

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

SEDERUNT Mr W F Turner (Moderator), Revds J R McKay (Clerk) D R Mitchell, JAS Boag, MS Cameron, N Cruikshank, J Ewing, K Fisher, DJH Harbison, WR Johnston, MH Mackay, Dr I MacLeod, AD McCallum, AM McCance, Dr GA McCracken, AF McGurk, AB Noble, BH Oxburgh, FC Ross, IM Roy, SJ Smith, ERL Watson, Ministers; A Buick, J Mameron, E Drury, J Forsyth, K Galloway, HB Gibson, ESH Glen, E Hinde, P Hinde, R Jarvie, J Jenkins, MG Kellock, D Kerr, T Knox, J Laurie, A MacDonald, VH Macdonald, EH McArthur, GK McConnell, M McLellan, J Martin, R Mumford, TA Muston, M Paton, RA Richardson, G Ross, JS Scott, E Sillars, FJ Smith, N Smith, E Stevenson, E Taylor, A Tomlinson, AC Watt, RF Welch, C Welch, Elders; MA Broster, A Henderson, BH Mackay, R McCool, M McGeoch, M Massie, Revd A Montgomerie,

APOLOGIES were received from Revds A Benzie, RJ Grahame, DJ Heberton, MLK Howie, DS Paterson, J Selfridge, A Taylor, Ministers; G Cunningham, M Duff, D Hamilton, R Kelso, R Lavalette, CJE Mills, W Ross, AK Saunderson, W Thomson, KS Welch, Elders; JCQ Hunter, MMB Ross, D Young, Corresponding Members.

MINUTE pages 2004, 14-18, having been circulated, were approved

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Order of Business was approved with the addition of additional items under Business (arrangements for the setting apart of Mr Archd Currie as Reader); Property (applications from Kilwinning: Abbey and Dalry: Trinity); and Parish Education (approving Mr MMB Ross as an active Reader within the Presbytery)

VACANCY PROCEDURE COMMITTEES. The Clerk reported that in the vacancy at Fairlie, the Vacancy Procedure Committee had been unable to give permission to call a minister since, in terms of Act VII 2003 anent Appraisal and Adjustment, there being no agreed Presbytery Plan, Presbytery should conduct appraisal in terms of Act IV 1984

For the Business Committee, the Convener moved, and it was seconded and agreed that the following be appointed an Appraisal Committee in the vacancy at Fairlie: Miss M McSwan (Convener), R Lavalette, E Glen, and Revds F C Ross, M S Cameron and J A S Boag.

The Clerk reported that in the vacancy at Kilbirnie: St Columba, the Vacancy Procedure Committee had sustained a call from the congregation to Revd Fiona C Ross, minister without charge, and appointed Thursday 30th September for the induction.

For the Business Committee, the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that the Presbytery meet at Kilbirnie: St Columba's on 30th September at 6.45pm, the induction to take place at 7.00 pm, Revd M S Cameron to conduct the devotions, the Revd Iain Roy to give the charges and the homily and the Moderator to preside and induct.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY. The Clerk laid on the table the Roll of Presbytery containing the names of 37 minister and 53 elders.

It was moved, seconded and agreed that the revised membership of Committees (Reports page 27) be approved.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

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

- a. Approve the amendments to standing orders, of which notice was given at the June meeting of Presbytery, and contained in Reports page 26
- b. Appoint the Moderator, Clerk, Revd D Ross Mitchell and Miss M McSwan, to represent the presbytery at a seminar on the National Plan and Flexible Tenure in Glasgow on October 4th.
- c. Note that committees to visit congregations in connection with the National Plan have been appointed by the Business Committee and that congregations will be contacted in the near future
- d. Appoint the Moderator, Revds J M M Lafferty, D Ross Mitchell and W R Johnston to represent the presbytery at a conference on Church without Walls on 19th November at Lendrick Muir.

- e. Note that an extract minute has been received from the General Assembly's Committee on Parish Appraisal concurring with the Presbytery's decision in the case of Ardrossan: Barony St John's.
- f. Resolve that in the case of Kilmory the vacancy be continued for a further year and that in the light of present circumstances and impending visits in connection with the National Plan, no visit at this time be made.
- g. Resolve that the Overture and Interim Act amending Act III 2001 be remitted to the Business Committee for consideration.
- h. Welcome the agreement of the Board of National Mission to a conference in connection with the vacancy at Kilwinning: Erskine
- i. Appoint Mrs Margaret Broster as Prayer Correspondent
- j. Resolve that members of Presbytery with e-mail should receive presbytery papers by that means
- k. Resolve to meet for the setting apart of Mr Archd Currie as a Reader in Kilbirnie: Auld Kirk on November 3rd at 6.45, the service to be held at 7.00pm, Revd I M Benzie to conduct, Revd ERL Watson to preach and the Moderator to set apart

MINISTRY COMMITTEE

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

Note that a report has been received from Revd JAS Boag on his study leave.

Mr Boag addressed the Presbytery

NATIONAL MISSION

Revd A D McCallum reported on the recent conference held in Saltcoats: New Trinity Church in connection with the Parish Development Fund

WORLD MISSION

For the Committee Mrs Ailsa Henderson, Christian Aid Co-ordinator reported on

- i. A joint project with the Church of Scotland, "Together".
- ii. A "Changing Lives" conference to be held in Glasgow: Renfield: St Stephen's on Saturday November 6th 2004
- iii. A mass lobby of the Scottish Parliament on 27th October 2004-09-08 the harvest appeal made for Sierre Leone

PROPERTY

For the Committee, the Convener moved and it as seconded and agreed that Presbytery note the following property applications had been approved under powers granted to herself and the Clerk during the summer months

- i. West Kilbride: Overton: Replacement of Church Electric Heating at a cost of £8655, the Church's Energy Consultant having been advised and approved and funds being available.
- ii. Kilbirnie: St Columba: Re-roofing the Manse at a cost of £6775, funds being available
- iii. Whiting Bay & Kildonan Agreement in principle to restoration work at the tower in order that Heritage Lottery Funding can be sought. In terms of the Minute of December 2003, permission has to be granted by both the General Trustees and the Committee on Parish Appraisal.
- iv. Largs: Clark Memorial: Reconditioning work on a stained glass window and replacement of bulbs in the church and consequent rewiring at a cost of £7000 and £5000 respectively, the Committee on Artistic Matters having agreed, and both projects being funded by private donation but noting that £12000 has been added to the accumulated total of property expenditure.

- v. Ardrossan: Park: Replacement of windows at the Session House and Vestry at a cost of £4000, funds being available and subject to the concurrence of the Committee on Artistic Matters
- vi. Kilmory: Noting with approval the decision of the General Trustees to concur with the decision of Presbytery in the matter of the Kilmory graveyard and awaiting the decision of the Committee on Artistic Matters on the issue.
Brodick: Approving the eradication of dry rot in the church and making good at a cost of £8637, funds being available.

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

- i. From Kilwinning: Abbey to install a new wet heating system at a cost of £26,481, and to approve an application to the General Trustees for a grant/loan

It was further moved, seconded and agreed that the congregation of Kilwinning: Abbey be granted permission to share worship in the building of Kilwinning: Erskine with the congregation there from Sundays 10th October to 28th November inclusive

- ii. From Dalry: Trinity to make improvements in the manse kitchen at a cost of £16,500, funds being and to approve an application to the General Trustees for a grant/loan

For the Committee the Convener drew attention to the regulations under the Disability Discrimination Act which come into force in October; and the Control of Asbestos at Work regulations which require churches to have a risk assessment carried out to identify any location of asbestos.

PRESBYTERIAL SUPERINTENDENCE

For the Committee the Clerk moved, and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery note the terms of the contract agreed with Mrs Jean Hunter, Reader attached at Lamlash, Shiskine and Lochranza

COMMUNITY INTERESTS

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

- i. The Clerk be instructed to write to Scottish Power regarding apparent differential tariffs applied to pre-payment meters
- ii. Members of congregations be encouraged to write to Mr Denis Canavan MSP with their views on the proposal to make St Andrew's Day a public holiday

PARISH EDUCATION

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

- i. Appoint Mr David Young to attend the National Youth Assembly and agree to meet costs of £50.00
- ii. Note dates of forthcoming elders' training courses
- iii. Note dates of forthcoming Child Protection courses
- iv. Resolve to approve Mr M M B Ross as an active Reader within the Presbytery and instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to this effect to the Readership Secretary

Mrs Lorraine Robertson, associate elder trainer addressed the Presbytery.

COMMUNICATION AND DOCTRINE

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

- i. Encourage congregations to provide information for the Presbytery newsletter and express thanks to all those in Saltcoats: New Trinity involved in producing it, particularly Mr John Stewart
- ii. Note information regarding the publication of CH4

The Moderator drew attention to the absence of the Convener, Revd R J Grahame due to the death of his father and the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Grahame conveying to him the sympathy of the Presbytery

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

For the Committee the Vice Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery note that all congregational accounts for 2003 had been examined and found to comply with the General Assembly regulations anent Congregational Finance although some minor details would be pointed out to congregational treasurers.

NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

The Presbytery adjourned to meet *in hunc effectum* on Thursday 30th September at 6.45pm in Kilbirnie: St Columba's for the induction of Revd Fiona C Ross, and for ordinary business within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday 5th October at 7.30pm for the conduct of ordinary business

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

.....Moderator

.....Clerk