

At Saltcoats, and within Saltcoats New Trinity, on Tuesday 1st November 2005, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer.

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SEDERUNT Revds MH Mackay (Moderator) J R McKay (Clerk) JAS Boag, MS Cameron, N Cruickshank, J Ewing, K Fisher, J Gisbey, RJ Grahame, DJH Harbison, MLK Howie, AM McCance, RIT Macdonald, DR Mitchell, AB Noble, BH Oxburgh, IM Roy, SJ Smith< M Thomson, ERL Watson, Ministers; J Aitken, L Borwick, S Brown, A Buick, LS Campbell, J Cameron, G Cunningham,, J Forsyth, HB Gibson, ACD Hamilton, E Hinde, PJ Hinde, R Jarvie, J Jenkins, MG Kellock, R Kelso, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A MacDonald, V Macdonald, J Martin, GK McConnell,. S McLellan, J McSwan, RA Richardson, G Ross, AK Saunderson, JS Scott, E Sillars, FJ Smith, E Stevenson, WF Turner, AC Watt, C Welch, KS Welch, RF Welch, Elders; MA Broster, A Currie, S Darroch, JCQ Hunter, M MCGeoch, BH Mackay, R McCool, M Massie, Revd A Montgomerie, Corresponding Members.

APOLOGIES were received from Revds WR Johnston, JMM Lafferty, R Leask, AD McCallum,.AF McGurk, Dr I MacLeod, A Taylor, Ministers; M Duff, D Kerr, CJ Mills, S MacLeod, T Muston, J Porter, A Tomlinson, Elders; A Henderson, MMB Ross, N Smith, Corresponding Members.

MINUTES The Minutes of the meetings of October 2nd having been circulated, were approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Order of Business was approved, with the addition of two items of correspondence, and, a report from the Business Committee concerning the venue for the presbytery's meeting and the deletion of reports from the Children's Assembly.

CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Mrs Helen Knight, thanking members of presbytery for their support and prayers, and Rev Dr Ian MacLeod for his tribute to her husband, and intimating that since there were no ferries to Arran on the day of her husband's funeral, a memorial service has been arranged in Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Saturday November 19th at 1.30pm; and from Helen Scott thanking the Presbytery for its support and prayers following the deaths of three girls and a teacher from Ekwendeni Girls' Secondary School.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS

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

Note that returns from members of presbytery regarding the venue for the meeting of presbytery have not shown clear support either for remaining in the hall of New Trinity, or for returning to the church, or for an alternative venue, and resolve to continue meeting in the hall for a further few months while attempts are made to overcome the difficulties which meeting in the hall are perceived to cause.

PRESBYTERIAL SUPERINTENDENCE

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

Note the report from Presbytery Trainers with regard to the protection of children (Reports page 29) and approve the sending of this report to each Kirk Session; and instruct the Clerk to write to the Church of Scotland Safeguarding Office seeking clarification on the status of persons without a disclosure certificate being allowed to work with children so long as they are always in the company of someone who has a disclosure certificate, and an explanation of the policy that those in possession of a disclosure certificate through their involvement with another organisation being required to undergo training through the church.

MISSION AND DISCIPLESHIP

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

Note the report on the 'Time Out' Children's Ministry event (Reports page 29)

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

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

- i. Notice of Motion having been given at the October meeting of presbytery of the proposed Ministries and Mission Allocation for 2006, approve the allocations with the exception of those for Ardrossan: Barony St John's and Beith: High linked with Beith Trinity, which congregations have indicated objections to the allocations
- ii. Note that congregational treasurers have been informed that payments of Ministries and Mission Allocations will be required to be paid by monthly standing order, and informing congregations who find difficulty in complying with this instruction to contact the Presbytery Clerk, applying for a dispensation/.