

At Saltcoats, and within Saltcoats New Trinity Church, on Tuesday the 13th June 2006, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer

SEDERUNT: Rev M H Mackay (Moderator,) Revds JR McKay (Clerk) A Adamson, I W Benzie, J A S Boag, I Bristow, N Cruickshank, J Drysdale, R J Grahame, D J H Harbison, M L K Howie, W R Johnston, J M M Lafferty, R Leask, A D McCallum, A M McCance, R I T McDonald, I Macleod, E McKinnon, A F McGurk, D R Mitchell, A Noble, F C Ross, J Selfridge, S J Smith, M Thomson, A Taylor, E R L Watson, Ministers; J Bowie, S Brown, L S Campbell, G Cunningham, M Duff, A C D Hamilton, P Hinde, M G Kellock, R Kelso, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A MacDonald, V Macdonald, S Macleod, D Macmurray, J Martin, J T McGill, S McLellan, J McSwan, T Muston, R A Richardson, G Ross, A K Saunderson, J S Scott, E Sillars, F J Smith, E Stevenson, A Tomlinson, A C Watt, R F Welch, Elders; M A Broster, M Buchanan, A Henderson, J C Q Hunter, M Massie, M Nimmo, N Smith, Corresponding Members

APOLOGIES were received from M S Cameron, A Davidge, K Fisher, B H Oxburgh (Ministers) J Aitken, L Borwick, A Buick, J Cameron, H B Gibson, E Hinde, R Jarvie, J Jenkins, G K McConnell, E Taylor, W F Turner, C Welch, K S Welch, I Whiteford (Elders) B H Mackay, Revd A Montgomerie, M M B Ross, Corresponding Member.

MINUTES The Minute of the meeting of May 2nd, having been circulated, was approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Clerk reported that at its last meeting the Business Committee had unanimously agreed an addendum to the Property Committee's deliverance on work proposed at Whiting Bay, which, with the approval of the Convener of the Property Committee, the Convener of the Business committee would move at the appropriate stage; that the time of the Service of recognition of Graduate Candidates would be as in the Business Committee's deliverance and not as erroneously in the Intimations; and that as agreed in the outline proposal for dealing with the Presbytery Plan, the September meeting of Presbytery would take place on September 12th.

REPORT OF ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS The Depute Clerk reported that all those commissioned to attend the recent General Assembly had been diligent in their attendance. Mr Allan Wright gave in a report as the Presbytery's Youth representative

CORRESPONDENCE: The Clerk reported receipt of an Extract Minute from Ministries Council agreeing to allocations of endowments of £467 (Brodick) and £358 (Shiskine) to these congregations.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY

- i. There was laid on the table a Presbyterial Certificate in respect of the Revd James Drysdale, formerly minister at Blackbraes and Shjeldhill. Mr Drysdale was asked by the Moderator if he adhered to the vows which he took at his ordination, and having answered in the affirmative and signed the formula, Revd James Drysdale was welcomed to membership of the Presbytery
- ii. There was laid on the table a minute of the Business Committee, acting as the Presbytery's Vacancy Procedure Committee, agreeing to a request from the Revd Norman Cruickshank to demit his charge as from 31 August 2006. Mr John Harrison, Session Clerk at West Kilbride: Overton, paid tribute to Mr Cruickshank's ministry. The Moderator thanked Mr Cruickshank for his service to the Presbytery and expressed her and the Presbytery's pleasure that Mr Cruickshank would continue to reside within the bounds and retain his membership of the Presbytery. Mr Cruickshank made suitable reply.

It was moved seconded and agreed to note the appointment by the Business Committee of Revd M Scott Cameron as Interim Moderator in the vacancy and that since there was no agreed Presbytery Plan, to raise the question of readjustment in terms of Act V 1984.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION AS A MINISTER.

There was laid on the table an application anent admission as a minister of the Church of Scotland from Revd T.K. Shadakshari and members of presbytery were invited to send any comments to the clerk for transmission to the appropriate General Assembly Committee.

KILWINNING; MANSEFIELD TRINITY

The Clerk reported that the recent General Assembly had passed an act granting full status to the congregation of Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity. Members of the congregation being present, the Moderator passed on to them and to the congregation the best wishes of the Presbytery and its prayers for the work the congregation and the speedy conclusion of its vacancy.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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

- i. Note with regret the report of the Business Committee on appraisal negotiations involving Whiting Bay and Lamlash, (Reports page37) and instruct the Committee to pursue an alternative form of appraisal for Lamlash, always with the aim of achieving the basis of the draft Presbytery Plan which envisages these two congregations under one ordained ministry.
- ii. Remit overtures from the General Assembly as follows
Anent Civil Partnerships to a Special Committee of Revds S J Smith (Convener) M Thomson, M H Mackay, Ministers and G Ross and A Buick (Elders)
Anent Ministries Appeal Panel (to the Ministries Committee)
Anent Superintendence of Congregations (to the Presbyterial Superintendence Committee)
- iii. Note and for its interest approve the contract of employment between the Kirk Sessions of the linked charge of Brodick with Corrie with Lochranza & Pirnmill with Shiskine and Mrs Jean Hunter. (Reports pages 35-6)
- iv. Resolve to appoint the Revd Angus Adamson, Interim Moderator in the continued vacancy at Kilmory
- v. Note the decision to sustain a call to the Revd James A Whyte to the vacant parish and congregation of Fairlie, appoint 11 July at 7.00pm for Mr Whyte's induction, the presbytery to meet at 6.45pm, the Moderator to preside and induct, Mrs Nicola Smith to conduct the devotions, Revd Irene Bristow to preach.
- vi. Hold the Graduate Candidate Service within Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's Parish Church on Thursday 22 June 2006, at 7.30pm, the Presbytery to meet at 7.15pm, the Moderator to preside, Revd J Ross Mitchell to conduct the devotions and the Revd A B Noble to preach.
- vii. Note that the Protestation at the recent General Assembly had been accepted to the extent that Mr Gary Sproat had been instructed to submit a competent appeal by 30th June 2006 or any such appeal would fall.

WORLD MISSION

The Convener, Revd Andrew McGurk introduced Miss Helen Scott, Head Teacher of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian school at Ekwendeni in Malawi, who had been invited to address Presbytery. Miss Scott spoke of her work at the school and was warmly thanked by the Moderator and assured of the Presbytery's prayers for her work.. The Moderator then led the Presbytery in prayer.

PRESBYTERIAL SUPERINTENDENCE

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

Note that the following congregations will be visited under Quinquennial Visitation during 2006/7: Ardrossan: Barony St John's, Beith High with Beith Trinity, Brodick with Corrie with Lochranza & Pirnmill with Shiskine, Cumbræ and Fairlie and, held over from last year because of a vacancy: Kilwinning Old

PROPERTY

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

- i. Grant powers to the Convener and Clerk to approve any urgent matters arising before the next meeting of Presbytery.
- ii. Whiting Bay - To approve on the basis of health and safety, and for that reason only, the expenditure of £176,620 on the repair of the bell tower at Whiting Bay, and transmit a request for support from the Central Fabric Fund.

For the Business Committee, the Convener moved, it was seconded and agreed as an addendum to add the words

and instruct the clerk, when transmitting the documentation to the General Trustees, to indicate in answer to the questions to be answered that the Presbytery has not yet reached a view either on the future of this congregation or on the necessity of its building

The Presbytery resolved accordingly.

THANKS TO RETIRING MEMBERS

The Moderator expressed thanks to those members of presbytery who were retiring at this meeting and to the conveners of committees whose term of office has expired.

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

Attention was drawn to the Elders' Service within Cumbrae Parish Church on Saturday August 12th at 11.00am

Presbytery to meet on Thursday June 22nd within Saltcoats: St Cuthberts at 7.15 for the Service of Recognition of Graduate Candidates; on Tuesday July 11th at 6.45pm within Fairlie Parish Church for the induction of Revd James Whyte and on Tuesday September 12th within Saltcoats: New Trinity Parish Church at 7.30 for the celebration of Holy Communion and thereafter conduct of ordinary business, the Business committee to meet on Tuesday 29th August at 0945

Moderator

Clerk