

Lanark, on Tuesday 6 February 2018 the **Presbytery of Lanark** met in Lanark: Greyfriars Parish Church and was constituted in prayer.

Sederunt: Mr Alan Grant, Moderator and Rev Bryan Kerr, Clerk along with others as in the Sederunt Book –12 Ministers, 16 Elders and 14 visitors.

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Revs D Carmichael, E Clelland, S Reid and D Young, Ministers; G Chapman, L Cochrane, E McLachlan, A McPhee, C Murray, L Nicol, S Paget, J Sinclair and J Watt Elders, and K Gardiner, Corresponding Members.

Welcome to Visitors

The Moderator welcomed visitors attending the Presbytery meeting, especially Dr John McCulloch, Mission Partner.

Approval of the Order of Business

The Order of Business as circulated was approved.

Minutes of meeting on 5 December 2017 & 16 January 2018

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2017 and 16 January 2018 were held as read and approved.

Decisions taken under delegated powers

The Clerk informed Presbytery that the following decisions had been taken under powers.

Property Committee - Douglas Valley Church (23 January 2018)

Presbytery, under delegated powers, agree to the expenditure of the sum of £1215.00 for the redecoration of the Manse at Douglas Valley Church.

Ministries Committee - Candidate in Training, Ministry of Word and Sacrament (1 December 2017)

Presbytery, under delegated powers, agree to nominate Mr George Sneddon, member of Kirkmuirhill Parish Church (Church of Scotland) as a candidate in Training for the full time ministry of Word and Sacrament and assure him of the ongoing support of Presbytery throughout the period of training.

Roll of Presbytery

The Moderator welcomed Rev Paul Grant, minister at Law to his first meeting and presented him with a book as a token of welcome. Mr Grant thanked the Presbytery for their welcome and support and the Moderator asked God to bless Mr Grant in his ministry.

The Clerk informed the Presbytery of the health of Mr Scott Paget, Additional Elder who suffered a stroke in mid January aged 40. Mr Paget was now home and recovering well and expresses thanks for the many prayers of ministers, elders and congregational members during the period of illness.

The Clerk informed Presbytery of the nomination of Mr George Sneddon, Kirkmuirhill as a Candidate for the Full Time Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

The Presbytery:

- I. Instruct the Clerk to add the name of Mr George Sneddon as a Corresponding Member of Presbytery for the duration of his training.

Correspondence

The Clerk informed members that all items of correspondence had been notified via email and that a number of pieces of correspondence had been received and remitted to appropriate Committee Conveners or passed on by e-mail to Ministers, Session Clerks and members of Presbytery.

The clerk referred to

- Law Department – Notification to be vigilant against financial scams
- General Assembly Office – contact regarding significant changes in some congregational statistics to be checked by the Clerk.

- General Trustees – a new (temporary) fund for improving community facilities from 60th anniversary Garfield Weston Fund which closes to application 30 June 2018.

Good News Stories

- David Waters, Kirkmuirhill spoke of 2018 being the 150th anniversary of the congregation with the first event being a Burns themed Ceilidh followed by the first of the guest preachers for the year, eight individuals who have been members of Kirkmuirhill and gone into ministry.
- Elspeth MacLean, Forth: St. Paul's spoke of the first Taize service in Forth in January with between 20 and 30 attending. More are being planned.
- Elijah Obinna, Carluke: St. John's spoke of the Christmas lunch held on Christmas Day, feeding 50 individuals of varying ages who would normally have been on their own. Gifts and food were shared with everyone. A soldier and his wife saw the event on the internet and were visiting Carluke and decided to volunteer and help serve the food. Carluke: St. John's celebrates their 175th anniversary of the congregation in 2018.
- Maudeen MacDougall, Carstairs and Carnwath, spoke of the Nite Kirk where attendance is increasing each month. Miss MacDougall also reminded the Presbytery that, in the midst of all the anniversaries of churches, the nation celebrates 100 years of women's suffrage at this time, and we can give thanks that today both faith and politics can mix.

Report of the Business Committee

The Report of the Business Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Bill Love. It was moved and seconded:

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report.
2. Note that the Clerk has, in accordance with Standing Order 11(c), amended Standing Orders 1(d), 2(a), 4, 5(c) and 5(e) in response to decisions made by Presbytery in December 2017, with changes to take effect from 7 February 2018 (Appendix 1).
3. Agree to amend Standing Orders 7(a), 7(c), 7(e), 7(h), 7(m), 7(r), 9(a), 9(e), 9(g), 9(h), 9(i), 9(j), 11(a) and add a new 7(g) and 7(h), and renumber, with changes to take effect from 7 February 2018 (Appendix 1).
4. Agree to appoint Rev Elspeth MacLean as convener of Worship and Discipleship Committee for a period of 2 years (to 30 June 2020); Rev Dr Elijah Obinna as convener of Relationships and Context Committee for a period of 4 years (to 30 June 2022); and Mr Scott Paget as Convener Designate of Presbytery Support Committee for a period of 4 years from commencement of appointment, following his return to active duties.
5. Agree to appoint Mr Bill Love as Convener (pro tem) of Presbytery Support Committee for a period of up to one year (to 30 June 2019)
6. Agree to appoint Mr Ewan Easton as Presbytery Property Convener, Mrs Caroline Deerin as Presbytery Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Mrs Mary McGillivray as Presbytery Treasurer.
7. Agree the rota for annual charge representation within the membership of the Presbytery Support Committee (Appendix 2).
8. Agree the membership of Presbytery Committees as contained in Appendix 3.
9. Instruct all committees to appoint a Vice Convener, and report the name to Presbytery at the next ordinary meeting.
10. Instruct all committees to keep accurate records and minutes expected of all church courts and committees and to have them available for inspection on an annual basis on a date to be intimated.
11. Thank the Clerk for his work in amending Standing Orders and establishing membership of the new committees of Presbytery.
12. Thank the Presbytery Treasurer, Mrs Mary McGillivray, for graciously continuing in the role whilst Presbytery seek a suitable successor.

13. Note that the charges of Upper Clyde, Carluke: St. Andrew's (following a swap with Crossford l/w Kirkfieldbank in 2017), Carluke: St. Johns, Carnwath l/w Carstairs, will be invited to send an elder to the General Assembly of 2018, along with the minister of each charge listed above, and the Presbytery Clerk, and instruct Kirk Sessions to forward names of those seeking nomination to the Clerk no later than 20 February 2018.
14. Note that any Kirk Session may submit names of elders, and any minister of the Presbytery may submit their name personally if, interested in any spare places to the General Assembly to the Clerk no later than 20 February 2018.
15. Agree that Mrs Mary and Mr Alistair McGillivray and Rev Paul and Mrs Allison Grant should be recommended to the Lord Lieutenant, for invitation to the Royal Garden Party in the Palace of Holyroodhouse as representatives of the Presbytery of Lanark.
16. Remind all congregations of the decision of Presbytery that each congregation send two representatives to an initial planning meeting for the Heart and Soul event on 15 February 2018 at 7:30pm in Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark.
17. Remind all congregations of the recommendation to publicise and hold a retiring offering on the first Sunday of March each year to provide financial support to recognised candidates, in active study, for Ministry of Word and Sacrament and the Diaconate within the Presbytery of Lanark.
18. Agree that Douglas Valley Church be granted dispensation for 2018 to pay their Ministry and Mission Contribution in a manner other than regular Standing Order and instruct the Kirk Session to inform the Clerk on a regular basis of progress made in making payments.

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an amendment to section 4 and renumber 'Agree to amend Standing Order 7(o) to read 'The Presbyterian Council of the Guild shall be invited to nominate two Corresponding Members, one to serve on the Relationship & Context Committee and one to serve on the Worship & Discipleship Committee' to take effect from 7 February 2018 (Appendix 1)'

On section 3 and new section 4 a vote was taken where 27 voted for and 0 against. The Standing Orders were declared to be changed with effect from 7 February 2018.

The Deliverance as amended was approved

Presentation of Certificates to Presbytery trained Worship Leaders

The Report was presented by the Convener of Congregational Support Committee, Rev Louise MacKay. It was moved and seconded:

The Presbytery:

1. Authorise Jane Fucella (Biggar); Suzanne Campbell, Rosmairi Galloway & Rodger Lindsay (Cairngryffe), Lesley Ewing (Carluk: Kirkton), Liz Bradley, Libby Muir, Allison Plenderleith & Pamela Watt (Carluk: St. Andrew's), Glenn Walker & Janice Webster (Carluk: St. John's); Jessie Duff, Douglas Mackenzie & Nancy Overend (Symington) and reauthorise, following a period of refresher training, Robert Carson & Ross Russell (Symington) as worship leaders in their own congregations for a period of three years in accordance with the Scheme for Selection, Training and Authorisation of Worship Leaders approved by the Presbytery of Lanark on 6 September 2016

The Deliverance was approved

Rev Dr John McCulloch, Mission Partner

The Moderator invited Dr McCulloch to address the Presbytery. Dr McCulloch gave a very informative presentation on the issues within the area, reiterating that any solution to problems and occupation must be grounded in love. Dr McCulloch, his wife Anette and their children will be living in Beit Jala an extension of Bethlehem when they move in March. Dr McCulloch shared stories of Susya, the Tent of Nations and of other occupied settlements. Dr McCulloch challenged members to look to ways of praying for, and helping bring, a nonviolent solution to the issues in Israel and the occupied Palestine.

The Moderator offered the prayers and best wishes of Presbytery to Dr McCulloch and his family as they move and become our mission partners. The Moderator offered a prayer of blessing for Dr McCulloch and his family as they entered this new sphere of service within the Church.

Discussions on Committee Remits in Committee Groupings

The Presbytery split into the new committees, Relationship & Context and Worship & Discipleship, and began to discuss the remits and methods of working.

Intimations

The Clerk reminded charges of the need to inform him of General Assembly proposed commissioners before 20 February 2018.

Packs were available for the Lanarkshire Passion Play during Holy Week.

George Shand spoke of the Pioneer Minister in Ayr Presbytery, Chris Blakshaw who would be willing to meet members of the Presbytery on a Tuesday morning at Ayr Market. More details and interest from Mr Shand.

Adjournment:

The Presbytery adjourned to meet for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 6 March 2018 at 7 pm in Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark.

Closure

The Moderator closed the meeting with the benediction.

Moderator

Clerk

Changes to Standing Orders as a result of new Structure

Changes made by Clerk in accordance with Standing Order 11(c)

- 1 (d) In the event of business or an issue arising which in the opinion of the Presbytery Support Committee requires to be considered by the Presbytery prior to the next statutory meeting for ordinary business, the Moderator shall be advised to call a meeting pro re nata.
- 2 (a) The Moderator for the following year shall be elected at the ordinary meeting in June, a nomination having been made by the Presbytery Support Committee, and installed at the September meeting. Following the installation, The Moderator shall lead the Presbytery in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.
4. Presbytery Officials
- i. Treasurer - The Presbytery shall appoint a Treasurer to take charge of its funds. The Treasurer, who need not be a member of Presbytery, shall hold office during the pleasure of the Presbytery.
 - ii. Property Convenor - The Presbytery shall appoint a Property Convenor to provide support and assistance to Presbytery and its congregations in all property matters. The Property Convenor who need not be a member of Presbytery, shall hold office during the pleasure of the Presbytery.
 - iii. Safeguarding Co-ordinator - The Presbytery shall appoint a Safeguarding Co-ordinator to provide support and assistance to Presbytery and its congregations in all safeguarding matters. The Safeguarding Co-ordinator who need not be a member of Presbytery, shall hold office during the pleasure of the Presbytery.
- 5 (c) The Order of Business, as prepared by the Presbytery Support Committee and as circulated to members by the Clerk, shall be submitted for approval and shall be followed in the order approved.
- 5 (e) Notices of motion shall be handed in writing to the Clerk either at the Presbytery meeting at which notice is given or, at the latest, one week before the meeting of the Presbytery Support Committee preceding the meeting of Presbytery at which they shall be considered, and, if not recorded in the Presbytery minutes, shall be printed in the mailing calling the meeting at which they are to be considered. Any material to be sent out in support of a Notice of Motion must be lodged with the Clerk one week before the appropriate meeting of Presbytery Support Committee, and the Clerk shall inform the Convenor of the Presbytery Support Committee and the Moderator of its receipt.

Changes to be agreed by Presbytery.

- 7 (a) The following shall be the Standing Committees of the Presbytery:
- i. Complaints
 - ii. Presbytery Support
 - iii. Relationships & Context
 - iv. Vacancy Procedure
 - v. Worship & Discipleship
- 7 (c) The appointment of Conveners and members of all Standing and Ad Hoc Committees shall be made by the Presbytery Support Committee. In addition, at the request of a Standing Committee, the Presbytery Support Committee may appoint to a Standing Committee members of the Church of Scotland who are not presbyters but who belong to congregations within the Presbytery's bounds. The number of such appointments to a Committee shall not exceed one third of the number of Committee members.
- 7 (e) All members of Standing Committees, with the exception of annual appointees to the Presbytery Support Committee taken from an agreed rota of charges, shall retire after four years. No member shall normally serve for more than two consecutive terms of office.

- NEW 7 (g) The Presbytery Support Committee shall comprise a Convener (four year term) and 8 members represented by as mix of four elders or ministers, one from each of the four main geographical areas of Presbytery (East, West, North & South) who serve for a one year term, an additional minister, representative elder or additional elder to provide balance, the Moderator, the Presbytery Clerk and the Depute Presbytery Clerk with the Presbytery Treasurer, Property Convenor and Safeguarding Co-ordinator serving in advisory roles as required.
- NEW 7 (h) all members of Presbytery with the exception of the Moderator, Clerk and Depute Clerk, are deemed to be appointed as being available to serve on a Vacancy Procedure Committee.
- 7 (h) All casual vacancies shall be filled by the Presbytery Support Committee and shall take immediate effect. Where the casual vacancy is in a Convenership, the person appointed shall take office from the date of appointment and shall serve until 30 June following and thereafter for a period of four years. Any appointments made shall be reported to the next Ordinary meeting of Presbytery.
- 7 (m) The Moderator, Clerk and Depute-Clerk, in addition to being members of the Presbytery Support Committee shall be ex-officio members of all other standing committees and ad hoc committees.
- 7(o) The Presbyterian Council of the Guild shall be invited to nominate two Corresponding Members, one to serve on the Relationship & Context Committee and one to serve on the Worship & Discipleship Committee
- 7 (r) The remits and delegated powers of Committees and Teams are as follows: –
- i. Complaints Committee – The remit of the Complaints Committee is to deal with matters that fall under the Complaints Procedure as agreed by the General Assembly.
Delegated Powers:
 - 1. to deal with matters that fall under the Complaints Procedure as agreed by the General Assembly; deal with matters that fall under the Complaints Procedure as agreed by the General Assembly;
 - ii. Presbytery Support Committee - The remit of the Presbytery Support Committee is to provide support for ministers as well as the congregations across the Presbytery in relation to local church reviews, vacancy process and safeguarding and in collaboration with appropriate office bearers, and other committees where necessary, provide support to Presbytery in the areas of property, finance and planning and, in consultation with the Clerks, would propose the agenda for the forthcoming Presbytery meeting.
Delegated Powers:
 - 1. to dispose of all applications in respect of fabric and furnishings, unless in the opinion of the Committee the nature or cost of the work to be done, or considerations of forward planning, requires the judgement of Presbytery;
 - 2. to dispense with matters relating to the discernment and training for candidates for all ministries of the Church, other than in cases of difficulty, as allowed for in the relevant training Acts of the General Assembly;
 - 3. full powers to examine, and also attest, except where a Court may be held to be censurable in respect of any of its Records;
 - 4. to oversee Safeguarding Procedures within the Presbytery.
 - 5. to act in routine matters not the business of other Committees in accordance with the accepted practice and procedure of the Church and to advise the Moderator to call a meeting in the event of business arising which, in the opinion of the Committee, requires to be considered by the Presbytery and which cannot be held over until the next ordinary meeting.
 - iii. Worship & Discipleship Committee - The remit of the Worship & Discipleship Committee is, in consultation with congregations, to seek to investigate, develop and resource the worship life and opportunities for faith development across the Presbytery.
 - iv. Relationship & Context Committee – The remit of the Relationship & Context Committee is, in consultation with congregations, to seek to investigate, develop and resource the missional life of congregations within the diverse communities that exist across the Presbytery, and across the world.

- v. Vacancy Procedure Committee - The remit of the Vacancy Procedure Committee is to act as the Vacancy Procedure Committee in terms of Act 8, 2003 (as amended) with all members of Presbytery with the exception of the Moderator, Clerk and Depute Clerk appointed as being available to serve on a Vacancy Procedure Committee.

Delegated Powers:

- 1. to act as the Vacancy Procedure Committee in terms of Act 8, 2003 (as amended)

- 9 (a) At the November meeting of the Presbytery Support Committee, the Presbytery Clerk shall give notice of the number of commissions, which the Presbytery may make (subject to confirmation from the office of the Principal Clerk), and the charges from which the ministerial and elder commissions shall be sought.
- 9 (e) Applications for spare ministerial commissions should be received by the Presbytery Clerk prior to the February Presbytery Support Committee meeting. Presbytery Support Committee shall agree on nominations to fill spare Ministerial commissions and present names for approval to the March meeting of Presbytery.
- 9 (g) In the event of a Kirk Session (or Kirk Sessions in the case of a linked charge) not being able to provide a commissioned elder from their number, the Session Clerk should inform the Presbytery Clerk no later than January meeting of Presbytery Support Committee. The Presbytery Support Committee shall seek to fill the spare elder commission from the additional elders of Presbytery. In the event of no additional elder being able to accept the commission the Presbytery Support Committee shall
 - i. Determine that if a charge had previously not been able to commission an elder whether they are able to commission an elder for nomination, and if not,
 - ii. At the February meeting of Presbytery invite Kirk Sessions to inform the Presbytery Clerk individual elders who would be willing, and able, to accept a commission prior to the February Presbytery Support Committee. Presbytery Support Committee shall agree on nominations to fill spare Elder commissions and present names for approval to the March meeting of Presbytery.
- 9 (h) Ministers, Deacons and Additional Presbytery Elders who have not attended at least four ordinary meetings of Presbytery in the previous calendar year shall be ineligible to receive a commission, but may write to the Presbytery Support Committee asking to be allowed to attend, giving reasons.
- 9 (i) The Roll of Commissioners shall be made up at the February meeting of the Presbytery Support Committee and presented for approval to the March meeting of Presbytery.
- 9 (j) Any vacancy occurring subsequently in the Roll of Commissioners shall be filled by the Presbytery Support Committee who shall have a discretionary power to take steps appropriate in the circumstances to fill the vacancies.
- 11 (a) Any proposal for the alteration of Standing Orders shall be either (a) on the report of the Presbytery Support Committee and intimated to Presbytery or (b) by notice of motion handed in writing to the Clerk in time to be circulated in advance to all members of Presbytery.

Presbytery Support Committee Membership Rota

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	2018-2019 2022-2023	2019-2020 2023-2024	2020-2021 2024-2025	2021-2022 2025-2026
Clydesdale East	Carnwath I/w Carstairs	Tinto Parishes	Biggar I/w Black Mount	Upper Clyde
Clydesdale West	Carluke: St. Andrew's	Law	Carluke: St. John's	Carluke: Kirkton
Clydesdale North	Forth: St. Paul's	Lanark: St. Nicholas	Crossford I/w Kirkfieldbank	Lanark: Greyfriars
Clydesdale South	Kirkmuirhill	Douglas Valley	Coalburn & Lesmahagow Old	Lesmahagow: Abbeygreen

Committee Membership Feb 2018

Mrs	Elizabeth	Bradley	Worship & Discipleship	Support
Mr	Robert	Carson	Worship & Discipleship	
Rev	Elizabeth	Clelland	Worship & Discipleship	
Mrs	Lynn	Cochrane	Worship & Discipleship	
Rev	Iain	Cunningham	Worship & Discipleship	
Rev	James	Cutler	Worship & Discipleship	
Mr	George	Forbes	Worship & Discipleship	
Mr	Alan	Grant	Worship & Discipleship	Support*
Rev	Paul	Grant	Worship & Discipleship	
Mr	William	Love	Worship & Discipleship	Support
Rev	Louise	Mackay	Worship & Discipleship	
Rev	Elspeth	MacLean	Worship & Discipleship	
Mrs	Elizabeth	McLachlan	Worship & Discipleship	
Mr	Alex	McPhee	Worship & Discipleship	
Mrs	Mabel	Morris	Worship & Discipleship	
Mrs	Anne	Reid	Worship & Discipleship	
Rev	Steven	Reid	Worship & Discipleship	
Mr	Jim	Sinclair	Worship & Discipleship	Support
Mr	David	Waters	Worship & Discipleship	Support
Mr	Kenneth	Watson	Worship & Discipleship	
Mr	James	Watt	Worship & Discipleship	
Rev	David	Young	Worship & Discipleship	
Mr	John	Austin	Relationships & Context	
Rev	David	Carmichael	Relationships & Context	
Mr	Tom	Chalmers	Relationships & Context	
Mr	Graham	Chapman	Relationships & Context	
Mrs	Helen	Chekansky	Relationships & Context	
Mrs	Anne	Cochrane	Relationships & Context	
Mr	William	Coulter	Relationships & Context	
Rev	Henry	Findlay	Relationships & Context	
Rev	Michael	Fucella	Relationships & Context	
Rev	Helen	Jamieson	Relationships & Context	
Rev Dr	Nikki	Macdonald	Relationships & Context	
Rev	Maudeen	MacDougall	Relationships & Context	Support
Mr	Willie	MacSween	Relationships & Context	
Mr	Robert	Mitchell	Relationships & Context	
Mrs	Libby	Muir	Relationships & Context	
Mr	Cameron	Murray	Relationships & Context	
Mrs	Lillias	Nicol	Relationships & Context	
Rev Dr	Elijah	Obinna	Relationships & Context	
Mr	Hugh	Stewart	Relationships & Context	
Mrs	Caroline	Deerin	Presbytery Support (advisor)	Support
Mr	Ewan	Easton	Presbytery Support (advisor)	Support
Mrs	Mary	McGillivray	Presbytery Support (advisor)	Support
Mr	Scott	Paget	Presbytery Support	Support
Rev	Bryan	Kerr	Ex Offico W&D and R&C	Support
Rev	George	Shand	Ex Offico W&D and R&C	Support

* Mr Alan Grant will retire as a member of Presbytery Support Committee on 4 September 2018