

At Saltcoats, and within Saltcoats New Trinity Church, on Tuesday the fourth day of May 2004, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer.

SEDERUNT Revd S W Smith, Moderator, Revd J R McKay, Clerk; I W Benzie, J A S Boag, M S Cameron, N Cruikshank, J Ewing, D J H Harbison, M L K Howie, W R Johnston, J M M Lafferty, M H Mackay, Dr I MacLeod, A M McCance, A F McGurk, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, F C Ross, I M Roy, J Selfridge, A Taylor, E R L Watson, Ministers; A Buick, J Cameron, G Cunningham, D S Douglas, E Drury, H B Gibson, E S H Glen, D Hamilton, E Hinde, P Hinde, M G Kellockj, D Kerr, T Knox, A MacDonald, E H McArthur, G K McConnell, J T McGill, S McLellan, J McSwan, R Mumford, T A Muston, M Paton, R A Richardson, G Ross, A K Saunderson, J Scott, E Sillars, E Stevenson, E Taylor, A Tomlinson, E Trevena, W F Turner, A C Watt, R F Welch, K S Welch, Elders; M A Broster, S Darroch, R McCool, M McGeoch, M M B Ross, Corresponding Members.

APOLOGIES were received from K Fisher, R J Grahame, D J Heberton, A D McCallum, G A McCracken, Ministers; J Cumming, J Forsyth, R Jarvie, J Jenkins, J Laurie, R Lavalette, C J E Mills, W Ross, R Scott, J S Scott, Elders; J C Q Hunter, A Montgomerie, Corresponding Members.

MINUTE pages 2004, 9-12, having been circulated, were approved

ORDER OF BUSINESS was approved with the additional items concerning Ardrossan: Barony St John's and Kilbirnie: Auld Kirk added to the Property Committee's report

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY. Mr Alan Saunderson, attending his first meeting as an additional elder, was welcomed by the Moderator.

ARDROSSAN PRESBYTERIAL COUNCIL OF THE GUILD The Revd M L K Howie introduced office-bearers of the Council who were welcomed by the Moderator, who thanked the office-bearers, particularly those who retire this year. Mrs M McGeoch, President of the Council, reported on the work of the Guild and was thanked by the Moderator for expressing the breadth of the Guild's concerns.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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

- a. Instruct the Clerk to write to the Presbytery of Edinburgh expressing support for its Overture anent Membership of Presbytery to be presented to the forthcoming General Assembly (Reports Page 19)
- b. Note that owing to the unsatisfactory nature of the Property Surveys undertaken professionally, members of the Property Committee will be visiting those congregations whose buildings were surveyed in 2003-4.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

For the Committee, the Vice Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery note that meetings are being held by the Board of Stewardship and Finance to promote sacrificial giving in Renfield St Stephen's Church Centre, Glasgow on Thursday 26th August at 2.00pm and 7.00pm and in Monkton and Prestwick North Church on Wednesday 15th September at 7.30pm

MINISTRY

For the Committee, the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that, notwithstanding the decision of the Board of Ministry to abandon a service of licensing, the Presbytery will hold a service or services to mark the completion of students' academic courses; and remit to the committee to make arrangements in the cases of Mr Angus Adamson and Mr Graham MacWilliams, and report to the next meeting of Presbytery.

WORLD MISSION

For the Committee the Convener commended Christian Aid Week from 9th to 16th May and intimated various items in connection with it.

PROPERTY

For the Committee, notice of motion having been given at the April meeting that Presbytery resolve that Standing Order 55.2 be amended to replace the words “annually by Presbytery at its September meeting” with “annually by Presbytery at its May meeting”, the Convener so moved, and it was seconded and agreed to amend Standing Orders accordingly.

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

- a. resolve that the Presbytery limit be fixed at £6000 for 2004/5
- b. approve an application from Saltcoats: St Cuthbert’s to undertake work on the exterior of the church at a cost of £26,000 + VAT, funds being available.
- c. approve in principle the application from Ardrossan: Barony St John’s to undertake necessary remedial work on the steeple and invite the General Trustees to concur.
- d. approve the replacement of windows and door at the Kirk house of Kilbirnie: Auld Kirk at a cost of £7810, funds being available, and invite the General Trustees to concur.

NATIONAL MISSION

For the Committee the Convener moved, and it was seconded and agreed that the Presbytery note that in the revised Priority Area Parishes List drawn up by the Board of National Mission and containing the 54 most economically deprived parishes, Stevenston: Ardeer is the only parish included from within the Presbytery bounds, but that Saltcoats: New Trinity and Saltcoats: North are included in the Supplementary List of 32 parishes in areas of considerable deprivation.

Next ordinary meeting within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday 8th June at 7.30pm, the Business Committee to meet on Tuesday 1st June at 9.45am.

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

.....Moderator

.....Clerk