

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats New Trinity Church on Tuesday the eighth day of June 2004, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and, following the celebration of Holy Communion, was constituted with prayer.

SEDERUNT: Revd S W Smith, Moderator, Revd J R McKay, Clerk, Revds I W Benzie, J A S Boag, M S Cameron, N Cruikshank, J Ewing, K Fisher, R J Grahame, W R Johnston, J M M Lafferty, M H Mackay, Dr I MacLeod, A D McCallum, A M McCance, A F McGurk, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, D S Paterson, F C Ross, A Taylor, E R L Watson, Ministers; A Buick, J Cameron, G Cunningham, D S Douglas, J Forsyth, H B Gibson, E S H Glen, E Hinde, P Hinde, R Jarvie, M G Kellock, D Kerr, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A MacDonald, E H McArthur, J T McGill, J McSwan, R Mumford, M Paton, J Porter, G Ross, A K Saunderson, J Scott, R Scott, J S Scott, E Sillars, F J Smith, E Stevenson, E Taylor, W Thomson, A Tomlinson, E Trevena, W F Turner, A C Watt, R F Welch, K S Welch, C Welch, Elders; N Bowman, M A Broster, S Darroch, J C Q Hunter, B H Mackay, A Montgomerie, D Young, M M B Ross, Corresponding Members

APOLOGIES: D J H Harbison, D Heberton, M L K Howie, A Selfridge, Ministers; E Drury, D Hamilton, J Jenkins, G K McKonnell, S McLellan, C J E Mills, R A Richardson, W Ross, Elders; M McGeoch, Corresponding Member.

INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR: The Revd Stephen Smith welcomed the new Moderator, Mr W Findlay Turner, and expressed thanks for help he had received during his year of office and paid tribute to Mr Turner's service to the Presbytery. Mr Turner, taking the chair, thanked Mr Smith for his service to the Presbytery and spoke of his hopes for his year of office.

MINUTE pages 12-13, having been circulated, were approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS was approved with the deletion of the Address to Presbytery by Mr Ronnie Smith, who was unavailable, and the addition, under the Business Committee, of the Report *Presbytery without Walls*, and the inclusion of a report from the Communication and Doctrine Committee

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY

The Revd Fiona C Ross paid tribute to Mr James Cumming, an additional elder from Kilbirnie: St Columba's, who had died since the last meeting of Presbytery. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mrs Ena Cumming, expressing the sympathy of Presbytery and enclosing a copy of the tribute.

It was moved, seconded and agreed to remit to the Business Committee to explore ways by which the Presbytery might be made aware when a member died, and arrangements for his or her funeral.

The Clerk moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery

- a. Elect as additional elders of Presbytery from 1st June 2004 those who are presently serving
- b. Approve the membership of Committees for the year from 1st July 2004 (Reports page 21) granting powers to the Clerk to amend as required once all commissions have been received from Kirk Sessions

REPORT OF ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS Revd Stephen Smith reported on the 2004 General Assembly. All appointed commissioners had shown diligence.

PASTORAL CARE SCHEME: The Clerk reported diligence in the administration of the Scheme

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

For the Committee the Convener gave notice that he would move amendments to Standing Orders at the next meeting of Presbytery in terms outlined in Reports Page 19.

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

- a. Note with regret that the Revd Barry Knight required a further four months leave of absence and continue the Revd Elizabeth Watson as Interim Moderator for that period
- b. Record with appreciation the decision of the financial courts of Lamlash linked with Lochranza and Pirnmill linked with Shiskine to remunerate Mrs Jean Hunter, Attached Reader, for four days a week plus Sundays.
- c. Approve the appointment of the Revd Brian Oxburgh (Convener), Revds Stephen Smith, Roderick Graham, Mr Ron Lavalette and Mrs Rosemary Jarvie as an Appraisal sub-committee in the case of Kilwinning Erskine; grant powers to the Business Committee to issue instructions on behalf of the Presbytery in legal proceedings in connection with the property and funds of Kilwinning: Erskine
- d. Approve the recommendations contained in the report of the sub-committee on Presbytery without Walls.

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- a. PARISH REAPPRAISAL AT ARDROSSAN: BARONY ST JOHN'S: The congregation had been cited and parties were called. Miss A Buick, Mrs B Mackay and Mr Archd McAllister appeared for the congregation. The Convener of the Business Committee reported that the Business Committee, acting as the Presbytery's Committee on Parish Appraisal, taking into consideration the report of the *ad hoc* committee appointed to meet with local parties to review the continued vacancy at Ardrossan: Barony St John's recommended that the present arrangements should continue with a further review in twelve months. Parties were heard. Parties were removed and it was moved seconded and agreed that Ardrossan: Barony St John's should be a Continued Vacancy with review no later than June 2005. Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery intimated. The Clerk was instructed to send an Extract Minute to the Assembly's Committee

PARISH EDUCATION

For the Committee the Convener moved, and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery note with approval the report on Elder Training and record its thanks and appreciation to Mr Ron Lavalette. (Reports Page 22)

MINISTRY

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

- a. Note the arrangements for services to be held to mark the completion of academic studies in their training for the ministry of Mr Graham McWilliams and Mr Angus Adamson,

For Mr Graham McWilliams, within Largs St John's Parish Church on Sunday 27th June 2004 at 6.30pm, presbytery to meet at 6.15pm. The Revd Norman Cruikshank to conduct the service, the Revd Andrew McGurk to preach and the Revd Stephen Smith, in the absence of the Moderator, to give charges and present the Bible.

For Mr Angus Adamson, within Kilmory Parish Church on Friday 13th August 2004 at 7.00pm, the Presbytery to meet at 6.45pm. The Revd Dr Ian MacLeod to conduct the service, the Revd Johnston McKay to preach and the Moderator to give charges and present the Bible

- b. Approve the nomination of Mr Colin Mills as an assessor in the Enquiry and assessment Scheme, and instruct the Clerk to transmit Mr Mills' name to the Board of Ministry

NATIONAL MISSION

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

- a. That a Conference will be held in connection with the work of the Parish Development Fund in Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Sunday 5th September from 3.15pm to 5.00pm, to which congregations are asked to send two representatives
- b. That a Conference is being held in connection with the report *Church without Walls on Changing World, Changing Church* on November 19th to which the Presbytery is asked to send four representatives, and remit to the Business Committee to appoint these.

WORLD MISSION

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

- a. Express thanks to all congregations who supported Christian Aid Week and the volunteers who helped "people on the third world to stand on their own two feet".
- b. Note that five places were available on a two week visit to Christian Aid partners in Sri Lanka
- c. Note that a new recruitment is underway for Christian Aid Teachers to promote Christian Aid's educational resources in the classroom
- d. Note that Nell Hill has been trained as a Trade Craft Speaker and is available to address meetings.

PROPERTY

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

- I. Approve in principle an application from Kilwinning: Abbey to replace the hot air heating system in the church with a wet system at a cost of £20,000-£30,000, and invite the General Trustees to concur.
- II. Approve an application from Ardrossan: Barony St John's to undertake necessary remedial work on the steeple at a total cost of £11,841, and invite the General Trustees to concur, recognising that the sum involved is in excess of £10,000 and that some or all of that may have to be withdrawn from the revenue account held by the General Trustees on behalf of the congregation.
- III. Appoint MacMillan and Cronin, Architects, to carry out the next round of professional surveys at a cost of £6,575 + VAT
- IV. Grant powers over the summer to the Property Convener and the Clerk to deal with any property matters which arise.

PRESBYTERIAL SUPERINTENDENCE

For the Committee, the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that the following congregations be the subject of Quinquennial Visitation in the course of the next twelve months: Ardrossan: Park, Dalry: St Margaret's, Kilwinning: Abbey, Largs: Clark Memorial, Stevenston: Ardeer linked with Stevenston: Livingston, Whiting Bay and Kildonan, Lamlash linked with Lochranza and Pirnmill linked with Shiskine.

COMMUNICATIONS AND DOCTRINE

For the Committee it was moved, seconded and agreed that Presbytery note that the new Church Hymnary will be launched on 31st November and that a words and melody line copy will be available to congregations at a discount price of £10 so long as a minimum of 20 copies are ordered from the publishers within six months of publication.

It was moved, seconded and agreed that Presbytery invite the Communications and Doctrine Committee to consider the low level of media coverage of the recent General Assembly and to report to the September meeting.

Next Ordinary meeting within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday 7th September at 7.30pm, the Business Committee to meet on Tuesday 31st August at 9/45am

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

Moderator

Clerk