

**Lanark**, on Tuesday 3 February 2015 the **Presbytery of Lanark** met in Lanark: St. Nicholas Parish Church Hall and was constituted in prayer.

**Sederunt:** Rev Elizabeth Clelland, Moderator and with her others as in the Sederunt Book – in all 7 Ministers, 23 Elders, 1 Corresponding Member.

**Apologies** for absence were intimated on behalf of Rev S Cowell, I Cunningham, R McLarty, S Reid, Ministers, and Messrs A McPhee and S Scott and Mrs A Reid and Mrs M Somerville, Elders.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

The Agenda as printed and circulated was approved.

### **Roll of Presbytery**

The Clerk informed Presbytery of the following changes to the Roll of Presbytery:-

- i. Rev Russell McLarty was thanked for his period of service at Interim Moderator in the charge of Carnwath linked with the United Parish of Carstairs and Carstairs Junction and the Moderator wished him every blessing as he takes up his role as Regional Interim Minister with the Ministries Council. Mr McLarty has served as Interim Moderator since 2011 and the thanks of Presbytery were extended to him.
- ii. The appointments of Rev Iain McKenzie, Interim Moderator of Carluke: St. Andrew's in deferred union Carluke: St. John's, Rev Jim Cutler, Interim Moderator of Lanark: St. Nicholas and Rev Gordon Jamieson, Interim Moderator of Carnwath linked the United parish of Carstairs and Carstairs Junction, have been agreed by the Office of the Principal Clerk and permission given to appoint Messers McKenzie, Cutler and Jamieson as a Presbytery Assessors in terms of Act V, 2001.
- iii. The Clerk informed the Presbytery that the brother of Dr Sinclair Scott has passed away suddenly in Cayman. Presbytery extended sincere sympathy to the family.
- iv. Rev Iain Cunningham has returned from Israel and is now back at work but will require further eye surgery. The prayers of the Presbytery were with Mr Cunningham and his family.

### **Minutes of meeting on 2 December 2014**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2014 were held as read and approved.

### **Decisions taken under powers**

The Clerk informed Presbytery that the following decision were taken under powers as agreed at the December 2014 ordinary meeting of Presbytery:

#### **Kirkmuirhill**

- It was agreed to appoint Rev Elizabeth Clelland as Interim Moderator pro tem in the charge of Kirkmuirhill from 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015

#### **Carnwath linked with the United Parish of Carstairs and Carstairs Junction**

- It was agreed to appoint Rev Gordon Jamieson as Interim Moderator pro tem in the charge of Carnwath linked with the United Parish of Carstairs and Carstairs Junction from 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015 until the decision of Vacancy Procedure Committee to appoint Mr Jamieson as Interim Moderator is finalised.

#### **Douglas Valley Church Locum**

- It was noted that Rev Nancy Norman has been appointed as locum in Douglas Valley as of 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014 on the basis of a Sunday and two days per week. It was agreed to note the appointment of Rev Nancy Norman for an initial six month term subject to review from the Kirk Session with the assistance of Presbytery.

#### **Lanark: St. Nicholas Locum**

- It was noted that Bill Love has been appointed as locum in Lanark: St. Nicholas as of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 on the basis of a Sunday and two days per week. It was agreed to note the appointment of Bill Love for an initial six month term subject to review from the Kirk Session with the assistance of Presbytery.

#### **Interim Moderator Training**

- Following an invitation from Ministries Council to approve names of elders to train as Interim Moderators it was agreed to submit the names of Mrs Libby Muir (Carluke: St. Andrew's) and Mr

Denham McDougall (Cairngryffe).

### **Heart and Soul**

- It was agreed that Lanark Presbytery make application to purchase an exhibition stand at Heart and Soul 2015 to showcase the work of the congregations of the Presbytery and highlight vacant charges.

### **Decisions taken under delegated powers**

The Clerk informed Presbytery of the following decisions taken under delegated powers following the last ordinary meeting of Presbytery, in accordance with Standing Order 7x:

#### **Vacancy Procedure Committee**

##### **Carlisle: St Andrew's and St John's**

- In terms of Act VIII, 2003 (as amended) appoint Rev Iain McKenzie (Hamilton presbytery) as Interim Moderator in Carlisle St. Andrew's in deferred union with Carlisle: St. John's with effect from 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015.
- Appoint an Advisory Committee comprising Anna Lumsden (Convenor), Rev Mike Fucella and Ewan Easton with effect from 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

##### **Carnwath linked with The United Parish of Carstairs and Carstairs Junction**

- In terms of Act VIII, 2003 (as amended) appoint an Advisory Committee comprising Rev Elizabeth Cleland (Convenor), Cameron Sutherland and Jim Watt with effect from 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

#### **Law**

- In terms of Act VIII, 2003 (as amended), and upon the written request of Rev Una Stewart, minister of Law Parish Church, Vacancy Procedure Committee agree to accept the demission of Rev Una Stewart from Law Parish Church with effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014.
- In accordance with the Presbytery Plan agreed by the Presbytery of Lanark in May 2012, remit the matter of the expansion of the existing Carlisle Parish Grouping to incorporate Law Parish Church to the Ministries Committee and instruct the committee to report to the March 2015 meeting of Presbytery on the matter.
- Agree to not grant permission to call a minister until either a basis of parish grouping is agreed, or a report from Ministries Committee indicating progress is agreed by Presbytery.
- Appoint Mr Alan Grant as Interim Moderator in the vacancy of Law Parish Church

#### **Kirkmuirhill**

- In respect of Kirkmuirhill Parish Church, and in terms of Act VIII, 2003 (as amended), appoint Rev Elizabeth Clelland as Interim Moderator with effect from 26 January 2015.

### **Correspondence**

The Clerk intimated 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 correspondence received from

- Law Department - circulars on food safety and pensions auto enrolment
- Hamilton Presbytery - two extract minutes – one agreeing with the stance taken on registration services and one on co-operation between Lanark and Hamilton Presbyteries.
- Ministries Council - sick note from 15th December 2014 for one week for Rev Iain Cunningham.
- Rev Una Stewart - letter intimating her demission due to ill health with immediate effect from 3rd December 2014.
- St. Nicholas - Extract minute appointing Bill Love as locum.
- Douglas Valley - Extract minute appointing Rev Nancy Norman as locum.

Presbytery noted that, as a letter of demission was received from Rev Una Stewart the day following the Presbytery meeting in December 2014, the Clerk did not write to Ministries Council as instructed by the Presbytery.

### **Good News Stories**

Rev Dr Nikki Macdonald, Upper Clyde Parish Church, informed the Presbytery that Upper Clyde will be broadcasting worship services throughout March on BBC Radio Scotland.

Mabel Morris, United Parish of Carstairs and Carstairs Junction reported on the success of the recent Fischy Music concert and thanked the Presbytery for their assistance in the event.

### **Report of the Business Committee**

The Report of the Business Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Bill Love who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance:** *Presbytery-*

1. Receive the report.
2. Agree that Downie Alison Downie be asked to bind Presbytery minutes and that congregations with Session/Board minutes to be bound should let the Business Convener know before the March Meeting of that Committee.
3. Agree to seek a volunteer to become Communications person for Presbytery.
4. Agree that Rev E Clelland and Rev Dr N MacDonald with one guest each should attend this year's Royal Garden Party on 1 July 2015.
5. Agree that Kirk Sessions be invited to nominate the names of elders that if asked, might be prepared to accept a commission at this year's General Assembly.

**The Deliverance was approved**

### **Report of the Vacancy Procedure Committee**

The Report of the Vacancy Procedure Committee was presented by the Convener, Rev Bryan Kerr who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance:** *Presbytery-*

1. Receive the report.
2. Note that Rev Russell McLarty will complete his term as Interim Moderator for Carnwath I/w the United Parish of Carstairs and Carstairs Junction on 6 February.
3. Grant a nine month extension of vacancy to Carluke St Andrews and St Johns covering the period 3 January to 2 October 2015.
4. Note that Douglas Valley has approved its Electoral Roll and this has been attested by the Clerk.

The Convener withdrew section 3 of the deliverance in light of this being dealt with under delegated powers.

**The Deliverance, as amended, was approved**

### **Report of the Congregational Support Committee**

The Report of the Congregational Support Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Jim Watt, who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance:** *Presbytery-*

1. Receive the report.
2. Instruct the Clerk to issue a Qualified Practising Certificate to Rev Una Stewart in terms of Act XV 2002 (as amended).
3. Note that the Annual Attestation of Congregational Records will take place in St Nicholas Halls, Lanark on the evening of 17 February 2015 and that congregational representatives are asked to attend with their records at the times detailed on p42 of the Presbytery Yearbook.
4. Request all Presbyters to convey information to their Congregational Office bearers regarding the arrangements in place for the inspection.
5. Instruct the Clerk to communicate a further reminder regarding the arrangements for attestation to all Session Clerks.

**The Deliverance was approved**

### **Report of the Property Committee**

The Report of the Property Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Ewan Easton, who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance:** *Presbytery-*

1. Receive the report

2. Request that the Clerk issues a reminder to applicable church office bearers regarding the grant aid availability for roof repairs to listed buildings before the expiry date.
3. Noting the recent issue of lead theft within the bounds of Presbytery encourage congregations to be vigilant, to use 'smart water' and where necessary investigate the use of alternative products that are less attractive to thieves.
4. Note that Carluke St Andrews have consulted with CARTA regarding the upgrade to their PA system.
5. Agree to the fee proposal of £3090.00 for the inspection of three charges within the bounds of Presbytery during 2015 by Michael Nisbet Architects.
6. Encourage all congregations to uphold the charge of Douglas Valley in prayer as the Rigside Church building is put up for sale and the congregation look to develop new ways of worshipping within the local community.
7. Note the annual attestation of records will take place on the 17 February 2015 and property schedules, manse inspection records and other records which now include RAMS will be inspected at this time.

**The Deliverance was approved**

**Report of the Ministries Committee**

The Report of the Ministries Committee was presented by the Convener, Mrs Anna Lumsden, who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the report
2. In terms of section 16 of Act VII, 2003 (as amended), grant permission to the Kirk Session of Forth: St. Paul's Parish Church to employ a 20 hour per week Parish Co-ordinator for a fixed term of three years.
3. Instruct the Kirk Session of Forth: St. Paul's Church that, prior to taking any steps to advertise the post of Parish Co-ordinator, they must ensure that the following areas are addressed and supply extract minutes to the Presbytery Clerk stating the same;
  - a. That the post will be advertised openly and that the Kirk Session has in place a process for recruitment and interview;
  - b. That a draft contract of employment be supplied;
  - c. That, as the post holder will be contracted and not self-employed, the Kirk Session will ensure that appropriate tax and National Insurance are paid and that they are registered with HMRC for such matters;
  - d. That, as the post holder is likely to earn more than £10,000 per annum, the Kirk Session have made appropriate arrangements for an auto enrolment pension scheme;and grant powers to the Presbytery Clerk, Depute Presbytery Clerk and Ministries Committee Convenor to authorise permission to advertise only after the extract minutes have been submitted and that there is agreement between all parties that all necessary areas in a-d above have been satisfactorily addressed.
4. Instruct all ministers to produce their completed travel log books for 2014 to the Ministries Committee for attestation on the evening of 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

**The Deliverance was approved**

**Report of the Congregational Development Committee**

The Report of the Congregational Development Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Alan Grant, who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the Report
2. Note that a joint Presbytery Worship Leader Training initiative is to be developed and encourage Presbyters to make known that expressions of interest are welcomed from any who may wish to participate in such training.
3. Note that a meeting of Safeguarding Co-ordinators will take place at 7.30pm, 23 March in Lanark: Greyfriars.
4. Note that a Prospective Elder/Pre Ordination Elder training course was held at Carluke St. Andrew's from 25 January to 1 February.

**The Deliverance was approved**

### **Report of the World & Community Issues Committee**

In the absence of the Convener the Report of the World & Community Issues Committee was presented by Rev Bryan Kerr, Depute Clerk, who moved the following deliverance:

#### **Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the report.
2. Encourage the Committee to continue their efforts to engage with South Lanarkshire Council over the proposed reduction in Registry services at local council offices, and to work together with the Presbytery of Hamilton towards this end.
3. Note that work on a Presbytery Questionnaire continues.

#### **The Deliverance was approved**

### **Intimations**

The Clerk drew member's attention to intimations in the papers.

- Cathcart Church is willing to run a Jesus the Evidence course in local churches.
- Expenses claims for 2014 should be in the hands of the Presbytery Treasurer by Friday 6th February.
- Scripture Union holiday clubs training event
- Fresh expression vision days in March and May.
- Data Protection webinar - speak to Clerk If congregations would like a dvd copy
- Accounts for 2014 should be in the hands of Steven Reid, Finance Convenor as soon as possible and no later than 31st March 2015
- Revised guidance notes for accounting for year end 31/12/2014 are available for treasurers on Church of Scotland website.

### **Adjournment:**

**The Presbytery adjourned to meet for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 3 March 2015 at 7.00 pm at the Halls of Lanark: St. Nicholas Parish Church.**

### **Closure**

The Moderator closed the meeting by offering a prayer of blessing.

### **Moderator**

### **Clerk**

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**Sederunt:** Rev Elizabeth Clelland, Moderator and with her others as in the Sederunt Book – in all 8 Ministers, 26 Elders, 2 Corresponding Members.

**Apologies** for absence were intimated on behalf of Rev S Cowell, J Cutler, I Cunningham and I McKenzie Ministers, Messrs M Barclay and J Watt, Elders

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

The Agenda as printed and circulated was approved.

#### **Roll of Presbytery**

The Clerk informed Presbytery of the following changes to the Roll of Presbytery:-

- i. Rev George Fox, formerly of Coalsnaughton and of Braehead House, passed away on 9 February 2015. Mr Fox was no longer on the Roll of Presbytery but the Clerk has informed Ministries Council of his death.
- ii. Mrs Annis Cutler, wife of Rev Jim Cutler, former Presbytery Clerk and current Interim Moderator of Lanark: St. Nicholas passed away in the early hours of 3 March 2015
- iii. Rev Iain Cunningham has informed the Clerk that following eye surgery he has been signed off for a period of two weeks, as of Monday 2 March.

Due to the recent passing of Mrs Annis Cutler, it was moved, seconded and agreed “Appoint Rev Bryan Kerr as Interim Moderator Pro-tem in the charge of Lanark: St Nicholas until the May meeting of Presbytery or until the Vacancy Procedure Committee knows that Mr Cutler is fit to resume duties. For the avoidance of doubt Mr Cutler will remain an Assessor member of Presbytery during this period.”

#### **Minutes of meeting on 3 February 2015**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2015 were held as read and approved.

#### **Decisions taken under delegated powers**

The Clerk informed Presbytery of the following decisions taken under delegated powers following the last ordinary meeting of Presbytery, in accordance with Standing Order 7x:

##### **Vacancy Procedure Committee**

##### **Carlisle: St Andrew's and St John's**

- Grant a nine month extension to permission to call in respect of Carlisle: St. Andrew's in deferred union with Carlisle: St. John's with effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2015 to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015.

##### **Carnwath linked with The United Parish of Carstairs and Carstairs Junction**

- Appoint Rev Gordon Jamieson as Interim Moderator in the charge of Carnwath linked with The United Parish of Carstairs and Carstairs Junction with effect from 9th February 2015.

#### **Correspondence**

The Clerk intimated 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 correspondence received from

- SLC response to Presbytery representation in respect of registration services stating they were of the view a meeting was not required.
- IA Stewart – a special delivery first class letter was received asking for terms of business to be signed - this has been remitted to members of the Finance Committee.
- Learn eldership training material - the Clerk has a copy of the publication for people to review.

### **Good News Stories**

Mr David Waters, elder at Kirkmuirhill reported on the work of the Second Chance charity shop which continues unabated despite some challenging conditions and the debt of gratitude owed to Jack Lumsden and Libby Muir, assessor elders, for the support they have given the congregation in the transition period.

Mrs Anne Cochrane, elder at Carnwath reported on the last Kirk session meeting with Rev Russell McLarty in the local hotel with a meal prior to retreating to a comfortable lounge with a roaring fire and coffee for the session meeting. Mrs Cochrane encouraged other Kirk sessions to meet together in a similar manner.

### **Report of the Business Committee**

The Report of the Business Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Bill Love who moved the following deliverance:

#### **Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the report
2. Note that the Clerk will update our Data Protection Registration details by April 1<sup>st</sup> 2015.
3. Note that the Commissioners at this year's General Assembly will be Rev Mike Fucella, Rev Helen Jamieson (Clerk) Rev Bryan Kerr, Rev Dr Nikki Macdonald, and Rev George Shand, Ministers and Messrs Ross Hyslop (Lanark: Greyfriars), Alan Grant (Carluke: St Johns), Bill Love (Lanark: St Nicholas) and Mrs Libby Muir (Carluke: St Andrews) and Kathleen Roger (Biggar), Elders.
4. Note that Rev George Shand and the Clerk will seek to develop a strategy for engagement to allow the Presbytery to discuss meaningfully, how we build and develop our future.
5. Agree that the role and remuneration of the Clerk and Depute Clerk be considered by a small sub group of the Business Committee: Mr B Love (Convener) Rev E Clelland (Moderator) and Mrs M McGillivray (Treasurer).
6. Note that Rev H Jamieson attended the Presbytery Chaplains conference in place of Dr S Scott.
7. Note that the next Presbytery meal will be held in the Radstone Hotel on 12th May 2015.
8. Grant powers to the Moderator, Business Convener, the Clerk and the Depute Clerk between the March and May meetings of Presbytery.

#### **The Deliverance was approved**

### **Report of the Finance Committee**

The Report of the Finance Committee was presented by the Convener, Rev Steven Reid, who moved the following deliverance:

#### **Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the report
2. Agree a £1500 reduction in Ministries and Missions allocation for Carluke: St Andrew's.
3. Agree to write off the Ministries and Missions shortfalls of £11558 for the charge of Carnwath with the caveat that vigorous attention is given to the matter of Stewardship in Carnwath.
4. Instruct the Clerk to issue the relevant extract minute to Stewardship & Finance.

#### **The Deliverance was approved**

### **Report of the Congregational Support Committee**

The Report of the Congregational Support Committee was presented by Mr David Waters, who moved the following deliverance:

#### **Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the report.
2. Note that the Attestation of Congregational Records took place on Tuesday 18 February 2013 in St Nicholas Church Hall.
3. Note that the standard of record keeping is generally very good, but there are still some issues which some congregations need to address.
4. Note that, once again, the arrangements worked well for all concerned and were well received by congregational office bearers.
5. Thank those congregational office bearers who brought records for attestation and commend them for their diligence.

6. Thank those who carried out, and assisted at, the attestation and the Session Clerk of Lanark: St Nicholas for his assistance in arranging the hall.

It was moved, seconded and agreed as a new section 7 "Note that the Presbytery minutes for 2014 have been inspected and found to be in order."

**The Deliverance as amended was approved**

**Report of the Property Committee**

The Report of the Property Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Ewan Easton, who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance: Presbytery-**

8. Receive the report
9. Note the annual attestation of records took place on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015 and instruct those Congregations whose records were not attested to present their property records at the next Committee meeting (24<sup>th</sup> March 2015).

**The Deliverance was approved**

**Report of the Ministries Committee**

The Report of the Ministries Committee was presented by the Convener, Mrs Anna Lumsden, who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the report
2. Approve the application of Rev. George Shand for Study Leave from 8-21 June 2015 to attend a conference on "Managing Effective Change in Church". The application has been agreed by the Ministries Training Task Group which is funding his costs.
3. Sincerely thank Rev. Elizabeth Clelland for her greatly appreciated leadership of the Presbytery Retreat.
4. Note that the Committee is giving due consideration to the matter of the expansion of the Carluke Parish Grouping and will report to Presbytery in May.

**The Deliverance was approved**

**Report of the Congregational Development Committee**

The Report of the Congregational Development Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Alan Grant, who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance: Presbytery-**

5. Receive the Report
6. Approve the nomination of Laura-Jane Sinclair of Forth: St Paul's Church to represent the Presbytery of Lanark as Youth Representative at the 2015 General Assembly.
7. Note that 'Safeguarding Training for Volunteers' and 'Safeguarding Co-ordinators' courses will take place at Lanark: St Nicholas Church Halls on Saturday 28 March and Saturday 16 May at Carluke: Kirkton Church.
8. Note that most Safeguarding Registers have been inspected and the inspection of those outstanding is in hand.

**The Deliverance was approved**

**Intimations**

The Clerk drew member's attention to intimations in the papers.

- All ministers were informed that due to a change in legislation they should present their travel log books from 1st January 2015 - 31st March 2015 to the Ministries Committee for attestation at the April committee night or May Presbytery meeting.
- Ministers were reminded to activate their churchofscotland.org.uk email address as soon as possible as this will be the main way central councils and committees will communicate with ministers in the coming weeks
- A concert by Jonathan Veira will take place in Kirkton Church on 21st March at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

**Adjournment:**

**The Presbytery adjourned to meet for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 5 May 2015 at 7.00 pm at the Halls of Lanark: St. Nicholas Parish Church.**

**Closure**

The Moderator closed the meeting by offering a prayer of blessing.

**Moderator**

**Clerk**

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**Apologies** for absence were intimated on behalf of Rev E Clelland, S Cowell, J Cutler, H Findlay, G Jamieson, I McKenzie, Ministers and Mrs L Nicol, Elder

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

The Agenda as printed and circulated was approved.

#### **Roll of Presbytery**

The Clerk informed Presbytery of the following changes to the Roll of Presbytery:-

- iv. A sick note for Iain Cunningham from 2 March 2015 for 2 weeks and from 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015 for two weeks was received from Ministries Council
- v. A practicing certificate was issued to Rev Russell McLarty now serving as Interim Minister in Edinburgh.

#### **Minutes of meeting on 3 February 2015**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2015 were held as read and approved.

#### **Decisions taken under delegated powers**

The Clerk informed Presbytery of the following decisions taken under delegated powers following the last ordinary meeting of Presbytery, in accordance with Standing Order 7x:

##### **Vacancy Procedure Committee**

##### **Lanark: St. Nicholas**

- In respect of St. Nicholas Parish Church, Lanark, and in terms of Act VIII, 2003 (as amended) it was agreed that the Rev Bryan Kerr continue to serve as Interim Moderator until at least 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015, or until such times as Rev Jim Cutler agrees with the Vacancy Procedure Committee that he can resume his duties.

#### **Correspondence**

The Clerk intimated 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 correspondence received from

- Ministries Council - Angus Mathieson – pioneer ministry post bid process. It was agreed that this was not suitable for Lanark Presbytery at this time.
- Ministries Council - Pilot project – information circulated to all ministers currently serving in charges – those interested must apply to Clerk by end of May using form sent – info also sent to all members of Presbytery for information
- Review and Reform – seeking congregations for a pilot on renewal. It was agreed to issue the invitation to all congregation currently with a minister and invite nominations by end May 2015.
- SLC licensing and registration – invitation to attend a meeting to discuss the implementation of the change of service.
- Rev Gordon Jamieson Interim Moderator at United Charge of Carstairs and Carstairs Junction to inform Presbytery that a closing service for the Junction building took place on 19 April 2015. Rev Elizabeth Clelland Moderator represented Presbytery

#### **Good News Stories**

Mrs Mabel Morris, The United Parish of Carstairs and Carstairs Junction, two leaders from the Girls Brigade have been chosen to represent the company at the Royal Garden Party

### **Report of the Guild Presbyterial Council**

The Report of the Guild Presbyterial Council was presented by the Convener, Mrs Allison Plenderleith. Mrs Plenderleith brought the greetings of Guild members to the Presbytery. The theme for the next three years is Be Bold, Be Strong with six different projects representing a breadth of work across Scotland and beyond. At a national level the Guild will be producing an action plan at the General Assembly to ensure the future of the Guild. Thanks were expressed to those within Presbytery and congregations who support the work of the Guild. Mrs Plenderleith paid an emotional tribute to, and gave thanks for the work of, the Guild Associate Secretary, Fiona Punton, who passed away in the days leading to the meeting and indicated that the new Convenor of the Presbyterial Council will be Mrs Dorothy Wiseman from Kirkmuirhill Guild. The Moderator thanked Mrs Plenderleith for her report and her service.

### **Report of the Heart & Soul Planning Group**

The Report of the Heart & Soul Planning Group was presented by the Presbytery Clerk. The clerk outlined the plans for the Lanark Presbytery tent and encouraged members to visit the tent on 17th May. A planning group of 15 people from congregations across the Presbytery has met to plan the Presbytery tent. The Clerk urged all congregations to pass on the information for the display, as requested by the Planning Group, as soon as possible.

### **Report on Carluke & Law (Joint Report from Ministries, Vacancy Procedure and Congregational Support Committees)**

The Report on Carluke and Law was presented by the Convener of Vacancy Procedure Committee, Rev Bryan Kerr who moved the following deliverance:

#### **Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the report from the Ministries, Vacancy Procedure and Congregational Support Committee in respect of Carluke and Law.
2. Agree that the matter of the expansion of the Carluke Parish Grouping to include Law Parish Church cannot be progressed until at least a year after a Minister has been inducted to the charge of Carluke : St. Andrew's in Deferred Union with Carluke: St. John's
3. Agree to suspend the Presbytery Plan in Carluke and Law, with the exception of the vacancy in Carluke: St. Andrews in deferred Union with Carluke: St. John's.
4. Appoint a joint team of five persons; two from Congregational Support and two from Ministries Committee, convened by Rev George Shand from Congregational Support Committee, to conduct a Local Church Review in Law Parish Church and review the provision of ministry in the Carluke area in light of the situation within Law parish, including the planned housing in Law hospital not yet materialising, and instruct the team to report back to Presbytery in December 2015.
5. Encourage all members of Presbytery to uphold the congregation and parish of Law in prayer at this time.

Parties were called.

The Clerk informed Presbytery that an edict had been served to the congregations of Law, Carluke: St. Andrew's, Carluke: Kirkton and Carluke: St. John's.

Representatives from the congregations cited were invited to make representations.

Parties were removed.

The Moderator invited discussion and questions.

### **The Deliverance was approved**

Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery intimated to them.

### **Report of the Business Committee**

The Report of the Business Committee was presented by the Vice Convener, Rev Bryan Kerr who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the report
2. Note that Mrs Libby Muir has completed her training to be an Interim Moderator and agree her appointment at Kirkmuirhill shadowing the work of the Interim Moderator for a period of six months.
3. Grant approval to the charge of Carluke St Andrews to change from the Model to the Unitary Constitution and instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute and the relevant papers to the Church Solicitor.
4. Note that the Presbytery meal will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at the Radstone Hotel.

**The Deliverance was approved**

**Report of the Congregational Support Committee**

The Report of the Congregational Support Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Jim Watt, who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the report.
2. Grant permission to the Congregation of Lanark: St Nicholas to postpone their Stated Annual Meeting to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015 and remind them that their accounts must be submitted for attestation as soon as they are approved by the trustees.
3. Commend the Minister, Office Bearers and Congregation of Lanark: Greyfriars for their outreach and involvement with the community and their innovative use of information technology.
4. Commend the dedicated and thoughtful work of the congregation, its office bearers and its minister in their efforts to be a local model of good practice in innovation and in relevance to the community.
5. Note that the Office Bearers have been asked to prepare a 5 Year Action Plan for discussion with the visiting team at a date to be arranged in late August.
6. Commend the Minister, Office Bearers and Congregation of Lanark: Greyfriars to the prayers of Presbytery.
7. Note that a copy of the full report on the LCRV to Lanark; Greyfriars can be obtained from the Convenor or request.
8. Note that the report on the LCRV to Biggar I/w Blackmount has now to be in the Convenor's hands by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015.
9. Note that a report on the usefulness and effectiveness of the documentation and process used in the visit will be presented following receipt of the report on the LCRV to Biggar I/w Blackmount.
10. Agree that the Attestation of Congregational Records take place in future on the March Committee evening.
11. Instruct the Depute Clerk to make the necessary amendments to the yearbook regarding the date of the Attestation of Congregational Records.
12. Instruct the Clerk to advise all Session Clerks of the change of date for the Attestation of Congregational Records.

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an amendment to the deliverance section to amend to read "Agree that the Attestation of Congregational Records take place in future on the April Committee evening."

**The Deliverance as amended was approved**

**Report of the Congregational Development Committee**

The Report of the Congregational Development Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Alan Grant, who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance: Presbytery-**

9. Receive the Report
10. Note that 'Safeguarding Training for Volunteers' and 'Safeguarding Co-ordinators' courses will take place at Carluke: Kirkton Church on Saturday 16 May.
11. Note that a Safeguarding Co-ordinators planning meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May at Carluke: St Andrew's
12. Commend to Presbytery the use of the 'Learn: Eldership' resource.

## **The Deliverance was approved**

### **Report of the Ministries Committee**

The Report of the Ministries Committee was presented by the Convener, Mrs Anna Lumsden, who moved the following deliverance:

#### **Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the report.
2. Note that the Kirk Session of Forth: St. Paul's Church has been granted permission to appoint a Parish co-ordinator.
3. Encourage anyone interested in receiving information regarding the role of Vocations Champion to speak to the Presbytery Clerk or the Ministries Convener.

## **The Deliverance was approved**

### **Report of the Finance Committee**

The Report of the Finance Committee was presented by the Convener, Rev Steven Reid, who moved the following deliverance:

#### **Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the Report.
2. Approve the Presbytery Accounts for 2014 and extend thanks to Mrs Mary McGillivray for her work as Presbytery Treasurer.
3. Appoint the Clerk and Depute Clerk as signatories for I&A Stewart's appointment as Presbytery's Auditors.
4. Agree exemption from monthly standing order payments for Ministries and Mission contributions for the congregation of Carnwath and instruct the Clerk to forward an extract minute to the Stewardship and Finance Department.
5. Note that those Congregations wishing to make an application for a reduction on Ministry and Mission from 4% Presbytery Variance Allowance should submit applications before the August committee meeting at the latest.

## **The Deliverance was approved**

### **Report of the Property Committee**

The Report of the Property Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Ewan Easton, who moved the following deliverance:

#### **Deliverance: Presbytery-**

10. Receive the report
11. Note that the Manse of St Nicholas Parish Church has been inspected and that the property was found to be satisfactory for occupation at this time.

It was moved, seconded and agreed as a new section 7 " Note that a closing service for Carstairs Junction building was held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2015 and, in accordance with the Presbytery deliverance of October 2014 granting permission for the sale to take place following a closing service, instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to the General Trustees in order that the sale of the building can proceed"

## **The Deliverance as amended was approved**

### **Intimations**

The Clerk drew member's attention to intimations in the papers.

- Heart and Soul – Sunday 17 May 2015 1-6pm in Princes Street Gardens Edinburgh.
- World Mission Rally – Wednesday 18 November 2015 7pm in St Nicholas Parish Church Hall.
- Crossreach Information Sheets
- Scottish Federation of Organists 2015 recommended salary scales
- Music Events in St Andrew's Carlisle

### **Adjournment:**

**The Presbytery adjourned to meet for the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Tuesday 16 June 2015 at 7.00pm Braehead House Christian Healing and Retreat Centre, Crossford and thereafter for Ordinary Business.**

**Closure**

The Moderator closed the meeting by offering a prayer of blessing.

**Moderator**

**Clerk**

**Lanark**, on Tuesday 16 June 2015 the **Presbytery of Lanark** met after the administration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion in Braehead House Christian Healing and Retreat Centre, Crossford and was constituted in prayer.

**Sederunt:** Rev Elizabeth Clelland, Moderator and with her others as in the Sederunt Book – in all 5 Ministers, 21 Elders, 2 Corresponding Members, and 1 Visitor.

**Apologies** for absence were intimated on behalf of Rev I Cunningham, D Easton, H Findlay, M Fucella and G Shand, Ministers and Messrs M Barclay, T Chalmers P McLeish, A McPhee, F Mitchell, I Thomson and Mrs M Morris, Elders

### **Approval of the Agenda**

With the additional item of Roll of Presbytery, the Agenda as printed and circulated was approved.

### **Roll of Presbytery**

The Clerk informed Presbytery that the Rev Iain Cunningham was on sick leave for two weeks and due notification would follow from Ministries Council.

### **Minutes of meeting on 5 May 2015**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 May 2015 were held as read and approved.

### **Decisions taken under delegated powers**

No decisions had been taken under delegated powers

### **Correspondence**

The Clerk intimated 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 correspondence received from

- Ministries Council – information regarding services of Introduction for MDS posts, Going for Growth Summer School in June and revised guidelines for Interim Moderators
- Solicitor – information sent to Ministers to be passed on to Treasurers regarding water and waste water scheme

### **Good News Stories**

Dr Sinclair Scott, Session Clerk for Douglas Valley, informed Presbytery that looking towards the closure of the Rigside Church building, a service of worship had been held in the community centre at Rigside for the first time and that it had been encouragingly well attended.

### **Report of the Business Committee**

The Report of the Business Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Bill Love who moved the following deliverance:

#### **Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the report.
2. Nominate Tinto Parishes for the Path of Renewal pilot programme and instruct the Clerk in consultation with the Business Convener to submit the application to the Panel on Review and Reform.
3. Note the Scottish Government legislation regarding water and waste water and advise all congregations, and in particular those who run cafes and charity shops from Church buildings to check the legislation.
4. Agree to pay the Depute Clerk two thirds of that paid to the Clerk; payments to be made monthly, using the same method as that of the Clerk.
5. Appoint Mrs Anna Lumsden as Moderator Designate of Lanark Presbytery for 2015/16

6. Grant powers to the Clerk, Depute Clerk, Moderator and Business Convenor during the summer recess with any decisions made to be brought to Presbytery for homologation in September

**It was moved seconded and agreed as an amendment to the deliverance to add new sections**

7. Thank and discharge Rev B Kerr and re-appoint Rev Jim Cutler (Melrose & Peebles Presbytery) as Interim Moderator for the charge of Lanark: St Nicholas from 17 June 2015
8. Record sincere thanks to all who assisted with organising and staffing the Presbytery tent at Heart and Soul 2015
9. Thank those who have served as Presbytery Elders during 2014.15 but who are now retiring.

**The Deliverance as amended was approved**

**Report of the Vacancy Procedure Committee**

The report of the Vacancy Procedure Committee was presented by the Convener, Rev Bryan Kerr who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance: Presbytery -**

1. Receive the report.
2. Remind Interim Moderators that procedures in Act 8 2003 (as amended) require to be followed
3. In terms of Section 25 (A) of Act 8, 2003 (as amended), agree that should a vacant charge within the Presbytery that was granted permission to call prior to 31st December 2013, make application to Presbytery prior to 16th August 2015 to be listed in terms of the above section, permission to be listed shall be deemed to have been granted.
4. Note that Rev Gordon Jamieson will cease to be Interim Moderator of Carnwath linked with the United Parish of Carstairs and Carstairs Junction after the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015.
5. Note that an urgent meeting of the office bearers of Carnwath Church and members of the Vacancy Procedure Committee will be held in order that the Vacancy Schedule might be completed.
6. Note that as permission to call for the charges of Carnwath I/wThe United Parish of Carstairs & Carstairs Junction and Forth: St Paul's has lapsed, the Vacancy Procedure Committee has written to the charges and asked that they provide information regarding progress in the vacancy by the end of June 2015.

**The Deliverance was approved**

**Report of the World and Community Issues Committee**

The report of the World and Community Issues Committee was presented by the Convener, Dr Sinclair Scott who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance: Presbytery -**

1. Receive the report.
2. Note that Ruth Donaldson of Christian Solidarity Worldwide has been invited to speak at this year's World Mission Rally.
3. Encourage congregations to consider promoting the national Donor Organ scheme in view of the current shortage of organs available for transplantation.
4. Urge Presbytery to continue efforts to meet with officials of SLC regarding the ongoing concerns over rising funeral costs in our area and the effects of the reduction in Registrars' hours of availability

**The Deliverance was approved**

**Report of the Congregational Support Committee**

The Report of the Congregational Support Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Jim Watt, who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance: Presbytery-**

6. Receive the report
7. Agree to issue a Practising Certificate for 2015/16 to Rev Roy Cowieson, Rev Bev Gauld, Rev Graham Houston, Rev Margaret Muir and Rev John Turnbull and a Qualified Practising Certificate to Rev Una Stewart.
8. Note that Rev Roy Cowieson, Rev Bev Gauld, Rev Margaret Muir, and Rev John Turnbull have indicated that they will not be taking up their seat in Presbytery.

**The Deliverance was approved**

### **Report of the Property Committee**

The Report of the Property Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Ewan Easton, who moved the following deliverance:

1. Receive the report
2. Note that following information received regarding the refurbishment of St Mary's hall, Biggar, some issues require clarification and a meeting with representatives of Presbytery Property Committee, General Trustees and Biggar Kirk will be held as soon as possible.
3. Instruct Biggar Kirk not to commence work on the refurbishment to St Mary's halls until further discussions have taken place and approval of the works has been given by the Presbytery and General Trustees.
4. Inform Biggar and Blackmount Kirk Sessions that if they wish to proceed to share the manse cost, a valuation requires to be done (with the cost shared between the two congregations), that any agreement requires to be minuted in both Kirk Sessions and extract minutes forwarded to the Presbytery Clerk for transmission to the General Trustees.
5. Note that the Manse inspection of Carluke St John's took place and the manse is suitable for habitation at this time.
6. Commend Carluke St John's property convener and his team for the ongoing work that has been carried out in the upkeep of the property.

**The Deliverance was approved**

### **Report of the Congregational Development Committee**

The Report of the Congregational Development Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Alan Grant, who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance:** *Presbytery-*

1. Receive the Report
2. Encourage Presbyters to identify and make known to young people of appropriate age, details of the proposed National Assembly to be held at Gartmore House, Stirling from 5pm on Friday, 14 August to 5pm on Monday, 17 August 2015.

**It was moved seconded and agreed as an amendment to the Deliverance to add new sections**

3. Approve the funding of up to three places at a cost of £85 per person for young people to attend the NYA 2015
4. Approve the name of Laura Jane Sinclair, Forth: St Paul's Parish Church as a representative to NYA 2015

**The Deliverance as amended was approved**

### **Report of the Finance Committee**

The Report of the Finance Committee was presented by the Convener, Rev Steven Reid, who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance:** *Presbytery-*

6. Receive the Report.

**The Deliverance was approved**

### **Report of the Ministries Committee**

The Report of the Ministries Committee was presented by the Convener, Mrs Anna Lumsden, who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance:** *Presbytery-*

4. Receive the Report
5. Note that all ministers log books have been attested up to April 2015.

**The Deliverance was approved**

### **Intimations**

The Clerk drew member's attention to intimations in the papers.

- Newsletters from Clyde and Avon Valley Landscape Partnership
- A Music Event in St Andrew's Carluke on 21 June

The Clerk recorded the thanks of Presbytery to Braehead Christian Healing and Retreat Centre for their welcome and hospitality and to the Moderator for her conduct of the Communion Service

The Clerk intimated that as she anticipated being on sick leave for surgery in August, the Depute Clerk would take over as Acting Clerk until she was able to resume duties

The Moderator led the Presbytery in prayer for the Clerk and for Mrs Lumsden Moderator Designate whose mother had recently passed away.

**Adjournment:**

**The Presbytery adjourned to meet for the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Tuesday 1 September 2015 at 7.00pm in Lanark: Greyfriars Parish Church and thereafter for Ordinary Business.**

**Closure**

The Moderator closed the meeting by offering a prayer of blessing.

**Moderator**

**Clerk**

**Lanark**, on Tuesday 1 September 2015 the **Presbytery of Lanark** met after the administration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion in Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark and was constituted in prayer.

**Sederunt:** Rev Elizabeth Clelland, Moderator and with her others as in the Sederunt Book – in all 6 Ministers, 26 Elders, 1 Corresponding Member, and 39 Visitors.

**Apologies** for absence were intimated on behalf of Rev D Easton, H Jamieson and B Kerr, Ministers and Mr J Austin, Elder

#### **Installation of Moderator**

The Presbytery, having previously elected Mrs Anna Lumsden to be Moderator, moved to install her as Moderator of the Presbytery for the session 2015/16, during the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Ms Clelland welcomed Mrs Lumsden, installed her as Moderator of the Presbytery with prayer and invited her to take the chair.

#### **Welcome to new Members and Visitors**

The Moderator welcomed new Presbytery Elders to their first meeting.

#### **Acting Clerk, Oath de fideli**

Due to the Absence of the Presbytery Clerk and Acting Presbytery Clerk through illness, the Presbytery elected to appoint Rev Harry Findlay as Acting Clerk for the duration of the meeting. Mr Findlay took the oath de fideli.

#### **Thanks to retiring Moderator**

The Moderator thanked the Presbytery for electing her, and also thanked Ms Clelland for her service during her term as Moderator.

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

The Agenda as printed and circulated was approved, with the addition of a new Section 14, Report of the Vacancy Procedure Committee.

#### **Roll of Presbytery**

The Acting Clerk informed Presbytery that the Rev Helen Jamieson was currently on sick leave and was home recuperating following her operation. The Acting Clerk also informed Presbytery that the Rev Bryan Kerr was currently on sick leave and was home resting after a stay in hospital.

#### **Minutes of meeting on 16 June 2015**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2015 were held as read and approved.

#### **Correspondence**

The Acting Clerk intimated 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 Acting Clerk referred to correspondence received from

- **Ministries Council** - good practice guidelines in terms of Act 1 2015 Civil Partnerships
- **Ministries Council** - Re-imagining the Regional Church Ministries Council Conference 30 Sept – 2 Oct – Rev Bryan Kerr & Rev George Shand to attend as Presbytery Representatives
- **Ministries Council** - Sick note for Iain Cunningham from 5-19 June 2015
- **John Thomson – Ministries** – listing under Section 25(A), Act 8, 2003 (as amended) approved for St Andrew's in deferred union with St Johns and Coalburn l/w Lesmahagow Old
- **Presbytery Planning Task Group, Ministries Council** – suspension of Plan in Carluke/Law concurrence received
- **Derek Browning, Convener of Assembly Arrangements Committee** - Statement in respect of Voting and attendance at GA

- **Information Commissioner's Office – Data Protection confirmation of change to register** – e-mailed to Session Clerks and Ministers with copy of Lanark Presbytery Registration entry and information from Church Solicitor
- **General Trustees** – Determination received for the sale of Carstairs Junction Church
- **Principal Clerk's Office** – information in respect of returns to Overture amending Act 1 2015
- **Gordon Jamieson** – working with Carstairs & Carstairs Junction Parish Church and Law Dept to change legal name to Carstairs Parish Church
- **Review and reform Path of Renewal** - Acknowledgment of nomination of Tinto Parishes and outlining procedure and conference dates. – Bill Love will attend conference as Presbytery link person.
- **Stewardship Presbytery Reps day** – Glasgow - 23 September 2015
- **Solicitor** – Data Protection – to ensure Presbytery registration is up to date and accurate.
- **Solicitor** - Pensions auto enrolment information
- **Pamela Strachan OLM in Melrose and Peebles Presbytery** – notified Presbytery and Gordon Jamieson IM at Carnwath/Carstairs of her appointment as Chaplain to State Hospital Carstairs
- **Archie McDowall, Stewardship & Finance** – re Ministries and mission outstanding payments for 2015
- **Ministries Council** - Sick note for Bryan Kerr from 26 August 2015 for 1 month

#### **Decisions taken under powers (Summer Recess)**

Presbytery noted that the following decision had been taken under powers agreed at the meeting on 16 June 2015:

#### **Carluke: St. Andrew's in Deferred Union with Carluke: St. John's (31 July 2015)**

Following requests from the Kirk Sessions of Carluke: St. Andrew's and Carluke: St. John's to the Presbytery of Lanark to be listed in terms of section 25(A) of Act 8, 2003 (as amended);

and following the Advisory Committee meeting with the Kirk Sessions of Carluke: St. Andrew's and Carluke: St. John's where no issues of concern were raised that would make such listing under section 25 (A) of Acts 8, 2003 (as amended) inappropriate as well as appropriate consultation with the Ministries Council on the matter having taken place;

and following the decision of the Presbytery of Lanark on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 which stated 'In terms of Section 25 (A) of Act 8, 2003 (as amended), agree that should a vacant charge within the Presbytery that was granted permission to call prior to 31st December 2013, make application to Presbytery prior to 16th August 2015 to be listed in terms of the above section, permission to be listed shall be deemed to have been granted'

It is agreed, under powers, in the case of the vacancy in Carluke: St. Andrew's in Deferred Union with Carluke: St. John's that the Kirk Sessions of the charge be granted permission of be listed under section 25(A) of Act 8, 2003 (as amended) and receive applications from eligible candidates from outwith the EEA and Switzerland and to issue an extract minute of the decision to the Ministries Council.

#### **Coalburn linked with Lesmahagow: Old (13 August 2015)**

Following requests from the Kirk Sessions of Coalburn and Lesmahagow: Old to the Presbytery of Lanark to be listed in terms of section 25(A) of Act 8, 2003 (as amended);

and following the Advisory Committee Convenor meeting with the Kirk Sessions of Coalburn and Lesmahagow: Old where no issues of concern were raised that would make such listing under section 25 (A) of Acts 8, 2003 (as amended) inappropriate as well as appropriate consultation with the Ministries Council on the matter having taken place;

and following the decision of the Presbytery of Lanark on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 which stated 'In terms of Section 25 (A) of Act 8, 2003 (as amended), agree that should a vacant charge within the Presbytery that was granted permission to call prior to 31st December 2013, make application to Presbytery prior to 16th August 2015 to be listed in terms of the above section, permission to be listed shall be deemed to have been granted'

It is agreed, under powers, in the case of the vacancy in Coalburn linked with Lesmahagow: Old that the Kirk Sessions of the charge be granted permission of be listed under section 25(A) of Act 8, 2003 (as amended) and receive applications from eligible candidates from outwith the EEA and Switzerland and to issue an extract minute of the decision to the Ministries Council.

#### **Coalburn linked with Lesmahagow: Old (13 August 2015)**

It is agreed, under powers, to note the appointment of Mrs Elizabeth Leckie, Reader in the Presbytery of Hamilton, as locum for a Sunday plus one day a week in the charge of Coalburn linked with Lesmahagow Old for an initial period of 6 months, subject to a review, from 19th August 2015; and encourage the Kirk Sessions to consider appointing Mrs Leckie for a Sunday plus 2 days per week

#### **Carlisle: St. Andrew's (18 August 2015)**

It is agreed, under powers, to appoint Mr Bill Love as Interim Moderator during the period of absence of the minister, Rev Helen Jamieson

#### **Decisions taken under delegated powers**

Presbytery noted that the Clerk has been duly informed that the Presbytery Property Committee agreed under delegated powers:

#### **Biggar Parish Church – Refurbishment of St Mary's Church Hall**

*Presbytery-*

1. Noting that all finance is in place locally to fund the refurbishment of St. Mary's Church Hall, Biggar at a cost of around £150,000; and that a number of meetings have taken place between the congregation, Presbytery and the General Trustees; and that a number of points made previously to the congregation have been adopted; and that there the Presbytery Plan indicates no further readjustment in the buildings or congregation of Biggar Kirk; agree the plans for the Refurbishment of St. Mary's Church Hall, Biggar and transmit the decision to the General Trustees.
2. Agree that the congregation of Biggar Kirk should not submit a formal planning application for the refurbishment of St. Mary's Church Hall until permission to do so is granted by the General Trustees.

#### **Good News Stories**

Mr David Waters, Kirkmuirhill, spoke of the successful Summer Club run by Kirkmuirhill Church. Each day of the club saw attendance of 60 young people. He also outlined details of the 8 week, Christianity Explored Course starting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, that over 40 people have expressed an interest in attending.

#### **Report of the Prayer Co-ordinator**

The Prayer Co-ordinator, Rev Elizabeth Clelland, offered a short verbal report to the Presbytery.

**Deliverance:** Presbytery:

1. Receive the report.

**The Deliverance was approved**

#### **Report of the Business Committee**

The Report of the Business Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Bill Love who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance:** *Presbytery-*

1. Receive the report.
2. Note the delay in producing the Presbytery year book.
3. Note the use of Locum Contracts and the review at six monthly intervals.
4. Agree to the appointment of Rev Dr Nikki Macdonald as convener of the Ministries Committee.
5. Approve the final listing of Presbyters to Committees for 2015-2016 (Appendix 1).
6. Approve an honorarium of £500 to the Depute Clerk, covering the period January-June 2015

**The Deliverance was approved**

The Convener recorded the thanks of Presbytery to Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark for their welcome and hospitality and to the Retiring Moderator for her conduct of the Communion Service, and wished the Moderator God's blessing in the year ahead.

#### **Report of the Vacancy Procedure Committee**

The report of the Vacancy Procedure Committee was presented by the Business Convener, Mr Bill Love.

Parties were called.

The Acting Clerk informed Presbytery that edicts had been served to the congregations of Forth: St. Paul's, Coalburn, Leshahagow: Old, Carnwath, Carstairs & Carstairs Junction and Kirkmuirhill.

Representatives from the cited congregations were invited to make representations. Representatives from Kirkmuirhill Parish Church spoke positively about the change from Transition to Interim Ministry.

Parties were removed.

The Moderator invited discussion and questions.

The Convener then moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance:** *Presbytery* -

1. Receive the report.
2. Approve the second Extensions to Call granted to Forth St Paul's, Coalburn I/w Lesmahagow: Old and Carnwath I/w Carstairs and Carstairs junction covering the period until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016.
3. Approve the change from seeking a Transition minister to seeking an Interim Minister in the charge of Kirkmuirhill; strongly urge the Ministries Council to see such an appointment as a priority for their resources; express the strong feeling that an Interim minister be in post prior to the end of 2015; and instruct the clerk to issue an extract minute to the Ministries Council.

**The Deliverance was approved**

Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery intimated to them.

#### **Report of the Congregational Support Committee**

The Report of the Congregational Support Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Jim Watt, who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance:** *Presbytery*-

1. Receive the report
2. Note that Mr. David Waters and Mrs. Mabel Morris have agreed to continue as Vice Convener and Minutes Secretary respectively for a further year.
3. Note that the congregation of Lanark: Greyfriars have been given until nearer the end of 2015 to present their 5 year plan.
4. Note that the LCRV to Biggar I/w Blackmount has been postponed until 2016.

**The Deliverance was approved**

#### **Report of the Ministries Committee**

The Report of the Ministries Committee was presented by the Convener, Rev Dr Nikki Macdonald.

Parties were called.

The Acting Clerk informed Presbytery that an edict had been served to the congregation of Upper Clyde.

Representatives from Upper Clyde were invited to make representations. No party made a representation.

Parties were removed.

The Moderator invited discussion and questions.

The Convener then moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the Report
2. Agree to invite a current Vocations Champion, or small group, to address Presbytery and talk about their role.
3. Agree to increase the 0.8 FTE ministry provided to the charge of Upper Clyde to 1.0 FTE, utilising the 0.2 FTE allowance granted by the Ministries Council and to seek the concurrence of the Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group.

**The Deliverance was approved**

Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery intimated to them.

**Report of the Property Committee**

The Report of the Property Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Ewan Easton.

Parties were called.

The Acting Clerk informed Presbytery that edicts had been served to the congregations of Carluke: St. Andrew's and Carluke: St. John's.

Representatives from the cited congregations were invited to make representations. Representation was made from Carluke: St. John's Parish Church expressing some concern about making decisions regarding manse provision prior to other church buildings.

Parties were removed.

The Moderator invited discussion and questions.

The Convener then moved the following deliverance:

1. Receive the report
2. Note that a meeting and discussions were held regarding the refurbishment of St Mary's Church Hall and that the presentation addresses the points previously raised therefore the committee have approved that the proposal is to be submitted to the General Trustees.
3. Note that the existing War Memorial within the grounds of Carstairs Junction will require to be relocated.
4. Noting that the Basis of Deferred Union between Carluke: St. Andrew's and Carluke St. John's agreed in December 2013 states that a survey and evaluation of buildings and assets be 'carried out and completed within eighteen months of the agreement of the basis of Deferred Union', and that this timescale has passed without resolution;
  - a. instruct the Kirk Sessions, financial courts and congregations of Carluke: St. Andrew's and Carluke: St. John's to work together following the induction of the new minister to Carluke: St Andrew's in deferred union with Carluke: St John's to establish the mission priorities for Carluke: Forest Kirk following the union and make decisions on the future use of buildings (with the exception of manse provision) as a result of the said mission discussions; with a final recommendation and decision to be taken within 18 months of the date of induction of the said minister;
  - b. instruct the Kirk Sessions, financial courts and congregations of Carluke: St. Andrew's and Carluke: St. John's to seek the assistance of the Mission and Discipleship Council Church Without Walls Team alongside CARTA to establish the mission principles within the discussion over future use of buildings;
  - c. instruct the Kirk Sessions and financial courts of Carluke: St. Andrew's and Carluke: St. John's to work with relevant professionals, including an approved architect, and make a decision on manse provision within the united congregation prior to 31st October 2015 and report to the Presbytery;

- d. agree that for the avoidance of doubt all other clauses within the Basis of Deferred Union between Carluke: St. Andrew's and Carluke St. John's remain, with the only change being the timescale for decisions on future use of buildings and assets of the united congregation.
5. Appoint Ewan Easton and Bobby Mitchell to serve on the on the joint group looking at Property Matters in Carluke St. Andrew's in deferred Union with Carluke: St. John's.
6. Note that a service of closure of the church building in Rigside took place on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015; gives thanks for the many generations of worship and witness that took place from the building; and prays for a fruitful continuation of ministry and mission within the community of Rigside from The Douglas Valley Church.

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an amendment to section 4(c) to remove '31<sup>st</sup> October 2015' and insert '30<sup>th</sup> November 2015'.

#### **The Deliverance as amended was approved**

Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery intimated to them.

#### **Report of the Finance Committee**

The Report of the Finance Committee was presented by the Convener, Rev Steven Reid, who moved the following deliverance:

##### **Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the report.
2. Agree a reduction of £1000 of the Ministries and Mission allocation of Carluke St Andrews.
3. Agree a reduction of a total of £5300 of the Ministries and Mission allocation of Lanark Greyfriars.

#### **The Deliverance was approved**

#### **Report of the Congregational Development Committee**

The Report of the Congregational Development Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Alan Grant, who moved the following deliverance:

##### **Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the Report
2. Note that 31 October is the deadline for volunteers undertaking Regulated Work with children and protected adults to be PVG Scheme members.
3. Note that Safeguarding Training events are proposed for September, October and November at dates and locations to be announced.
4. Note that Kirk Sessions are at liberty to appoint more than one Safeguarding Co-ordinator.
5. Note that efforts to arrange training in leading worship in conjunction with Hamilton Presbytery are ongoing.

#### **The Deliverance was approved**

#### **Report of the World and Community Issues Committee**

The report of the World and Community Issues Committee was presented by the Convener, Dr Sinclair Scott who moved the following deliverance:

##### **Deliverance: Presbytery -**

1. Receive the report.
2. Note that Ruth Donaldson of Christian Solidarity Worldwide has been invited to speak at this year's World Mission Rally.
3. Note the forthcoming World Mission Council's Resources day on 12<sup>th</sup> September.
4. Note St Andrew's Hospice appeal for help with funding for their planned major refurbishment and encourage congregations to consider their request for assistance in the form of a one off collection.

#### **The Deliverance was approved**

#### **Intimations**

The Acting Clerk drew member's attention to intimations in the papers.

The Presbytery expressed thanks to Rev Harry Findlay, Acting Clerk, for his willingness to carry out the duties during the meeting.

**Adjournment:**

**The Presbytery adjourned to meet for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 6 October 2015 at 7 pm at Lanark: St Nicholas' Church Hall.**

**Closure**

The Moderator closed the meeting by offering a prayer of blessing.

**Moderator**

**Clerk**

## Presbytery of Lanark Committee Membership 2015-2016

<b>CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CONVENOR – ALAN GRANT)</b>				
<i>Fifth+ Year</i>	<i>Fourth Year</i>	<i>Third Year</i>	<i>Second Year</i>	<i>First Year</i>
Robert Carson	Lilias Nicol Fiona Hannah	John Austin	Anne Reid Tom Chalmers	Kathleen Wood
		David Carmichael		

<b>CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT (CONVENOR – JIM WATT)</b>				
<i>Fifth+ Year</i>	<i>Fourth Year</i>	<i>Third Year</i>	<i>Second Year</i>	<i>First Year</i>
Alex McPhee			David Watters Mabel Morris Frank Mitchell	Jenny Worthington
			George Shand	

<b>MINISTRIES (CONVENOR – NIKKI MACDONALD)</b>				
<i>Fifth+ Year</i>	<i>Fourth Year</i>	<i>Third Year</i>	<i>Second Year</i>	<i>First Year</i>
Helen Chekansky Anne Cochrane Bill Love				
		Susan Cowell		

<b>PROPERTY (CONVENOR – EWAN EASTON)</b>				
<i>Fifth+ Year</i>	<i>Fourth Year</i>	<i>Third Year</i>	<i>Second Year</i>	<i>First Year</i>
William Coulter		Bobby Mitchell	Cameron Murray	Peter McLeish

<b>WORLD &amp; COMMUNITY ISSUES (CONVENOR – SINCLAIR SCOTT)</b>				
<i>Fifth+ Year</i>	<i>Fourth Year</i>	<i>Third Year</i>	<i>Second Year</i>	<i>First Year</i>
Mairi Somerville Hugh Stewart			Willie Macsween Cameron Sutherland	Elizabeth McLachlan
Iain Cunningham		Mike Fucella		

<b>FINANCE (CONVENOR – STEVEN REID)</b>				
<i>Fifth+ Year</i>	<i>Fourth Year</i>	<i>Third Year</i>	<i>Second Year</i>	<i>First Year</i>
			Mary McGillivray Graham Chapman Jack Lumsden (co-opted)	
			Harry Findlay	

<b>BUSINESS (CONVENOR – BILL LOVE)</b>				
<i>Fifth+ Year</i>	<i>Fourth Year</i>	<i>Third Year</i>	<i>Second Year</i>	<i>First Year</i>
Sinclair Scott	Mary McGillivray	Mairi Somerville		Anna Lumsden
			Elizabeth Clelland George Shand	

**Clerk and Depute Ex-officio members of all committees**

**Lanark**, on Tuesday 6 October 2015 the **Presbytery of Lanark** met in Lanark: St. Nicholas Parish Church Hall and was constituted in prayer.

**Sederunt:** Mrs Anna Lumsden, Moderator and with her others as in the Sederunt Book – in all 6 Ministers, 26 Elders, 1 Corresponding Member, and 5 Visitors.

**Apologies** for absence were intimated on behalf of Revs D Carmichael, E Clelland, H Jamieson, B Kerr and S Reid, Ministers.

### **Welcome to new Members and Visitors**

The Moderator welcomed new Presbytery Elders to their first meeting.

### **Acting Clerk, Oath de fideli**

Due to the Absence of the Presbytery Clerk and Acting Presbytery Clerk through illness, the Presbytery elected to appoint Rev Harry Findlay as Acting Clerk for the duration of the meeting. Mr Findlay took the oath de fideli.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

The Agenda as printed and circulated was approved.

### **Roll of Presbytery**

The Acting Clerk informed Presbytery that both the Rev Helen Jamieson and the Rev Bryan Kerr were still on sick leave.

### **Minutes of meeting on 1 September 2015**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2015 were held as read and approved.

### **Correspondence**

The Acting Clerk intimated 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 Acting Clerk referred to correspondence received from

- Carstairs and Carstairs Junction Church - Request on legal name change for Carstairs & Extract Minutes from Kirk Session and Congregational Meeting
- General Trustees – Correspondence to say Carnwath Church is needing urgent repairs to building due to neglect
- Ministries Council – Concurrence on decision to move Upper Clyde Ministry from 0.8 FTE to 1.0 FTE
- Ministries Council – Interim ministry Task Group have approved the use of an Interim minister at Kirkmuirhill and will arrange for a congregational meeting to be held to vote on accepting an interim minister.
- Ministries Council - Sick Note for Rev Bryan Kerr, Lanark: Greyfriars from 23<sup>rd</sup> September for one month
- Christian Aid – invitation for all to attend a special thanksgiving service to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in St. Giles on 10<sup>th</sup> November.
- Council of Assembly – seeking ministers to apply to become members of the Council of Assembly

### **Good News Stories**

Rev Dr Nikki Macdonald, Upper Clyde Parish Church, informed the Presbytery that the old manse in Crawford had sold for above the asking price, and also that a community choir 'Junction 13' had been set up in the parish, holding a successful concert in Crawfordjohn on 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Mr Cameron Sutherland, Biggar Parish Church, spoke of the successful fete and fun day held by the church. This was followed by an open air service and was an example of the congregation pulling together and reaching out to the community. He also spoke of the last Messy Church that had attracted 86 participants. This represented a significant number of people with tenuous church connections or no church connections at all.

### **Report of the Business Committee**

The Report of the Business Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Bill Love.

Parties were called.

The Acting Clerk informed Presbytery that an edict had been served to the congregations of Upper Clyde.

Representatives from the cited congregation were invited to make representations.

Parties were removed.

The Moderator invited discussion and questions.

The Convener then moved the following deliverance:

#### **Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the report.
2. Note receipt of the sick note from Rev Helen Jamieson for the period 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015-1st October 2015.
3. Agree that the Church and Society Council be invited to speak on "Speak Out: 10,000 voices for change" at the November 2015 meeting of Presbytery.
4. following receipt of extract minutes from the Kirk Session (19<sup>th</sup> August 2015) and a Congregational Meeting (13<sup>th</sup> September 2015) of the United Parish of Carstairs and Carstairs Junction, agree that the legal, and known names of the charity SC028124 be amended to 'Carstairs Parish Church of Scotland' and instruct the Acting Presbytery Clerk to issue the appropriate extract minutes.
5. Note with concern that further urgent repairs are required to be undertaken by the General Trustees in Carnwath Parish Church and instruct the Kirk Session of Carnwath Parish Church to co-operate fully with the General Trustees in their regular inspections of, and notification process for damage to, the former church buildings.
6. Note that the Presbytery Planning Task Group of the Ministries Council issued concurrence with the Presbytery decision of 1 September 2015 to increase the ministry in Upper Clyde from 0.8FTE to 1.0FTE and agree to this taking effect from 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015.
7. Note that the Tinto Parishes and Presbytery were represented at the Panel of Review and Reform conference to outline the procedure for all applications for the Path of Renewal project on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2015
8. Agree to the appointment of Mrs Libby Muir as Interim Moderator at Lanark Greyfriars from Tuesday 22nd September 2015.

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an amendment to section 3, after the words 'Kirk Session of Carnwath Parish Church' insert 'to continue'.

#### **The Deliverance as amended was approved**

Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery intimated to them.

### **Report of the Vacancy Procedure Committee**

The report of the Vacancy Procedure Committee was presented by the Business Convener, Mr Bill Love, who moved the following deliverance:

#### **Deliverance: Presbytery -**

1. Receive the report
2. Note that the Depute Clerk will write to Coalburn l/w Lesmahagow: Old to outline possible avenues they might wish to explore as their vacancy continues.
3. Note that an application for Interim Ministry had been made to Ministries committee for Kirkmuirhill.

#### **The Deliverance was approved**

### **Report of the World and Community Issues Committee**

The report of the World and Community Issues Committee was presented by the Convener, Dr Sinclair Scott who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance:** *Presbytery* -

5. Receive the report.
6. Commend the World Mission Council's appeal for Nepal and urge congregations to engage with this project.
7. Thank congregations for their continuing support for the HIV Programme and encourage them to continue to work for this vital initiative.
8. Welcome the offer of a speaker from Church and Society Council to address Presbytery at the November meeting.
9. Urge Presbyters to publicise the forthcoming World Mission Rally to their congregations at this time of increased threat to minority Christian communities worldwide.

**The Deliverance was approved**

### **Report of the Congregational Development Committee**

The Report of the Congregational Development Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Alan Grant, who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance:** *Presbytery*-

1. Receive the Report
2. Note that 'Safeguarding Training for Volunteers' courses are to be held on 11 October St Mary's Church Hall, Biggar: 29 October Carluke: St Andrew's and 12 November at a venue to be confirmed
3. Note that a Safeguarding Co-ordinators Training Course will be held on 26 November at Carluke: St Andrew's

**The Deliverance was approved**

### **Report of the Property Committee**

The Report of the Property Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Ewan Easton, who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance:** *Presbytery*-

12. Receive the report
13. Approve the repairs to the organ at St Nicolas Parish Church, Lanark at a cost of £2,750 +VAT.
14. Note that a meeting and discussions were held regarding the manse provision for St Andrews and St John's in deferred union and that further meetings are to be held in forthcoming weeks.
15. Note that interest in Rigside Church and manse buildings has been shown though no formal offers have been received.
16. Note the application from Carluke: Kirkton for repairs on the pipe organ at a cost of £25,200 +VAT and instruct the congregation to i) make application to CARTA and the General Trustees to have an independent organ adviser appointed to inspect the organ and provide an independent report for the congregation; ii) the Kirk Session to seek competitive tenders from three firms for whatever scope of work is recommended by the independent adviser and iii) submit the independent report and tenders to Presbytery for approval.

**The Deliverance was approved**

### **Report of the Finance Committee**

The Report of the Finance Committee was presented by the Treasurer, Mrs Mary McGillivray in the absence of the convener. The acting clerk moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance:** *Presbytery*-

1. Receive the report
2. Note the Proposed Allocations for the Ministries and Missions fund and instruct financial boards to notify the Convener of the Finance Committee of any appeals prior to the October Presbytery Committee night (appendix 1).

**The Deliverance was approved**

**Intimations**

The Acting Clerk drew member's attention to intimations in the papers.

The Presbytery expressed thanks to Rev Harry Findlay, Acting Clerk, for his willingness to carry out the duties during the meeting.

**Adjournment:**

**The Presbytery adjourned to meet for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 3 November 2015 at 7 pm at Lanark: St Nicholas' Church Hall.**

**Closure**

The Moderator closed the meeting by offering a prayer of blessing.

**Moderator**

**Clerk**

## Proposed Ministries &amp; Mission Allocations 2016

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Douglas Valley	60,787	61,305	36,503	36,835	<b>36,835</b>
Black Mount	19,795	20,280	10,285	10,579	<b>10,579</b>
Forth St Pauls	59,839	55,946	35,896	33,405	<b>33,405</b>
Kirkfieldbank	17,656	17,798	9,087	9,166	<b>9,166</b>
Kirkmuirhill	113,740	109,640	68,019	65,805	<b>65,805</b>
Lanark St Nicholas	107,028	108,217	64,395	65,037	<b>65,037</b>
Law	54,034	47,564	32,181	28,040	<b>28,040</b>
Lesmahagow Abbeygreen	87,211	82,901	53,054	50,511	<b>50,511</b>
Lesmahagow Old	89,375	89,220	54,331	54,239	<b>54,239</b>
Libberton And Quothquan	21,180	22,012	8,007	11,687	<b>8,968</b>
Symington	38,224	36,441	22,053	20,922	<b>20,922</b>
Greyfriars	88,921	86,855	54,063	52,844	<b>52,844</b>
Cairngryffe	36,472	36,493	20,941	20,955	<b>20,955</b>
The Upper Clyde	37,008	37,436	21,284	21,558	<b>21,558</b>
					<b>784,884</b>

**Lanark**, on Tuesday 3 November 2015 the **Presbytery of Lanark** met in Lanark: St. Nicholas Parish Church Hall and was constituted in prayer.

**Sederunt:** Mrs Anna Lumsden, Moderator and with her others as in the Sederunt Book – in all 8 Ministers, 24 Elders, 1 Corresponding Member, and 12 Visitors.

**Apologies** for absence were intimated on behalf of Revs S Cowell, H Jamieson and B Kerr Ministers, Messers R Mitchell, A McPhee and S Scott, Elders.

#### **Welcome to new Members and Visitors**

The Moderator welcomed visitors to the meeting, along with representatives from cited congregations.

#### **Acting Clerk, Oath de fideli**

Due to the Absence of the Presbytery Clerk and Acting Presbytery Clerk through illness, the Presbytery elected to appoint Rev Harry Findlay as Acting Clerk for the duration of the meeting. Mr Findlay took the oath de fideli.

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

The Agenda as printed and circulated was approved.

#### **Roll of Presbytery**

The Acting Clerk informed Presbytery that both the Rev Helen Jamieson and the Rev Bryan Kerr were still on sick leave. The Presbytery were also informed that Ross Blackman, former student with the Presbytery of Lanark had accepted a call and would be ordained and inducted to the charge of Hamilton: Old on 19th November 2015

#### **Minutes of meeting on 6 October 2015**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2015 were held as read and approved.

#### **Correspondence**

The Acting Clerk intimated 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 Acting Clerk referred to correspondence received from

- IT – presbytery laptop will be encrypted for security reasons
- Council of Assembly – seeking applicants for membership
- Review and reform – intimation of blog on path of renewal on web
- Nomination committee – seeking nominations for central councils and committees
- Principal Clerk – informing that the Rev Dr Russell Barr, minister of Cramond Kirk, Edinburgh has been chosen as Moderator Designate of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 2016
- Ministries Council – Report on recent conference that was attended by Rev George Shand.

#### **Decisions made under delegated powers**

The Acting Clerk informed the Presbytery that the following decision had been made under delegated powers

#### **Carluke: St Andrews in deferred union with Carluke: St. John's**

The Vacancy Committee of the Presbytery of Lanark, having received all relevant papers relating to the vacancy in Carluke: St Andrews in deferred union with Carluke: St. John's including

- voting papers and a signed declaration of election result whereby 209 members voted for and 25 voted against electing Rev Dr Elijah Obinna as minister of Carluke: St Andrews in deferred union with Carluke: St John's;
- a call to Rev Dr Elijah Obinna subscribed by 101 members of Carluke: St. Andrew's and 434 members of Carluke St. John's;
- a certificate of eligibility from Ministries Council in respect of Rev Dr Elijah Obinna;

agreed that, in respect of Carluke: St Andrews in deferred union with Carluke: St John's, and in terms of Act

VIII, 2003 (as amended), that the call to Rev Dr Elijah Obinna be sustained and a date for the induction be set for 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7pm in Carluke: St. John's Parish Church and notes that Dr Obinna will be sponsored for work by The Church of Scotland and will be required to apply for a Tier 2 Minister of Religion Visa which the Home Office Visas and Immigration Service will issue this for 3 years in the first instance which can be renewed for a further 2 years, with Dr Obinna deciding after the period of 5 years to either apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain in the UK or return to Nigeria.

The Acting Clerk informed the presbytery that the appropriate schedule was sent to members of the Presbytery and the congregations and as no objections were forthcoming the decision was finalised on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

### **Good News Stories**

Rev George Shand, The Tinto Parishes, spoke about the work of New Beginnings and spoke about their Christmas Appeal and urged congregations to support the appeal.

### **10,000 Voices for Change – David Bradwell, Church and Society Council**

The Presbytery received a presentation from David Bradwell, Church and Society Council on the 10,000 Voices for Change project. Mr Bradwell outlined the project and spoke of the desire of the Council to hear from as many people as possible on the concept of a fairer Scotland. He urged congregations to take time over the next few months to have a place within their worship to encourage members to fill in the postcards provided for feedback. Members of Presbytery were invited, and took time, to fill in the cards. The moderator thanks Mr Bradwell for his presentation.

### **Report of the Business Committee**

The Report of the Business Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Bill Love.

Parties were called.

The Acting Clerk informed Presbytery that an edict had been served to the congregations of Carluke: St Andrew's and Carluke: St. John's.

Representatives from the cited congregations were invited to make representations.

Parties were removed.

The Moderator invited discussion and questions.

The Convener then moved the following deliverance:

### **Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the report.
2. Note the receipt of the sick notes on behalf of Rev H Jamieson covering the period 1<sup>st</sup> October for a further 3 months.
3. Note the receipt of the sick note on behalf of Rev B Kerr for the period 23<sup>rd</sup> September for a four week period and a further sick note covering the period to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016.
4. Note that the Law department advise that OSCR has approved the change of name for Carstairs Parish Church of Scotland (SCO28124). This change to take effect from November 20<sup>th</sup> 2015.
5. Note that office bearer details should be in the hands of the acting Presbytery Clerk no later than Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015.
6. Agree the extension to complete the report on manse provision for the new charge of Carluke: Forest Kirk, with the report to be approved by local parties by January 18<sup>th</sup> 2016.
7. Agree the appointment Mr Bill Love as Interim Moderator in Lanark Greyfriars from 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015, and note that he will also provide two days a week pastoral locum cover.
8. Note that Mr Denham MacDougall has completed training to enable him to act as Interim Moderator and that he will shadow Rev George Shand to gain experience for a period of six months.

It was moved, seconded, and agreed as an amendment to the deliverance to add a new section 9 'Note that, in terms of Act 1, 2015, and after following due process, the Kirk Session of Lanark: St. Nicholas on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 voted to depart from the Church's practice in relation to human sexuality in order for applications for the current vacancy to be considered from, amongst others, individuals who are in a civil partnership.'

It was moved, seconded, and agreed as an amendment to the deliverance to add a new section 10 'Note that, in terms of Act 1, 2015, and after following due process, the Kirk Session of The Douglas Valley Church on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015 voted to depart from the Church's practice in relation to human sexuality in order for applications for the current vacancy to be considered from, amongst others, individuals who are in a civil partnership.'

#### **The Deliverance as amended was approved**

Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery intimated to them.

#### **Report of the Vacancy Procedure Committee**

The report of the Vacancy Procedure Committee was presented by the Business Convener, Mr Bill Love.

Parties were called.

The Acting Clerk informed Presbytery that an edict had been served to the congregations of Carnwath, Carstairs, Kirkmuirhill and Law.

Representatives from the cited congregations were invited to make representations.

Parties were removed.

The Moderator invited discussion and questions.

The Convener then moved the following deliverance:

#### **Deliverance: Presbytery -**

4. Receive the report
5. Agree to invite the Legal Questions Committee to consider the complex matter of Ministers from outwith Scotland and permission to work, in respect of the understanding of congregations during the call process.
6. Note that the congregation and office bearers of Kirkmuirhill Parish Church have agreed to accept the appointment of an Interim Minister.
7. Agree that Mrs Libby Muir be appointed as Interim Moderator at Law Parish Church as from 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015.
8. Agree that Rev Elizabeth Clelland be appointed as Interim Moderator at Carnwath lw Carstairs as from 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015.
9. Agree that Rev Dr John McPake from Hamilton Presbytery be appointed as a Presbytery Assessor in terms of Act V, 2001 and as Interim Moderator at Kirkmuirhill Parish Church as from 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015.
10. Expresses thanks to Mr Alan Grant for his period of service in Law Parish Church and Rev Gordon Jamieson for his service in Carnwath lw Carstairs, and instruct the clerk to inform the Principal Clerk that Mr Jamieson will no longer serve as a Presbytery Assessor in terms of Act V, 2001.

#### **The Deliverance was approved**

Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery intimated to them.

#### **Report of the Finance Committee**

The report of the Finance Committee was presented by the Convener, Rev Steven Reid who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance: Presbytery -**

1. Receive the report
2. Note that none of the appeals received against Ministries and Mission Allocations for 2016 were successful at this point in time.
3. Approve the Ministries and Mission Allocations for 2016 as set out in appendix 1
4. Approve the Presbytery Budget for 2016 as set out in appendix 2
5. Agree the arrangements for the winding up of the funds for the Diaconate Project to redistribute the sum of £1162.14 to the participating congregations on a proportional basis.

**The Deliverance was approved**

**Report of the Property Committee**

The Report of the Property Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Ewan Easton, who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the report
2. Approve the installation of a projector system in Biggar Parish Church at a cost of £9,720.
3. Approve the request from Black Mount Parish Church to release £10,400 from their holdings in the consolidated fabric fund for replacement windows in the church hall.
4. Approve the request from Carluke: St. John's Parish Church to install a new kitchen in the manse.
5. Note that D M Hall Chartered Surveyors have valued the manse of Carluke St Andrew's at £210,000 and the manse of Carluke St. John's at £185,000.
6. Instruct all Financial Courts to pay close attention to the financial limits for fabric works and the process of approval of works by Presbytery prior to the commencement of projects, and to encourage congregations to seek the advice of the Presbytery Property Committee at an early stage; and instruct the Presbytery Clerk to issue the extracted report and section of deliverance to all financial courts within the bounds.

**The Deliverance was approved**

**Report of the Congregational Development Committee**

The Report of the Congregational Development Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Alan Grant, who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the Report.
2. Encourage Presbyters to publicise and make known to young adults that nominations are sought to represent the Presbytery of Lanark at the 2016 General assembly as the Youth Rep.
3. Agree that a Sunday afternoon is an appropriate time to conduct Safeguarding Training.
4. Note that 'Safeguarding Training for Volunteers' courses are to be held on 29 October Carluke: St Andrew's and 12 November at Lesmahagow: Abbeygreen.
5. Note that a Safeguarding Co-ordinators Training Course will be held on 26 November at Carluke: St Andrew's.
6. Note that Safeguarding Co-ordinators meet on 08 December at Lanark: St Nicholas Church Halls.

**The Deliverance was approved**

**Report of the Ministries Committee**

The Report of the Finance Committee was presented by the Convenor, Rev Dr Nikki who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the Report
2. Agree to hold an annual Presbytery Gathering and that
  - a. the Gathering be held in February in place of committee meetings;
  - b. the said Gathering be in the form of a retreat.

**The Deliverance was approved**

**Intimations**

The Acting Clerk drew member's attention to intimations in the papers.

Jim Watt intimated that further copies of the booklet Transforming Lives were available for uplift after the meeting.

The Presbytery expressed thanks to Rev Harry Findlay, Acting Clerk, for his willingness to carry out the duties during the meeting.

**Adjournment:**

**The Presbytery adjourned to meet for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 1 December 2015 at 7 pm at Lanark: St Nicholas' Church Hall.**

**Closure**

The Moderator closed the meeting by offering a prayer of blessing.

**Moderator**

**Clerk**

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Kirkfieldbank	17,656	17,798	9,087	9,166	<b>9,166</b>
Kirkmuirhill	113,740	109,640	68,019	65,805	<b>65,805</b>
Lanark St Nicholas	107,028	108,217	64,395	65,037	<b>65,037</b>
Law	54,034	47,564	32,181	28,040	<b>28,040</b>
Lesmahagow Abbeygreen	87,211	82,901	53,054	50,511	<b>50,511</b>
Lesmahagow Old	89,375	89,220	54,331	54,239	<b>54,239</b>
Libberton And Quothquan	21,180	22,012	8,007	11,687	<b>8,968</b>
Symington	38,224	36,441	22,053	20,922	<b>20,922</b>
Greyfriars	88,921	86,855	54,063	52,844	<b>52,844</b>
Cairngryffe	36,472	36,493	20,941	20,955	<b>20,955</b>
The Upper Clyde	37,008	37,436	21,284	21,558	<b>21,558</b>
					<b>784,884</b>

## Presbytery of Lanark Budget 2016

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>17,594</b>
Income:-	
Interest	120
2016 Dues (6249 @ £2.50)	15,622
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>33,336</u></b>
<b>Expenditure 2016</b>	
Clerk's salary & NI	5,020
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Clerk's expenses	800
Clerk's office	600
Clerical Assistance	300
Printing & postage	90
Insurance & copyright	310
Honoraria	250
Business Committee	100
Congregational Development	50
Congregational Support	50
Finance Committee	50
Ministry Committee	50
Property Committee	50
World & Community Issues	50
Surveys	3,500
Pulpit Supply	220
Attestation Fees	2,800
Youth Assembly	125
Hall rent	1,400
Grants & Bursaries	0
Sundry	500
Travel Expenses	500
Data Protection	35
Governance	270
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>20,480</u></b>
<b>Projected Closing Balance</b>	<b><u>12,856</u></b>

**Lanark**, on Tuesday 1 December 2015 the **Presbytery of Lanark** met in Lanark: St. Nicholas Parish Church Hall and was constituted in prayer.

**Sederunt:** Mrs Anna Lumsden, Moderator and with her others as in the Sederunt Book – in all 8 Ministers, 21 Elders, and 7 Visitors.

**Apologies** for absence were intimated on behalf of Revs H Jamieson, Minister, and Anne Cochrane, Tom Chalmers, William Coulter, Alex McPhee, Mairi Somerville David Waters, elders.

#### **Welcome to new Members and Visitors**

The Moderator welcomed visitors to the meeting, along with representatives from cited congregations.

#### **Acting Clerk, Oath de fideli**

Due to the Absence of the Presbytery Clerk and Acting Presbytery Clerk through illness, the Presbytery elected to appoint Rev Harry Findlay as Acting Clerk for the duration of the meeting. Mr Findlay took the oath de fideli.

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

The Agenda as printed and circulated was approved.

#### **Roll of Presbytery**

The Acting Clerk informed Presbytery that both the Rev Helen Jamieson and the Rev Bryan Kerr were still on sick leave. The Presbytery were also informed that the Rev Una Stewart has now transferred her membership of Presbytery to Jedburgh Presbytery and that they have been informed that Ms Stewart holds a qualified practising certificate

#### **Minutes of meeting on 3 November 2015**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2015 were held as read and approved.

#### **Correspondence**

The Acting Clerk intimated 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 Acting Clerk referred to correspondence received from

- PPTG, Ministries Council – Draft minute stating that Upper Clyde is restored to full time ministry
- Ministries Council – Member of a congregation within the bounds entering discernment process with Shaw Patterson and looking for Presbytery Assessor
- General Trustees – Seeking authorisation to sell some land at Culter
- Jedburgh presbytery – Una Stewart seeking to move to Jedburgh and seeking assurances that there are no reasons for this not to take place.
- Council of Assembly – Security advice to congregations

#### **Decisions made under delegated powers**

The Acting Clerk informed the Presbytery that no decisions had been made under delegated powers

#### **Good News Stories**

Sinclair Scott gave an update for the St Andrews Hospice appeal. £1000 pounds has been raised to date. George Shand told of a fund raising event at Libberton and Quothquan where a ceilidh was held to raise money for Place at the Table charity.

Nikki McDonald told of an Inter-school drawing competition held among all 5 primary schools in her parish. 80 entries were received and the winner will feature on the front cover of the church magazine.

#### **Report of the Presbytery Youth Representative**

The Presbytery received a report from Ms Laura Jane Sinclair, Member of Forth St Paul's Parish Church who represented the Presbytery at the General Assembly in May and the National Youth Assembly in August. Ms Sinclair thanked Presbytery for allowing her to attend. She indicated her willingness to speak to any young person who might be thinking of putting their name forward for next year's assembly.

### **Report of the Business Committee**

The Report of the Business Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Bill Love who then moved the following deliverance:

#### **Deliverance: Presbytery-**

9. Receive the report.
10. Appoint Mr Jim Watt (Convener), Mr Cameron Sutherland and Mrs Anna Lumsden as the Advisory Committee in the vacancy in Carnwath linked with Carstairs.
11. Approve the request for joint services in Lanark and Carluke covering the Christmas and New Year period; 27th December 2015: Carluke St Johns and Lanark Greyfriars and 3rd January 2016: Carluke St Andrews and Lanark St Nicholas

#### **The Deliverance was approved**

### **Joint Report of Congregational Support & Ministries Committee regarding Law Parish Church**

The Joint Report of Congregational Support & Ministries Committee regarding Law Parish Church was presented by the Congregational Support Convener, Mr Jim Watt.

Parties were called.

The Acting Clerk informed Presbytery that an edict had been served to the congregation of Law.

Representatives from the cited congregation were invited to make representations.

Parties were removed.

The Moderator invited discussion and questions.

The Convener then moved the following deliverance:

#### **Deliverance: Presbytery -**

1. Receive the report
2. Note that Law Parish Church has been subject to long periods of vacancy.
3. Commend the office bearers and congregation of Law Parish Church for their enthusiastic engagement with the visiting team.
4. Commend the office bearers and congregation of Law Parish Church for their high level of commitment towards their church and its future.
5. Commend the office bearers and congregation of Law Parish Church for their desire to engage with their local community.
6. Commend the work of Alan Grant as Interim Moderator in helping them to remain positive and continue to develop ideas and initiatives.
7. Thank Rev George Shand and the visiting team for their report.
8. Instruct Law Parish Church to develop a five year development plan for the congregation, addressing areas such as worship, service, discipleship, fellowship, evangelism and resources, with the said plan to be agreed by local parties by 31st May 2016 and presented thereafter to the Congregational Support Committee; and appoint Rev George Shand, Rev Dr Nikki Macdonald and Mrs Anna Lumsden to assist the congregation in the development of the plan.
9. Agree that Law Parish Church should be permitted to call a full time minister on the basis of a five year reviewable charge, and instruct the Ministries Committee to meet with the congregation in terms of Act VII, 2003 (as amended) to negotiate a draft basis of reviewable charge to be presented to the February 2016 meeting of Presbytery.

10. Agree, that for the avoidance of doubt, the suspension of the Presbytery Plan in Carluke and Law, with the exception of the vacancy in Carluke: St. Andrews in deferred Union with Carluke: St. John's, agreed on 5 May 2015, remains in place until a draft basis of Reviewable Charge for Law Parish Church has been agreed by all parties.
11. Note that a copy of the full report is available on request from the convener of the Congregational Support Committee.

#### **The Deliverance was approved**

Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery intimated to them.

#### **Overture amending the Ministers and Deacons in Civil Partnership Act (Act 1, 2015)**

The Overture was presented by the Business Convener, Mr Bill Love.

After a period of discussion, voting by secret ballot took place.

The Acting Clerk, as returning officer, declared the results of the vote; of the members of Presbytery 19 voted FOR the overture and 11 voted AGAINST the overture.

#### **Report of the Ministries Committee**

The Report of the Finance Committee was presented by the Convener, Rev Dr Nikki who moved the following deliverance:

##### **Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the Report
2. Agree to Rev Elizabeth Clelland's facilitation of the upcoming Presbytery Gathering and express thanks to her for doing this work.
3. Note that a member of one of the congregations within Presbytery has entered into a period of discernment exploring a possible vocation to ministry and appoint Dr Sinclair Scott as the Presbytery Representative during this period of discernment.

#### **The Deliverance was approved**

#### **Report of the Congregational Development Committee**

The Report of the Congregational Development Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Alan Grant, who moved the following deliverance:

##### **Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the Report.
2. Encourage Presbyters to publicise and make known to young adults that nominations are sought to represent the Presbytery of Lanark at the 2016 General assembly as the Youth Rep.
3. Acknowledge the commitment and effort of Caroline Deerin, and congratulate her in obtaining accreditation as a Safeguarding Trainer.
4. Note that Safeguarding Co-ordinators meet on 08 December at Lanark: St Nicholas Church Halls.
5. Instruct Kirk Sessions to liaise with their Safeguarding Co-ordinator to determine the PVG status of those engaged in regulated work with children and/or vulnerable adults.
6. Note that Kirk Sessions are permitted to appoint more than one Safeguarding Co-ordinator.

#### **The Deliverance was approved**

#### **Report of the Property Committee**

The Report of the Property Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Ewan Easton, who moved the following deliverance:

##### **Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the report
2. Approve the sale of the small section of land at the Glebe at Culter and instruct the Clerk to advise the General Trustees of same.
3. Commend the Kirk Session of Lanark St Nicolas for bringing the matter of electrical inspections to the committee.
4. Note the advice given from the General Trustees in light of the request for information on Periodic Inspections of Electrical Installations.

5. Agree to issue a copy of the summarised section of the report on Periodic Inspections of Electrical Installations to financial courts of churches within the bounds and instruct financial courts to note the content and action accordingly.
6. Approve the upgrade of the sound system in Lanark Greyfriars.
7. Approve 'in principal' phase 1 and phase 2 of the heating upgrade project in Lanark Greyfriars subject to the receipt and inspection of quotations by the Property Committee once available.

**The Deliverance was approved**

**Report of the World & Community Issues Committee**

The Report of the World & Community Issues Committee was presented by the Convener, Dr Sinclair Scott, who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the report.
2. Thank those who attended the World Mission Rally and who gave towards the work of Christian Solidarity Worldwide.
3. Request Business Committee to allow an opportunity for a short presentation on the current situation with Donor Organ legislation in Scotland.
4. Recommend to Congregations support for the St Andrew's Hospice Appeal.
5. Note the forthcoming lecture on Faith and Wisdom in Science at Biggar Corn Exchange.

**The Deliverance was approved**

**Report of the Congregational Support Committee**

The Report of the Congregational Support Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Jim Watt, who moved the following deliverance:

**Deliverance: Presbytery-**

1. Receive the report
2. Note that the congregation of Lanark: Greyfriars have been given until June 2016 to present their 5 year plan.

**The Deliverance was approved**

**Intimations**

The Acting Clerk drew member's attention to intimations in the papers.

The Presbytery expressed thanks to Rev Harry Findlay, Acting Clerk, for his willingness to carry out the duties during the meeting.

**Adjournment:**

**The Presbytery adjourned to meet for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 2 February 2016 at 7 pm at Lanark: St Nicholas' Church Hall.**

**Closure**

The Moderator closed the meeting by offering a prayer of blessing.

**Moderator**

**Clerk**