

**At Saltcoats, and within New Trinity Parish Church on Tuesday 6th February 2007, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted.**

SEDERUNT Revd W R Johnston (Moderator), Revds J R McKay (Clerk) A Adamson, J A S Boag, N Cruickshank, R J Grahame, D J H Heberton, M L K Howie, J M M Lafferty, R Leask, A M McCance, R I T McDonald, A D McCallum, A F McGurk, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, F C Ross, J Selfridge, S J Smith, M Thomson, A Taylor, J Whyte, Ministers; J Aitken, L Borwick, S Brown, A Buick, L S Campbell, A Campbell, J Cameron, H B Gibson, I Hackney, E Halliwell, A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, R Kelso, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A MacDonald, V Macdonald, S Macleod, G K McConnell, S McLellan, D McMurray, J McSwan, S Marr, N Martin, C Massie, R A Richardson, G Ross, A K Saunderson, E Sillars, N Smith, E Stevenson, W Thomson, A Tomlinson, W F Turner, A C Watt, C Welch, K S Welch, R F Welch, Elders; E Barclay, M A Broster, A Currie, J C Q Hunter, B H Mackay, M Massie, R McCool, Revd A Montgomerie, M Nimmo, M M B Ross, Corresponding Members.

APOLOGIES were received from M S Cameron, A Davidge, J Drysdale, M H Mackay, Dr I MacLeod, I M Roy, E R L Watson, Ministers; G Cunningham, M G Kellock, T Muston, J Porter, J S Scott, H Young, Elders,

MINUTES The Minute of the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> December, having been circulated, was approved, the Clerk having intimated that an error in the recording of the vote on the Overture anent Civil Partnerships had been corrected in the principle copy of the minute, and with the addition, under Correspondence, after 'West Kilbride St Andrews' of the words 'indicating their intention to appeal against the relevant section of the Presbytery Plan.'

ORDER OF BUSINESS With the addition within the Report of the Stewardship and Finance Committee (Reports Page 2) of Saltcoats: North to the list of congregations seeking exemption from monthly payment of allocations by Standing Order, the order of business was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk reported receipt of communications from the General Assembly's Committee on Parish Appraisal, concurring with the Presbytery's decision to amend the Presbytery Plan to provide for assistance in Kilwinning to be applied exclusively to Kilwinning Old; and from the Session Clerk of Cumbrae, intimating the Kirk Session's intention to appeal against the relevant contents of the Presbytery Plan.

ADDRESS Mr Rob Rawson, Director of Urban Saints, formerly Scottish Crusaders, addressed the Presbytery, on the work of the organisation. He was warmly thanked by the Moderator who wished him and Urban Saints well in the name of the Presbytery

RECEPTION OF DIVINITY STUDENT AND READER The Divinity Student, Readers and Readers-Designate in the Presbytery were presented to Presbytery by Revd Brian Oxburgh, Vice-Convener of the Ministries Committee. On their behalf Mrs Nicky Smith addressed Presbytery. The Moderator then expressed the appreciation of Presbytery to those present and led Presbytery in prayer.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Business Committee

- For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery
- i. Accept notice of motion that at the March meeting of Presbytery the Committee will propose the names of seven ministers and seven elders to represent the Presbytery at the forthcoming General Assembly.
  - ii. Note that Mrs Margaret Nimmo has now completed satisfactorily her period of training for the Readership, and that Mrs Penny Spencer has completed her studies into the polity of the Church of Scotland and that both are now ready to be admitted to the office of Reader; appoint the service of admission to take place within Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity Church on Thursday 22 February at 7.30pm, the Presbytery to meet at 7.15pm, the Moderator to preside and admit, Mrs Alison Davidge to conduct the devotions, the Revd James Boag to preach.
  - iii. Note the digest of the congregational statistical returns, understanding that the complete figures for Fairlie were not available at the time of compilation and that a figure of 60 should be included for West Kilbride: St Andrews under the section 'Removals Otherwise'.

##### Ministries

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

- i. Note that an application for transfer of ministerial status has been received from the Revd Marc Andreas Prowe of the Evangelische Kirche der Pfalz (Protestantische Landeskirche) and that any member of presbytery wishing to comment to the Council of Ministries should inform the Clerk.
- ii. Kilwinning: Old Approve for its interest the appointment of Revd Edward Curliss of the Methodist Church and Mrs Penny Spencer, Reader designate, as part time Parish Assistants at Kilwinning Old and invite the Ministries Council to make the appointments.

#### Church and Society

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

Note with concern the report on milk production and pricing and instruct the Clerk to send a copy of the report to the Chairman of the Milk Committee of the National Farmers; Union, Scotland

#### 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 has been examined and found to be in order.

#### Mission and Discipleship

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

- i. Resolve to appoint Mrs Sheena Marr to be Presbytery's Child Protection Trainer and link with the Safeguarding Office, and thank Mrs Margaret Broster for all the work she has done in the field of child protection
- ii. Note that the Children's Assembly will be held from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September at Gartmore House, Aberfoyle
- iii. Note that the Re-Energise Conference is to be held in Aviemore from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> March
- iv. Note that the name of anyone who might be proposed as a Youth delegate to this year's General Assembly should be passed on to the Convener as soon possible

#### Stewardship and Finance

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

- i. Approve the arrangements for payments to the Ministries and Mission Allocation other than by Standing Order, contained in Reports Page 2
- ii. Approve acceptance of the invitation to the Presbytery to be involved in the pilot plan for the new Stewardship Campaign; authorise the Committee to hold a meeting of parish ministers on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2007 and urge ministers to make every effort to attend; authorise the holding of a Stewardship Conference later in the year.
- iii. Ardrossan: Barony St John's declare that the shortfalls accumulated to the end of 2006 are justified. (Reports Page 2)
- iv. Approve the Presbytery dues at the present figure of £1.80

#### Property

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

- i. Approve a request from Whiting Bay and Klildonan to apply to the General Trustees to release capital held by the Trustees for payment for work on the bell tower.
- ii. Encourage congregations to check and update fire extinguishers, appoint fire wardens and advise all organisations using premises of action to be taken in the event of fire.
- iii. Approve the inclusion in the property section of the Attestation of Records of a record of boiler and fire extinguisher and , the fitting and maintenance of smoke

- and carbon monoxide and smoke alarms in boiler houses and kitchens; and remit to the Presbyterial Superintendence Committee arrange the necessary amendments to the Attestation of Records.
- iv. Instruct the Clerk to communicate the content of ii and iii to the clerks of the appropriate body in each congregation within the Presbytery.

**NEXT MEETING Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 9.45am**

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

Moderator

Clerk