deliverance.

It was moved seconded and agreed -

5. Service of Ordination and Induction

Presbytery resolves to hold a service of Ordination and Induction for Mr. Alan Kimmitt to Glenrothes: St. Columba's on Thursday 21st February 2013, the Moderator to conduct worship and the preacher to be the Reverend Ken Froude. Presbytery will meet at 6.45pm

Approval of the Presbytery Plan

Further to the 'in hunc effectum' meeting of Presbytery held on 20th November 2012 at which Presbytery voted by a clear majority, there being one vote against, to accept the Presbytery Plan as amended at November 2012.

Further it was agreed that the Plan be submitted for approval and subsequent implementation at the 5th February 2013 meeting of Presbytery.

The Moderator welcomed representatives of the Congregations of Glenrothes: Christ's Kirk, Glenrothes: St. Columba's, Glenrothes: St. Margaret's, Glenrothes: St. Ninian's and Leslie: Trinity, who had all been cited to appear for their interest.

The Moderator called on the Rev. Andrew Donald, Convener, Ministries Committee to speak to the background and the formulation of the Plan, which had been drafted in accordance with Ministries Council National Guidelines.

The Moderator invited the representatives from the cited Congregations to speak.

The Rev. Alexandra Rosener spoke on behalf of Glenrothes: Christ's Kirk, Mr. Brian Lumsden for Glenrothes: St. Columba's, Mr. Ian Wright for Glenrothes: St. Ninian's and Mr. Alex Redpath for Leslie: Trinity.

The Moderator thanked all representatives for their contributions.

The Moderator called for questions and comments following which the Ministries Committee Convener closed the debate.

It was moved seconded and agreed:

1. Presbytery Plan

- a) The Presbytery Plan as at November 2012 is received and noted.
- b) Presbytery resolves to effect the remaining reduction of one full time equivalent ministry in the Presbytery Plan by 31st December 2013 by reducing the Presbytery Parish Worker posts in the Glenrothes and Leslie area from four to three.
- c) Presbytery remits this to the Ministries Committee and instructs that consultation is initiated with the Glenrothes and Leslie congregations in order that this be accomplished equitably.

The Moderator thanked the Convener and Members of the Ministries Committee for their diligence. He also thanked representatives from the cited Congregations for their attendance and interest, and wished them well at this evolving time in their Christian Witness.

Business Committee

The Moderator called for the balance of the report of the Business Committee which was given by the Convener, Rev. Gilbert Nisbet.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

1. General Assembly 2013

Presbytery notes that invitations to attend this year's General Assembly have been sent to the relevant ministers and Kirk Sessions.

2. Congregational Statistics

Presbytery thanks congregations for their timeous submission of Congregational Statistics.

3. Log Books

Presbytery instructs ministers to present their Log Books for Inspection by the Clerks at the March meeting of Presbytery.

4. Annual Inspection of Records

Presbytery agrees to advise congregations that the annual inspection of records will take place in Kirkcaldy: St. Bryce Kirk on Wednesday 17th April from 9.30 a.m. onwards.

6. Future Convenerships of Presbytery Committees

Presbytery resolves to appoint only members of Presbytery to the convenship of Presbytery Standing Committees. This does not debar committees from co-opting those who may be able to offer specialist or general assistance to the work of the committee. In addition, it is thought that Co-Convenerships do not necessarily serve the best interests of Presbytery.

7. Future Meetings of the Business Committee

Presbytery resolves that, at the start of each new session, the Business Committee will determine whether it is more practicable to meet in the afternoon or the evening, depending on the composition of the Committee for the forthcoming year.

8. Digitisation of Presbytery Boundaries

Presbytery notes the work being done on the digitisation project by the Statistics for Mission Team of the Church of Scotland. Kirk Sessions are requested to check the boundary maps

being sent out by George Luke and respond to any questions he may have by 28 February 2013.

Intimations

Relevant intimations were made to Presbytery.

Fabric and Finance Committee

The Moderator called for the report of the Fabric and Finance Committee which was given by the Convener, Mr George Grant.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

1. Fabric Matters

Presbytery notes that the Fabric and Finance Committee have approved under delegated authority the following items:-

(i) Auchtertool Footway Project

Fabric and Finance Committee supports a grant application to the General Trustees in the sum of £15,000 to enable the pathway work to proceed.

(ii) Burntisland

Fabric and Finance Committee supports a grant application to the General Trustees of up to £10,000 to meet the cost of employing an architect to identify the maintenance work to eradicate water penetration in the walls of the church building.

(iii) Glenrothes: Christ's Kirk

Fabric and Finance Committee notes that CARTA approved proposed redecoration to the chancel of the church building and refers the proposal the General Trustees for approval or otherwise.

(iv) Buckhaven and Wemyss

Presbytery notes the schedule of works to be carried out at Buckhaven and asks the Board of Buckhaven and Wemyss to submit an estimate of the costs and a timetable for the programme of works.

2 New Property Register and Manse Condition Schedule

The General Assembly instructs congregations and Presbyteries (i) to use the new Property Register and to keep it up to date and (ii) to use the Manse Condition Schedule as a part of the Annual Inspection of Records. (These documents may be downloaded from the Church of Scotland General Trustees website. Should any property convener be unable to access these documents he/she should contact the Fabric and Finance joint Convener H6AFM@yahoo.co.uk).

3 VAT on listed Churches

Presbytery notes that although the zero rating for VAT on alterations to listed buildings has been withdrawn, the Listed Places of Worship VAT Grant Scheme has been expanded from October 2012 to enable congregations to recover the whole amount of VAT incurred on both repairs and alterations to listed churches.

4 Five Yearly Inspections

On the instruction of the General Assembly, Presbytery emphasises the value of the five yearly property inspection reports as a tool to ensure that ecclesiastical buildings are properly maintained and repair costs kept to a minimum.

5 Manses

Presbytery urges congregations to ensure, in their own interests, that manses are brought up to and maintained in good order and repair.

6 Insurance

Presbytery notes the completion of the Insurance Revaluation programme and thanks congregations for implementing the instructions of the General Assembly.

7 Buckhaven and Wemyss

Presbytery supports the application from Buckhaven and Wemyss to pay the ministry and mission allocation in 2013 by way of ten monthly instalments and four quarterly payments.

Ministries Committee

The Moderator called for the Convener of the Ministries Committee, Rev Andrew Donald, to speak to the Consultation Document - **The Future of Continuing Ministerial Development** - produced by the Ministries Council to which Presbytery was required to respond.

Following a summary of the essential parts of the document by the Convener, the Moderator called for questions and comments.

Following discussion, Presbytery determined that Continuing Ministerial Development should be obligatory as part of the ongoing development and progression of all ministers.

Mission and Discipleship Committee

There was no report, nor any deliverance from this Committee.

Vacancy Procedure Committee

The Moderator called for the report of the Vacancy Procedure Committee which was given by the Convener, Mrs Jacqueline Thomson.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

1. Thornton

Presbytery notes Rev Tilly Wilson is now serving as Interim-Moderator and locum at Thornton Church. Presbytery thanks Tilly for taking on these appointments and wishes to convey at the same time sincere thanks to Mr Ian Biernat, Reader, for all his work while assisting in the Church and Parish at Thornton over the last few months.

Church and Society Committee

The Moderator asked Presbytery to note the report of the Church and Society Committee which had been submitted in print by the Convener, Rev Marc Prowe. There was no deliverance.

Correspondence

Forwarded

- 4 Dec Go For It newsletter
- 4 Dec Info re World Mission Israel Palestine Tour
- 5 Dec Info re Vocations Sunday from Andrew Donald
- 6 Dec Mission and Discipleship Council E-news
- 7 Dec Info from Janette Wilson – guidance from HMRC re form filling
- 13 Dec Church and Society Council Winter E-news
- 13 Dec Info from Law Department re Meikle and Paton Trust (Crieff Hydro)
- 19 Dec Request for COSY contacts
- 19 Dec Info re Presbytery of Glasgow Carol Service
- 21 Dec Letter from Principal Clerk re Heart and Soul 2013
- 22 Dec National Youth Assembly Flyer and application form
- 3 Jan E-mail from Falkirk Christian Bookshop re book launch
- 4 Jan Info re changes to Church of Scotland Insurance Scheme
- 8 Jan Info re repair grants for places of worship in Scotland
- 11 Jan Mission and Discipleship E-news
- 15 Jan Info re Different Voices National Music Event
- 16 Jan Info re Dementia Friendly Churches conference
- 17 Jan Info re Go For It Fund training events
- 19 Jan Info re SAPCC Margaret Allan lecture 2013
- 20 Jan Info re ‘Jesus: The Evidence’
- 21 Jan Info re study leave opportunity ‘Tales in Tunes’
- 22 Jan Church and Society Council E-news
- 28 Jan E-mail from John Chalmers re FACE Conference

Clerk / Business Committee

- 16 Dec Letter from Mrs Rosemary Potter re quadricentenary of birth of Rev George Gillespie
- 7 Jan Reminder from Fiona Tweedie re Presbytery Boundaries
- 10 Jan Nomination form from Craig Higgins for election as Youth Rep
- 10 Jan Copy of Safeguarding Handbook 3
- 16 Jan Letter from Session Clerks of St Columba's and Leslie: Trinity
- 17 Jan Info re Commissioners for General Assembly
- 22 Jan Copy of letter sent by Buckhaven and Wemyss Kirk Session Minute Secretary
- 25 Jan Letter from Alex Forsyth re retirement – 30 January 2014
- 27 Jan Letter from Session Clerk at Markinch re forward planning

Church and Society

- 20 Dec SCPO Newsletter – Dec 2012
- 4 Jan E-mail from Mark Evans re NHS policy on care of Dying, Deceased and Bereaved
- 7 Jan Message to Ecumenical Officer from Ros Milne
- 17 Jan Copy of letter to Methil re development of halls

Fabric and Finance

- 21 Dec Copy of letter from General Trustees re release of funds for Kirkcaldy: Bennochy
- 7 Jan Copy of letter from General Trustees to Kirkcaldy: Templehall re grant assistance
- 15 Jan Grant application to General Trustees from Burntisland
- 17 Jan Copy of letter to Kirkcaldy: Bennochy approving work and release of funds
- 24 Jan Info re funds held on behalf of congregations by General Trustees
- 28 Jan Copy of letter from General Trustees to Burntisland re grant application

Ministries

- 7 Dec Guidance notes on Guardianship from Ministries Council
- 14 Dec Paper from Perth Presbytery on part-time ministries
- 19 Dec PPTG Draft Minute from 11.11.12
- 18 Jan Copy of documents issued to PPWs
- 22 Jan Skills profile and Job Descriptions for PPWs

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet at 6.45 pm on Thursday 21st. February 2013 at Glenrothes: St. Columba's for the Ordination and Induction of Mr. Alan Kimmitt; and at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 5th March 2013 in Kirkcaldy: St. Bryce Kirk Centre for the transaction of ordinary business.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

_____Moderator

_____Clerk

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The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy

Glenrothes: St Columba's

21 February 2013

The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. Tony Fowler, for the Ordination of Mr. Alan Kimmitt to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in The Church of Scotland and his Induction to the Charge of Glenrothes: St. Columba's which forms part of the Rothes: Trinity Parish Grouping.

Sederunt

19 Ministers, 1 Deacon, 15 Elders and 5 Corresponding Members as per the Attendance Sheet

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from 3 Ministers, and 7 other Presbyters as recorded.

Associated with Presbytery

27 visitors from other Presbyteries attended as detailed on the Attendance Sheet.

The Moderator welcomed all present and extended a special welcome to those Associated with Presbytery.

The Clerk confirmed that the Edicts for the Ordination and Induction of Mr. Kimmitt were returned having been duly served, and that there had been no objection to the life or doctrine of Mr. Kimmitt.

Presbytery then proceeded to the Church where the Moderator conducted public worship and the Rev. Ken Froude, Kirkcaldy: St. Bryce preached the sermon.

The Narrative having been read by the Clerk, the Moderator proceeded with the act of Ordination and Induction.

The Moderator, following the Preamble, put the prescribed questions to Mr. Kimmitt who gave satisfactory answers.

The Clerk read and Mr. Kimmitt signed the Formula.

The Call and Paper of Concurrence were tabled.

The Moderator proceeded to ordain Mr. Kimmitt to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. There followed the 'Laying-on of Hands'.

The Moderator and Members of Presbytery then extended to the Rev. Kimmitt the right-hand of fellowship.

Following prayer the Moderator proceeded with the Induction and, with suitable words of encouragement, declared that the Rev. Alan Kimmitt, in accordance with the current Presbytery Plan, be inducted to the Charge of Glenrothes: St. Columba's on an Unrestricted Tenure basis as part of the Rothes: Trinity Parish Grouping.

The Moderator put the prescribed questions to the Congregation who responded positively.

Representatives of the Congregation and their Minister then presented and acknowledged the 'Signs of Shared Ministry'.

The Moderator then gave a Charge of counsel and encouragement to the Minister and to the Congregation.

Following the Service the Congregation welcomed their Minister.

Following worship Presbytery continued in session and confirmed that the name of the Rev. Alan Kimmitt be added to the Roll of Presbytery.

The Moderator thanked those Associated with Presbytery for their attendance, the Rev. Ken Froude for preaching the sermon, Mr. Craig Caskie, Interim Moderator, who is discharged, and the Rev. Christine Houghton for her sustained assistance during the vacancy.

Thanks were also expressed to the Session Clerks, office-bearers, and members who assisted during the vacancy and for the arrangements made for the Service.

The Depute Clerk thanked the Moderator for an inspiring service.

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 5th March 2013 in Kirkcaldy: St. Bryce at 7 p.m. for the transaction of Ordinary Business.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

_____Moderator

_____Clerk