

At Saltcoats, and within Saltcoats New Trinity Church, on Tuesday the 7th of February 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) JAS Boag, MS Cameron, N Cruickshank, K Fisher, J Gisbey, R J Grahame, D J H Harbison, M L K Howie, W R Johnston, J M M Lafferty, R Leask, A M McCance, R I T McDonald, A F McGurk, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, F C Ross, I M Roy, S J Smith, M Thomson, A Taylor, E R L Watson, Ministers; J Aitken, L Borwick, J Bowie, S Brown, A Buick, L S Campbell, J Cameron, G Cunningham, H Gibson, A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, J Jenkins, M G Kellock, D Kerr, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A MacDonald, V Macdonald, S Macleod, J Martin, G K McConnell, 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, E Taylor, A Tomlinson, A C Watt, C Welch, K S Welch, R F Welch, I Whiteford, Elders; M A Broster, A Henderson, J C Q Hunter, B H Mackay, M Massie, M McGeoch, R McCool, Rev A Montgomerie, M Nimmo, M M B Ross, N Smith, Corresponding Members.

APOLOGIES Revds I W Benzie, J Ewing, Mgt Thomson, Ministers; J Forsyth, R Kelso, J Porter, W F Turner, Elders.

MINUTES The Minute of the meetings of the meeting of December 6th, having been circulated, was approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Clerk drew attention to the report from the Board of World Mission (Reports page 3) which had been made available at the start of the meeting; and withdrew the item on the agenda regarding exchanges of pulpits during Moderatorial visits, replacing it with a notice of motion from Rev Andrew McGurk.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY A request had been received from Revd Irene Bristow to transfer her membership from the Presbytery of Dunfermline to the Presbytery of Ardrossan. The Clerk was instructed to seek a presbyterial certificate for Mrs Bristow and to make arrangements for her to attend the March meeting of Presbytery.

CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from the General Trustees, agreeing to make available grants from sources amounting to £30,000, and a loan of £50,000 to Ardrossan: Park for development at the church

PRESENTATION OF STUDENTS On behalf of the Ministry Committee, the Convener presented the following students to the Moderator: Messrs G Caldwell, G Stevenson. Mr G Caldwell addressed the Presbytery. The Moderator expressed the Presbytery's support for students in training from within the bounds, and led the Presbytery in prayer for them.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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

- i. Note that the Vacancy Procedure Committee in the vacancy at Kilwinning Old had agreed to sustain a call to Rev Alison Davidge, minister at Paisley: Martyrs, and invites the Presbytery to appoint Mrs Davidge's Induction to take place within Kilwinning Old on 22nd March, the Presbytery to meet at 7.15pm, Rev Roderick McDonald to conduct the devotions and Rev Stephen Smith to give the charges.
- ii. Note the appointment of Mr R Adamson, BD, as locum in the charge of Brodick linked with Corrie on the basis of a Sunday and two days per week.
- iii. Note the Report and discussions regarding assistance to be provided under the proposed Presbytery Plan, and agree to suspend further discussion of the Plan until the Ministries Council has agreed funding for assistance envisaged in the Plan
- iv. Notice of Motion "That at its next meeting, the Presbytery will elect seven ministers and seven elders as commissioners to the forthcoming General Assembly".

The Rev Andrew McGurk gave notice that at the next meeting of Presbytery he would move the amendment of Standing Order 9.1 to delete the words "and, if a parish minister, exchange pulpits with the parish minister of the charge visited, and"

MINISTRY

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

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- i. Receive Readers within the bounds at the March meeting
- ii. Note that the following congregations intend to make voluntary additional payments in 2006-

Dalry St Margaret's	10%
Largs Clark Memorial	15%
Largs St Colmba's	10%
Largs St John's	15%
Saltcoats St Cuthbert's	10%
- iii. Note with regret that Mrs Patricia Noble has withdrawn as a Reader in Training.

MISSION AND DISCIPLESHP

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

- i. Appoint Mrs Margaret Broster to represent the Presbytery at a Prayer Correspondents' Retreat, Presbytery to meet the expenses of attendance
- ii. Appoint Mr Allan Wright, a member at Kilbirnie Auld Kirk, the Youth Depegate to the forthcoming General Assembly.
- iii. Agree that the Moderator's visit to an area of Presbytery will be in March to the Three Towns

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

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

Note the decision of the Convener and Clerk, in terms of powers granted to them at the December meeting, to approve on behalf of the Presbytery, arrangements for payments to the Ministries and Mission Allocation other than by Standing Order, such arrangements contained in Reports page 2.

WORLD MISSION

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

- i. Note the response to the World Mission Survey on Congregational Partnerships (Reports Page 3)
- ii. Note information from Christian Aid

PRESBYTERIAL SUPERINTENDENCE

For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery note that in terms of Act III 2000 the Presbytery Minute Book had been examined and found to be in order.

PROPERTY

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

Approve an application from Dalry: St Margaret's to repair the steeple at a cost of £10,775, including VAT, funds being available.

NEXT ORDINARY MEETING Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place on Tuesday March 7th 2006 at 7.30pm for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet at 0945 on Tuesday February 28th 2006

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

Moderator

Clerk