

**At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: New Trinity Parish Church on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2007, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted**

SEDERUNT : Revds R J Grahame (Moderator) JR McKay (Clerk) I Benzie, I Bristow, N Cruickshank, M L K Howie, W R Johnston, J M M Lafferty, A M McCance, M H Mackay, A D McCallum, A F McGurk, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, F C Ross, I M Roy, M Thomson, A Taylor, E R L Watson, V G C Watson, J Whyte, Ministers; J Aitken, L Borwick, S Brown, A Buick, A Campbell, J Cameron, G Cunningham, J Forsyth, I Hackney, E Halliwell, R Jarvie, M G Kellock, R Kelso, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A Lees, V Macdonald, G K McConnell, P McKay, S McLellan, S McMahon, J McSwan, S Marr, N Martin, K Milne, T Muston, R A Richardson, G Ross, A K Saunderson, J S Scott, E Sillars, N Smith, E Stevenson, E Taylor, A Tomlinson, A C Watt, C Welch, K Welch, R F Welch, H Young, Elders; M Buchanan, A Currie, J C Q Hunter, R McCool, M Nimmo, Corresponding Members

APOLOGIES were received from Revds A Adamson, M S Cameron, D J H Harbison, R Leask, R I T McDonald, E McKinnon, J Selfridge, Ministers; H B Gibson, A C D Hamilton, D McMurray, J Porter, W Thomson, Elders; M A Broster, Revd A Montgomerie, M M B Ross, Corresponding Members.

MINUTE The minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> November, having been circulated, were approved

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Order of Business was approved.

CONGRATULATIONS The Moderator expressed the congratulations of the Presbytery to the Clerk on his being awarded the degree of PhD from the University of Edinburgh

CORRESPONDENCE The clerk reported receipt of correspondence from the Ministries Council, intimating that a candidate wishes to enter a period of Co-ordinated Field Assessment; and transmitting extract minutes approving the annual revision of the Presbytery Plan and the Basis of Parish Grouping for Dalry; from the Ferguson Bequest, intimating that the annual revenue had not been disbursed and inviting applications from congregations; from the Principal Clerk, with annual statistical return forms to be completed; from Mrs Penny Spencer raising questions with the Business Committee; from the Revd Paul Russell regarding Hospital Chaplains' annual consultation with ministers

ADDRESS TO PRESBYTERY Diane Green, Area Co-ordinator for Christian Aid, addressed Presbytery on the work of Christian Aid and was warmly thanked by the Moderator, who led the Presbytery in prayer for the work of Christian Aid.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Business

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

- i. Note that the Committee, acting as the Presbytery's Vacancy Procedure Committee, has sustained a call to Mr James McNay, Graduate candidate, signed by 135 members and 18 adherents; and appointed the ordination and induction to take place within West Kilbride: Overton on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 7.30pm, the Presbytery to meet at 7.15pm, the Moderator to preside, ordain and induct, and the Revd Valerie G C Watson to conduct and preach.
- ii. Consequent on the decision of last Presbytery to appoint a Liaison Committee in connection with the vacancy at West Kilbride: St Andrews and the appointment of Revd Irene Bristow, approve the following members: Revd Valerie G C Watson (Convener), Revd Ian Goring, Interim Minister at Holytown, Revd M Thomson and Mr G Ross.
- iii. Approve the appointment of Revd James Whyte as Convener of the Mission and Discipleship Committee in place of Revd M S Cameron, resigned.

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

- iv. *Authorise the sending of three copies per congregation of the reports on Governance prepared for the Business Committee (Reports Pages 54-55) and on Guidance for Treasurers (Reports Pages 56-57) prepared for the Stewardship and Finance Committee, and express thanks to W Findlay Turner and Mrs Ann Turner respectively for preparing these.*

It was moved and seconded as a counter motion that Presbytery

*Instruct the Committee to re-examine the document on Governance with the objective Of making it more in accordance with the sentiments of Christian faith.*

On a vote being taken between the motion and the counter motion, the motion was carried, and the Presbytery resolved accordingly.

#### Ministries

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

Approve the Committee's Report on the Ministries Council's Consultation with Presbyteries (Reports Pages 60-62) and instruct the Clerk to transmit Sections 5 and 7 of the Report to the Ministries Council as containing the Presbytery's Response to the Consultation

#### Mission and Discipleship

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

- i. Note with appreciation the report on Safeguarding Training (Reports Page 58)
- ii. Welcome the re-accreditation of Sheena Marr to conduct all training approved by the Safeguarding Office and note with pleasure the high commendation she has received.
- iii. In connection with the General Assembly of 2008, invite members of Presbytery to suggest names of people who could be the Presbytery's Youth Representative.

The Moderator presented Mrs Marr with a certificate of re-accreditation and thanked her on behalf of the Presbytery for all that she did.

#### Stewardship and Finance

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

Note that the Presbytery dues for the coming year are likely to remain at the 2007 level

#### Church and Society

Notice of Motion having been given to the Business Committee, the Revd Brian Oxburgh moved

*That Presbytery's attention be drawn to the forthcoming film 'The Golden Compass' and encourage particularly parents to investigate the nature and content of the film in the light of its hostile attitude to Christian faith*

It was moved seconded and agreed

*That the words "in the light of its hostile attitude to Christian faith" be deleted*

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

Congratulate management and staff of South Beach House on being awarded the Charter Mark for care for the elderly and instruct the Clerk to pass the congratulations on to the staff of South Beach House.

#### Presbyterial Superintendence

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

Approve the following arrangements for the annual inspection of Rolls and Records in February 2008:

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm: Saltcoats New Trinity  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm: Largs St Columba's

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm: Dalry: St Margaret's  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> at 11.00am (approx) Brodick

**Presbytery to meet on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7.15 within West Kilbride: Overton for the ordination and induction of Mr James McNay and on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet at 4.30pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 4.30pm**

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

Moderator

Clerk