

At Saltcoats, and within Saltcoats New Trinity, on Tuesday 2nd October 2005, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer.

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SEDERUNT Revds MH Mackay (Moderator) J R McKay (Clerk) IW Benzie, JAS Boag, MS Cameron, J Ewing, K Fisher, J Gisbey, DJH Herbison, DJ Heberton, MLK Howie, WER Johnston, JMM Lafferty, AM McCance, RIT McDonald, Dr I MacLeod, AF McGurk, AB Noble, FC Ross, SJ Smith, M Thomson, Ministers; J Aitken, L Borwick, J Bowie, S Brown, A Buick, LS Campbell, J Cameron, G Cunningham, J Forsyth, HB Gibson, ACD Hamilton, R Jarvie, J Jenkins, MG Kellock, R Kelso, D Kerr, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A MacDonald, V Macdonald, S MacLeod, J Martin, JT McGill, S McLellan, T Muston, J Porter, RA Richardson, G Ross, AK Saunderson, JS Scott, E Sillars, FJ Smith, E Stevenson, E Taylor, A Tomlinson, WF Turner, AC Watt, C Welch, KS Welch, RF Welch, I Whiteford, Elders; MA Broster, A Currioe, A Henderson, JCQ Hunter, M McGeoch, R McCool, Corresponding Members.

APOLOGIES were received from Revds N Cruikshank, AD McCallum, J Selfridge, A Taylor, ERL Watson, Ministers; E Hinde, PJ Hinde, GK McConnell, CJ Mills, Elders; BH Mackay, Revd A Montgomerie, N Smith Corresponding Members.

MINUTES The Minutes of the meetings of September 6th and 17th having been circulated, were approved with the inclusion in the minute of 17th September of Mr W F Turner in the sederunt and the recording of apologies from Mr R A Richardson.

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Order of Business was approved, with the addition of a tribute to Revd Barry Knight, who died on October 1st, an additional item regarding Saltcoats: New Trinity under the Business Committee, the inclusion under the business of the Property Committee of the notice of motion given at the September meeting.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY

- i. Revd Dr Ian MacLeod paid tribute to the Revd Barry Knight, formerly minister of Lamash linked with Shiskine, linked with Lochranza & Pirmill. The Moderator led presbytery in prayer and the Clerk was instructed to include a copy of Dr MacLeod's tribute in the presbytery's reports and to forward a copy to Mrs Knight, assuring her of the presbytery's prayers.
- ii. Commissions having been received from the Kirk Sessions of Dalry: St Margaret's and West Kilbride: St Andrew's in favour of Mr L Borwick and Mr S Brown respectively. Both Mr Borwick and Mr Brown being present, the Moderator welcomed them to Presbytery.
- iii. A request having been received from the Revd Dr Gordon McCracken to transfer his membership to the Presbytery of Dunfermline, it was moved, seconded and agreed that the Clerk be instructed to issue a presbyterial certificate to Dr McCracken and to concur in Dr McCracken's request to transfer his membership to the Presbytery of Dunfermline, and to instruct the Clerk to send a presbyterial certificate to Dr McCracken
- iv. Mr Graham McWilliams, a student within the presbytery, having completed his final placement and having been elected minister of Comrie linked with Dundurn, was congratulated by the Moderator.

CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Mrs Nicky Smith, thanking the Presbytery for supporting her throughout her Readership training and extending to her the best wishes of the Presbytery.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS

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

Note the decision of the Vacancy Procedures Committee in the case of Brodick linked with Corrie to accept the demission of Revd Dr Ian MacLeod as from 23rd January 2006 and to appoint Mr Ron Lavalette Interim Moderator in the impending vacancy; and since the Presbytery has no plan agreed with the General Assembly's Committee, invite the Presbytery to raise the question of reappraisal.

For the Committee, the Clerk reported that he had that day received notification that the General Assembly's Committee on Parish Appraisal had indicated its willingness to concur with a reviewable tenure in the case of Saltcoats: New Trinity in the following terms: "Presbytery grant permission to the congregation to call a minister on the basis of Reviewable Tenure, to be reviewed no sooner than seven years from the date of induction, on the understanding that the establishment of a Parish grouping will be explored". It was moved, seconded and agreed that the Presbytery accept the terms of the Committee's concurrence and approved the action of the Clerk in bringing the matter to presbytery with the approval of the Interim Moderator, Session Clerk and Representative Elder of Saltcoats: New Trinity.

PROPERTY

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

- i. Approve the limit for congregational expenditure on fabric below which Presbytery permission is not required at £6000
- ii. Approve an application from West Kilbride St Andrews to provide disabled toilets and the refurbishment of other facilities at a cost of £17,181, funds being available
- iii. Remind those congregations with glebes to check that trees are not too close to nearby buildings.
- iv. Note the guidelines for manses, approved by the General Trustees (Reports Page 24)
- v. Notice of Motion having been given at the September meeting of Presbytery, to amend Standing Orders, it was moved, seconded and agreed "Add to Standing Order 55.2 an additional clause "(5) All congregations, carrying out work on their property, the cost of which exceeds the sum required for presbytery's approval, or the sum (including contingencies) approved by presbytery, must provide the Property Committee with the final cost."

MISSION AND DISCIPLESHIP

For the Committee, the Vice Convener moved, and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery approve the following to represent the Presbytery at a conference with the Council on 17th November 2005: Revds R Grahame, MS Cameron, AB Noble and Mr J Laurie.

FINANCE

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

- i. Accept notice of motion that at the November meeting of Presbytery Ministry and Mission allocations will be presented for approval. (Reports Page 25))
- ii. Support the application from Ardrossan; Barony St John's to be treated as a special case for the computing of vacancy allowance and for grant assistance to cover the cost of the locum which are not already covered by the vacancy allowance.

WORLD MISSION

For the Committee is was moved, seconded and agreed that Presbytery

- i. Note the contents of the report of the Special Committee appointed by the Board of World Mission on Overseas Partnerships.
- ii. Approve the sending of a questionnaire to Kirk Sessions regarding partnership arrangements. The Clerk was instructed to send the questionnaire to Session Clerks.

In addition the Convener reported that in an accident at Bandawi on the shores of Lake Malawi, three girls and a teacher from Ekwendeni Girls' Secondary School had lost their lives. The Clerk was instructed to write to Helen Scott, the Head teacher and a member of Dalry: Trinity, expressing the condolences of the presbytery and assuring her that she and her school were in the presbytery's prayers.

NEXT MEETING Presbytery adjourned to meet within Saltcoats New Trinity on Tuesday 1st November at 7.30 for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 26th October at 9.45am

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

Moderator

Clerk