

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: New Trinity Parish Church on Tuesday 4th November 2007, which place and date the Presbytery of Airdrossan met and was constituted

SEDERUNT : Revds R J Grahame (Moderator) JR McKay (Clerk) I Bristow, N Cruickshank, D J H Harbison, D J Heberton, M L K Howie, J M M Lafferty, R I T McDonald, M H Mackay, A D McCallum, E McKinnon, A F McGurk, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, I M Roy, M Thomson, A Taylor, E R L Watson, V G C Watson, Ministers; J Aitken, L Borwick, S Brown, A Buick, J Cameron, G Cunningham, E Halliwell, A C D Hanilton, R Jarvie, M G Kellock, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A Lees, V Macdonald, G K McConnell, P McKay, S McMahan, D McMurray, J McSwan, S Marr, C Massie, K Milne, C Muston, R A Richardson, G Ross, A K Saunderson, J S Scott, E Sillars, N Smith, E Stevenson, W Thomson, A Tomlinson, A C Watt, C Welch, R F Welch, H Young, Elders; M A Broster, A Currie, M Buchanan, K Galloway, J C Q Hunter, R McCool, M Nimmo, M M B Ross, P Spencer, CorrespondingMembers

APOLOGIES were received from Revds A Adamson, W R Johnston, F C Ross, J Selfridge, J Whyte, Ministers; A Campbell, J Forsyth, H B Gibson, I Hackney, R Kelso, W F Turner, K S Welch, Elders; B H Mackay, Revd A Montgomerie, Corresponding Members

MINUTE The minutes of the meetings of 2nd October, having been circulated, were approved

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Order of Business was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE The clerk reported receipt of a letter from the General Trustees, authorising the sale of the manse of Dalry: St Margaret's; and from the Council of Ministries intimating an interim decision to admit Revd Dr Andrew Groenewald and Revd Dr Jonanda Groenewald, both of the Dutch Reformed Church of Africa as ministers of the Church of Scotland and that any member of Presbytery who has any comments to make before a final decision is taken on December 4th should make them in writing to me and I will transmit them to the Ministries Council

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY: The Moderator welcomed Mr Stuart McMahan who was attending his first meeting as an additional elder.

WORKING GROUP ANENT PRESBYTERIAL SUPERINTENDENCE

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

Approve the Report and instruct the Clerk to send Part 1 (Reports Pages 50-51) to the Panel on Review and Reform and remit Part 2 (Reports Page 52) to the Presbyterial Superintendence Committee instructing that Committee in conjunction with the Working Group to draw up a revised scheme for Quinquennial Visitations and submit it to a future meeting of Presbytery

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business

IN PRIVATE

The Presbytery no longer being alone, the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery

- i. Approve the Revd Irene Bristow as now locum at West Kilbride: St Andrews and Mr Bert McCool as locum at Dalry: St Margaret's.
- ii. Presbytery Plan
Reaffirm the Presbytery Plan and in the case of Kilwinning Old: Adhere to the Presbytery Plan's structure of staffing that assistance shall be one parish assistant but now of presbyterial status.

With regard to the requirement to determine the future of all buildings and halls, resolve that all cases except those referred to below shall fall into category (a) namely that the building is expected to remain in use beyond the lifetime of the Plan; and that (b) in the case Fergushill the building should fall into category (b) namely that the building is expected to be closed during the lifetime of the present Plan; and that (c) the cases of Beith High and Trinity, Saltcoats St Cuthbert's and Saltcoats New Trinity and West Kilbride Overton and St Andrews, should fall into category (d) namely that the Presbytery is unable to make a determination, but that this category may be revised in any future revision of the Plan; and instruct the Clerk to invite the General Assembly's Committee to concur.

- iii. Approve the Basis of Parish Grouping between Dalry: St Margaret's and Dalry: Trinity (Reports Page 53) and invite the General Assembly's Committee to concur.
- iv. Under terms of the Barrier Act, approve amendments to Act V 2007 anent Discrimination (contained in page 3 of the Remits Booklet)

There voted "For" 57 "Against" Nil

Stewardship and Finance

Notice of Motion having been given, the Vice Convener moved, and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery approve the Ministries and Mission Allocation for 2008 (Reports October pages 48-49))

Property

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

Grant permission for the following work to be undertaken

- i. Brodick: To repair the organ at a cost of £10,163 including VAT. Funds are available.
- ii. Largs St John's: To repair the organ at a cost of £13,400 plus VAT. Funds are available
- iii. Notice of Motion: To amend Standing Order 55.3 to delete the words "ten days" and replace with "twenty one days".
- iv. Dalry: St Margaret's: Repairs to the Church Hall to eradicate dry rot in the timbers at a cost of £20,450 plus VAT

Church and Society

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

- i. Commend the General Assembly's Church and Society Council for arranging a day conference of representatives of Presbyteries but urge the Council to consider re-structuring the format of the day to provide more time to consider the work of other Church and Society Committees
- ii. Commend the material regarding human trafficking to the study of Kirk Sessions and congregations
- iii. Note with concern the occasionally inaccurate material appearing on WIKIPEDIA and advise congregations to check any references to themselves.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 4th December at 7.30pm within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church, the Business Committee to meet at 4.30pm on Wednesday 21 November

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

Moderator

Clerk