

At Saltcoats, and within Saltcoats New Trinity Church, on Tuesday the 7th of March 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) Revds IW Benzie, JAS Boag, I Bristow, MS Cameron, N Cruickshank, K Fisher, J Gisbey, RJ Grahame, DJH Harbison, DJ Heberton, MLK Howie, WR Johnston, JMM Lafferty, R Leask, AM McCance, RIT Macdonald, DR Mitchell, AB Noble, BH Oxburgh, FC Ross, IM Roy, J Selfridge, SJ Smith, M Thomson, A Taylor, ERL Watson, Ministers; J Aitken, A Buick, LS Campbell, J Cameron, G Cunningham, E Hinde, P Hinde, R Jarvie, J Jenkins, MG Kellock, R Kelso, D Kerr, J Laurie, A MacDonald, V Macdonald, S Macleod, GK McConnell, JT McGill, S McLellan, J McSwan, RA Richardson, G Ross, AK Saunderson, E Sillars, FJ Smith, E Stevenson, E Taylor, A Tomlinson, WF Turner, AC Watt, KS Welch, RF Welch, Elders; A Barclay, MA Broster, A Currie, JCQ Hunter, BH Mackay, M Massie, M McGeoch, R McCool, M Nimmo, MMB Ross, S Smith, Corresponding Members

APOLOGIES were received from Revds Dr I MacLeod, AD McCallum, Mgt Thomson Ministers; HB Gibson, ACD Hamilton, R Lavalette, T Muston, J Porter, JS Scott, C Welch, Elders; A Henderson, Revd A Montgomerie, Corresponding Members.

MINUTES The Minute of the meetings of the meeting of February 7th, having been circulated, was approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS With the addition of two items of correspondence, and three items under the report of the Business Committee, the Order of Business was approved.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY

The Clerk reported

- i. that a request had been received from Revd Irene Bristow to transfer her membership from the Presbytery of Dunfermline to the Presbytery of Ardrossan, and that he had received a presbyterial certificate for Mrs Bristow from the Presbytery of Dunfermline. The Moderator addressed to Mrs Bristow the question appointed in terms of Act III 1992 (13). Mrs Bristow, having answered in the affirmative, signed the formula and her name was added to the roll of Presbyter
- ii. that Mr and Mrs Peter Hinde, and Mr James Forsyth, additional elders, had indicated that they wished to resign their seats in Presbytery, with effect from June of this year.
- iii. that Mr Colin Mills had written to the Council of Ministries, tendering his resignation as a Reader. Mr Mills' resignation was noted, and the Clerk was instructed to write to him, thanking him for his services to the Presbytery

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported

- i. that a letter had been received from the Kirk Session of Kilwinning: Old regarding the disappearance of applications to the Safeguarding Office for Disclosure Certificates and supporting documents. Attention was drawn to the intimation suggesting to Kirk Sessions that when applications were made, including documents, these should be sent to the Safeguarding Office by recorded (ie next day) delivery.
- ii. that extract minutes had been received from the General Assembly's Parish Appraisal Commit regarding Presbytery Plan, and also regarding the staffing to be included in the Basis and Plan of Linkage of Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza & Pimmill and Shiskine.

ANNUAL STATISTICS It was noted that the annual statistics for 2005 had been circulated.

PRESENTATION OF READERS On behalf of the Ministry Committee, the Convener presented the following Readers to the Moderator: Elizabeth Barclay, Archd Currie, Jean Hunter, Bert McCool, Brenda Mackay, Magnus Ross, and Nicky Smith; and Margaret Nimmo, Reader-in -Training. Mrs Brenda Mackay suitably addressed the presbytery. The Moderator expressed the Presbytery's thanks to and support for Readers within the bounds, and led the Presbytery in prayer for them./

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PRESBYTERY ACCOUNTS 2005 The Treasurer presented the Financial Statements for 2005.

It was moved, seconded and agreed

- i. Approve the Accounts for 2005 (Reports Pages 6-12)
- ii. Resolve to set the presbytery dues at £1.80 per member and the Survey fee at 10p per member (Reports page 24)
- iii. Continue the contribution of £350 to West Sound

NAN STEVENSON CHARITABLE TRUST FOR RETIRED MINISTERS. It was noted that the Annual general Meeting had been held and that copies of the accounts had been circulated.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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

- i. Elect the following commissioners to the forthcoming General Assembly: Revds R Macdonald, M H Mackay, J R McKay, D R Mitchell, A F McGurk, M Thomson, F C Ross, Ministers: Mrs K Aspinwall, Mrs M Lafferty, Mrs M Massie, Miss H Mitchell, Messrs W F Turner, A K Saunderson, R A Richardson, Elders
- ii. Concur with the decision of the congregation of Kilbirnie: Auld Kirk, as contained in an extract minute of a Congregational Meeting held on 19th February 2006, to adopt the Unitary Constitution.
- iii. Note the decision of the Vacancy Procedures Committee in the case of Saltcoats: New Trinity to sustain a call to the Revd Eliane Mackinnon and to appoint Thursday April 6th at 7.30pm for Miss Mackinnon's induction, the Presbytery to meet at 7.15; Revd Alison Davidge to conduct the devotions and the Revd Martin Thomson to preach and give the charges.
- iv. Agree that in the absence of Revd Andrew McGurk, to deal with his notice of motion at the next meeting of Presbytery
- v. Note that at extract minute had been received from the General Assembly's Parish Appraisal Committee stating that it had been reported to the Parish Appraisal Committee "that the Ministries Council, at a recent meeting, had agreed that its funding priority is the sum total of agreed posts in Presbytery Plans, and it was agreed to communicate this decision to the Presbytery", and remit to the Business Committee to bring to the next Presbytery meeting an indication of outline arrangements for completion of the Presbytery Plan.
- vi. Note that an extract minute had been received from the General Assembly's Parish Appraisal Committee clarifying its decision on the Basis of Linkage of Brodick, Corrie, Shiskine and Lochranza & Pirnmill: "The minister of the linked congregations shall have the part-time assistance of an ordained minister as agreed by the Ministries Council, and such other assistance as shall be agreed by the minister, when inducted, the Presbytery and the Ministries Council, provided by the Ministries Council", and concur.

PRESBYTERIAL SUPERINTENDENCE (IN PRIVATE)

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

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- i. Receive and approve the Quinquennial Visitation reports for the following congregations: Ardrossan: Park, Dalry: St Margaret's, Largs: Clark Memorial, Stevenston: Ardeer; Stevenston: Livingstone, Whiting Bay & Kildonan and invite Kirk Sessions to make full use of the reports in their work
- ii. Remit consideration of ministry support at Stevenston: Ardeer linked with Stevenston: Livingstone to the Ministries Committee.
- iii. Note that Rolls and Records within the bounds have been satisfactorily attested and that a note will be sent to Session Clerks of any matter which requires attention

PROPERTY

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

Note that an application has been received from Largs: St Columba's to undertake removal of rot at the South Aisle and MacTaggart Memorial Chapel, and to replace two areas of flat roof at a cost of £46,602 and £49,397 respectively and resolve to grant approval.

MINISTRIES

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

- i. To approve an application for Study Leave from the Revd Stephen Smith
- ii. Note with approval that it has been decided to continue the list of patients in Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals and instruct all ministers to adhere to the agreement whereby access to the list will only be made available to ministers wearing approved hospital badges.

NEXT MEETING Presbytery adjourned to meet in Kilwinning: Old Parish Church on Wednesday 22 March at 7.15pm for the induction of the Revd Alison Davidge, and in Saltcoats: New Trinity on Tuesday 4 April 2006 at 7.30pm for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet at 0945 on Tuesday March 28th 2006.

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

Moderator

Clerk