

**At Saltcoats, and within Saltcoats New Trinity Church, on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of June, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer.**

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SEDERUNT W F Turner, Moderator, Revds J R McKay (Clerk) J A S Boag, N Bowman, M S Cameron, K Fisher, J Ewing; J Gisbey, R J Grahame, W R Johnston, J M M Lafferty, R Leask, M H Mackay, A D McCallum, A M McCance, A F McGurk, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, F C Ross, I M Roy, S J Smith, A Taylor, E R L Watson, Ministers; E S H Glen, J Forsyth, H B Gibson, D Hamilton, E Hinde, P Hinde, R Jarvie, J Jenkins, M G Kellock, D Kerr, J Laurie, G K McConnell, A MacDonald, V Macdonald, J Martin, E H McArthur, S McLellan, J McSwan, R A Richardson, A K Sanderson, J Scott, J S Scott, E Sillars, A Tomlinson, A C Watt, R F Welch, I Whiteford, Elders; M A Broster, A Currie, A Henderson, J C Q Hunter, M Massie, R U McCool, M McGeoch, Revd A Montgomerie, Corresponding Members.

APOLOGIES were received from Revds N Cruikshank, D J H Harbison, M L K Howie, B Knight, Dr I MacLeod, D S Paterson, J Selfridge, M Thomson, Ministers; A Buick G Cunningham, M Duff, R Lavalette, J T McGill, C J E Mills, T Muston, J Porter, G Ross, N Smith, W Thomson, C Welch, K S Welch, Elders; S Darroch, B H Mackay, M M B Ross, Corresponding Members

MINUTES The Minutes of the meetings of May 3rd (pages 8-10) 2005, having been circulated, were approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Order of Business was approved, with the addition of an additional item of correspondence concerning the vacancy at Kilwinning: Abbey and, consequently, an additional item under the Business Committee

CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk reported that he had received a reply from the General Secretary of the (then) Board of World Mission in response to the Presbytery's deliverance in May; letters from the Ministry Officer, Board of Ministry, reporting that all ministers in parishes had completed applications for Enhanced Disclosure Certificates and they should be receiving letters from Disclosure Scotland and the (now) Council of Ministries, confirming that everything is in order, from the (then) Board of Stewardship and Finance confirming that the Presbytery's Accounts fully comply with the General Assembly's regulations, and thanking all involved for their service; from North Ayrshire Council, acknowledging receipt of the letter containing the Presbytery's deliverance on areas of contemplation within the new school on Arran, and promising further consultation as the building plans progress; and an intimation from the General Assembly's Committee on Parish Approval concurring with the Presbytery's decision to approve the Basis and Plan of Union between Kilwinning: Abbey and Kilwinning: Erskine.

CONGRATULATIONS The Moderator drew to the attention of Presbytery that the Revd Norman Bowman had recently celebrated the sixty-fifth anniversary of his ordination and expressed to him the congratulations and good wishes of the Presbytery. Mr Bowman made suitable reply.

CALL TO REVD DOUGLAS PATERSON Following the decision of the Vacancy Procedure Committee in the impending vacancy at Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity, Mr A Campbell paid tribute to Mr Paterson's ministry, as did the Moderator. Mr Paterson being unable to be present, the Clerk reported that he had forwarded to him the Call from Edinburgh: St Colm's.

#### VACANCY PROCEDURE COMMITTEES

It was moved, seconded and agreed that Presbytery

- i. Note the decision of the Vacancy Procedure Committee in the vacancy at Fairlie to appoint Mr W Findlay Turner Interim Moderator in place of Revd Ross Mitchell, and thank Mr Mitchell for his service as Interim Moderator since the vacancy occurred.
- ii. Note the decision of the Vacancy Procedure Committee in the vacancy at Beith High linked with Beith Trinity to sustain the call to the Revd Roderick Macdonald, minister at Cardonald: St Nicholas, and invite the Presbytery to appoint Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm for Mr Macdonald's induction, the Presbytery to meet at 6.45pm, the Moderator to preside and induct, Revd Marion Howie to conduct the devotions and Revd James A S Boag to preach.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTE CLERK The Convener of the Business Committee reported that, following the invitation to members of Presbytery to apply or to recommend a nominee for the post of Depute Clerk, the Business Committee had appointed Mr Alan Sanderson. He moved, and it was seconded and agreed that Mr Sanderson be appointed at an annual salary of £1500. The Moderator welcomed Mr Sanderson to his post and administered the oath *de fidei*.

#### IN PRIVATE

REPORT OF ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS The Clerk reported that all those commissioned to attend the recent General Assembly had been diligent in their attendance. The Revd Roderick Graham reported on the Church without Walls Conference held on the day following the General Assembly.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTSBUSINESS

- i. Notice of Motion having been given to the May meeting of Presbytery, for the Committee the Convener moved, and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery

Delete Standing Orders 16.2-10 and replace with

- 16.1 CHURCH AND SOCIETY Sphere:- Matters relating to national and community interests, including state education, social welfare and family concerns and ecumenical matters.
- 16.2 MINISTRIES Sphere:- All matters falling under the purview of the General Assembly's Council of Ministries.
- 16.3 MISSION AND DISCIPLESHIP Sphere:- Communication, and all matters falling under the purview of the General Assembly's Council of Mission and Discipleship with the exception of stewardship.
- 16.4 WORLD MISSION Sphere:- Overseas work and Christian Aid
- 16.5 PRESBYTERIAL SUPERINTENDENCE Sphere:- Arrangements for visitation of congregations and the examination of congregational records
- 16.6 PROPERTY Sphere:-Church and manse buildings, inspection of congregational fabric and property registers and schedules lodged under the Act anent Care of Ecclesiastical Properties.
- 16.7 FINANCE Sphere:- Matters regarding stewardship, the Mission and Renewal fund, the collation of financial statistics and the presbytery's financial affairs.

- ii. Appraisal:

Fairlie

The Convener reported that attempts to negotiate a linkage with a congregation in Largs having failed, the Committee, acting as a Reappraisal Committee unanimously proposed that Fairlie be granted a ministry on the basis of reviewable tenure, to be reviewed after four years.

Parties were called. Mr Douglas Hamilton appeared for the congregation of Fairlie. Parties were heard. Parties were removed and it was moved, seconded and agreed that Presbytery

Grant permission to the congregation to call a minister on the basis of Reviewable Tenure, to be reviewed after 4 years, on the understanding that the question of a linkage with another congregation should be kept under regular review during the ministry, and invite the General Assembly's Committee on Parish Appraisal to concur.

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

Saltcoats: New Trinity

The Convener reported that the Committee, acting as a Reappraisal Committee, unanimously Proposed that Saltcoats: New Trinity be given permission to call a minister on the basis of Reviewable Tenure, to be reviewed after eight years.

Parties were called. Mr John Stewart appeared for the congregation. Parties were removed, and it was moved, seconded and agreed that Presbytery

Grant permission to the congregation to call a minister on the basis of Reviewable Tenure, to be reviewed after 8 years, on the understanding that the establishment of a Parish Grouping will be explored, and invite the General Assembly's Committee on Parish Appraisal to concur

Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery intimated.

Ardrossan: Barony St John's

The Convener reported that the Committee, acting as a Reappraisal Committee had noted that the congregations of Ardrossan: Barony St John's and Ardrossan:Park had already opened negotiations towards establishing a parish grouping and unanimously proposed that Barony St John's remain a continued vacancy to be reviewed in May 2007 or when proposals requiring the approval of presbytery may be brought.

Parties were called. Mr Stuart Macmahon appeared for the congregation. Parties were heard. Parties were removed and it was moved, seconded and agreed that Presbytery

Declare that Barony St John's shall remain a continued vacancy to be reviewed in May 2007 or whenever formal proposals are brought to Presbytery, whichever may be the sooner, and invite the General Assembly's Committee on Parish Appraisal to concur.

Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery intimated.

Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity

The question of readjustment having been raised in the impending vacancy at Kilwinning: Mansefield : Trinity, the Clerk moved that Presbytery

Request urgent consultation with the General Assembly's Committee on New Charge Development regarding the status of this congregation.

- iii. Locum: Kilwinning: Abbey The Convener moved that Presbytery note the appointment of Revd E Curliss of the Methodist Church as locum in Kilwinning: Abbey on the basis of Sundays plus one day with other days as necessary.
- iv. Following intimation that the General Assembly's Committee on Appraisal had approved the Basis and Plan of Union between Kilwinning: Abbey and Kilwinning: Erskine, the Clerk moved, and it was seconded and agreed that a service to declare the congregations united be held within Kilwinning: Abbey on Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am, the Presbytery to meet at 1045, the Moderator to preside and induct and the Clerk to conduct the devotions.

#### PRESBYTERIAL SUPERINTENDENCE

For the Committee the Convener moved, and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery

- i. Note with approval the guidelines for the keeping of rolls and records and instruct the Clerk to send three copies to each congregation
- ii. Approve that the following congregations be the subject of Quinquennial Visits: Ardrossan: Park; Dalry: St Margaret's; Kilwinning: Abbey; Largs: Clark Memorial; Stevenston: Ardeer l/w Livingstone; Whiting Bay & Kildonan; Lamlash l/w Lochranza & Pirnmill l/w Shiskine and remit to the committee to make the appropriate arrangements.

#### PROPERTY

For the Committee, the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery

- i. Kilwinning Abbey: Approve an application to upgrade the manse heating system at a cost of £10, 395, funds being available.
- ii. Saltcoats North: Note that the General Trustees have made a grant of £15,000 towards the cost of the replacement of replacement boiler and heating system.
- iii. Largs: Clark Memorial
  - a. Approve the installation of a stair lift to the Centenary Hall at a cost of £7000, funds being available from a donation
  - b. Approve the installation of a mobile phone transmitter
- iv. Grant powers to the Convener and Clerk to act regarding property applications during the summer months-

COMMUNITY INTERESTS

For the Committee, the Convener moved, and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery

Approve the nomination of Mr John Scott as representative on North Ayrshire Education Committee and transmit the nomination to the Church and Society Council

WORLD MISSION

For the Committee, the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery

Encourage congregations within the bounds to be aware of the issues involved in the Make Poverty History campaign and to support the campaign in its efforts

**NEXT ORDINARY MEETING. The Presbytery adjourned to meet within Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2005 for the celebration of the Lord's Supper and thereafter for the conduct of ordinary business.**

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

Moderator

Clerk