

At Saltcoats, and within Saltcoats New Trinity Church, on Tuesday the second of March, which place and date the Presbytery met and was constituted with prayer.

SEDERUNT Revd S W Smith, Moderator, Revd J R McKay, Clerk, J A S Boag, N Cruickshank, J Ewing, R J Grahame, D J H Harbison, M L K Howie, W R Johnston, J M M Lafferty, M H Mackay, A M McCance, G A McCracken, A F McGurk, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, D S Paterson, F C Ross, I M Roy, A Taylor, R J Thorburn, E R L Watson, Ministers; A Buick, G Cunningham, J Forsyth, H B Guibson, E S H Glen, D Hamilton, E Hinde, P Hinde, R Jarvie, J Jenkins, M G Kellock, T Knox, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A MacDonald, E H McArthur, G K McConnell, J T McGill, S McLellan, J McSwan, C J E Mills, R Mumford, M Paton, J Porter, R A Richardson, W Ross, G Ross, J Scott, E Sillars, E Taylor, A Tomlinson, E Trevena, W F Turner, A C Watt, R F Welsh, K S Welsh, C Welsh, Elders; M A Broster, S Darroch, J C Q Hunter, B H Mackay, M McGeoch, D Young, Corresponding Members

APOLOGIES were received from I W Benzie, M S Cameron, K Fisher, Dr I MacLeod, A D McCallum, J Selfidge, M Thomson, Ministers; J Cameron, J Cumming, E Drury, M Lafferty, T A Muston, R Scott, F J Smith, E Stevenson, Elders; A Henderson, Rev A Montgomerie, Corresponding Members.

MINUTE pages 2004:1-5, having been circulated, were approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS was approved with the addition of an item under the Ministry Committee in connection with Lamlash, linked with Lochranza and Pirnmill, linked with Shiskine

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY It was moved, seconded and agreed that Presbytery

- a. Receive with regret the resignation as a Reader within the Presbytery and as a Corresponding Member, Mr James Price, due to unreliable health, and express thanks for his service to the Church; remit to the Business Committee to appoint two of its members to call on Mr Price and express to him the good wishes of the Presbytery
- b. Note the request of the Revd Dr David Maclagan, who is now resident in Edinburgh, to transfer his membership to the Presbytery of Edinburgh, and instruct the Clerk to issue a presbyterial certificate.

NAN STEVENSON CHARITABLE TRUST The Clerk laid on the table for the interest of Presbytery the accounts of the Nan Stevenson Charitable Trust which had been approved by the Annual Meeting

PRESENTATION OF READERS On behalf of the Parish Education Committee the Convener presented the following Readers to the Moderator: Mrs Elizabeth Barclay, Mrs Jean Hunter, Mrs Brenda Mackay, Mr Bert McCool, Mr Colin Mills and Mr Archd Cumming and Mrs Nicky Smith, Readers in Training. The Moderator expressed the gratitude of Presbytery to them for the contribution they make to the life of the Church and led the Presbytery in prayer for them. Mrs J C Hunter, on behalf of the Readers, made suitable reply.

VALEDICTION The Moderator expressed the good wishes of the Presbytery to Josephine Mate-Kole on her return to Ghana

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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

- a. Moderator 2004-2005 Elect Mr W. Findlay Turner, elder at Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's Moderator for the ensuing year
- b. Statement of Accounts
 - i. Approve the Report and Statement of Accounts (Reports pp 10-15) and express thanks to the Treasurer, the Auditor and Mr W Findlay Turner for his assistance in the preparation of the Accounts
 - ii. Resolve that the Presbytery levy for 2004 shall be £1.00 *per capita*, and that the Property Survey levy shall be 10p *per capita*. (Reports pp 15, 16)
 - iii. Resolve to continue a contribution to West Sound of £350
- c. Commissioners to the General Assembly Elect the following to be commissioners to the forthcoming General Assembly: JAS Boag, M S Cameron, M H

Mackay, D R Mitchell, B H Oxburgh, S J Smith and E R L Watson, Ministers and J Bowie, J Laurie, D C Morton, E H McArthur, J L Stewart and W F Turner, Elders, and instruct the Kirk Session of Kilbirnie: St Columba to make choice of a representative and inform the Clerk.

- d. Kilwinning: Erskine Approve the appointment of G Ross, A K Saunderson and M Westwater as assessor elders at Kilwinning Erskine, bringing the number to five
- e. Beith: High linked ~~With~~: Trinity Note that an extract minute has been received from the General Assembly's Committee on Appraisal, concurring in the Presbytery's approval of the Basis of Continued Linkage

PARISH EDUCATION

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

- a. Invite members to recommend a young person between the ages of 18 and 25 to be a youth representative at the forthcoming General Assembly and to forward names to the Clerk by 30th March

PROPERTY

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

- a. (In Private)
- b. Approve the application from St Mollo's Shiskine to apply for a loan from the General Trustees of £20,000 to refurbish the existing prefabricated hall, bringing it into line with the Disability Discrimination Act, 1995; and removing asbestos and addressing the problem of concrete cancer.

PRESBYTERIAL SUPERINTENDENCE (In Private)

COMMUNITY INTERESTS

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

- a. Note that there have been only three redundancies as a result of the review of staffing structure in the elderly persons' homes
- b. Note that the Board of Social Responsibility is reviewing other operations with a view to eliminating its remaining deficit.
- c. Instruct the Committee to explore with the Electricity Supply Companies the apparent inequality of tariff with a view to improving the situation of those compelled to use pre-payment meters

MINISTRY

The Clerk moved, and it was seconded and agreed that the Presbytery

- a. Grant leave of absence to Revd Barry Knight until March 22nd and appoint the Revd E R L Watson Interim Moderator at Lamlash linked with Lochranza and Pirnmill linked with Shiskine
- b. Remit to the Presbyterial Superintendence Committee
 - i. To ensure that the arrangements for My Knight's return to part-time duties are monitored and that appropriate cover is provided for times when Mr Knight is unavailable.
 - ii. In conjunction with the Business Committee to conclude terms of contract with Mrs Jean Hunter.

Next ordinary meeting within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday 13th April at 7.30pm, the Business Committee to meet on Tuesday April 6th at 9.45am

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

.....Moderator

.....Clerk