

At Saltcoats, and within Saltcoats St Cuthbert's, on Tuesday the 6th of September, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and, following the celebration of Holy Communion, was constituted with prayer.

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SEDERUNT WF Turner (Moderator, Revds JR McKay (Clerk) JAS Boag, MS Cameron, N Cruikshank, K Fisher, J Gisbey, RJ Grahame, DJH Harbison, MLK Howie, WR Johnston, R Leask, MH Mackay, Dr I MacLeod, AD McCallum, AM McCance, RIT McDonald, AF McGurk, DR Mitchell, AB Noble, FC Ross, J Selfridge, SJ Smith, M Thomson, ERL Watson, Ministers; AK Saunderson (Depute Clerk) J Aitken, J Bowie, S Brown, A Buick, J Cameron, LS Campbell, J Forsyth, ESH Glen, ACD Hamilton, E Hinde, P Hinde, R Jarvie, MG Kellock, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A MacDonald, V Macdonald, S MacLeod, JF Martin, GK McConnell, JT McGill, S McLellan, J McSwan, TA Muston, RA Richardson, G Ross, JS Scott, E Sillars, E Stevenson, FJ Smith, C Welch, KS Welch, RF Welch, I Whiteford, Elders; MA Broster, A Currie, S Darroch, A Henderson, M Massie, RU McCool, M McGeoch, Revd A Montgomerie, Corresponding Members.

APOLOGIES were received from Revds J Ewing, JMM Lafferty, Dr GA McCracken, BH Oxburgh, A Taylort Ministers; G Cunningham, HB Gibson, J Jenkins, R Kelso, D Kerr, CJE Mills, J Porter, AC Watt, Elders; JCQ Hunter, BH Mackay, MMB Ross, Corresponding Members.

MINUTES The Minutes of the meetings of June 14th, August 14th and 16th, (Minutes pages 11-16) having been circulated, were approved with the inclusion in the minute of 16th August of Mr Ian Whiteford and Mr Ian Jamieson, a reader from the Presbytery of Ayr) in the list of those present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Order of Business was approved, with the addition of a report on the Roll of Presbytery, under the Business Committee: appraisal at Saltcoats New Trinity; and under Ministries Committee, arrangements for the setting apart of Mrs Nicola Smith as a Reader; and an additional amendment to the list of committees, noting Mrs AC Watt's appointment to the committees on Mission and Discipleship and Presbyterial Superintendence.

INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR Mr W F Turner, having expressed thanks to those who had assisted him during his year of office, welcomed the new Moderator, Revd Marjory Mackay, and, following prayer and invited her to take the chair. The Moderator thanked Mr Turner for all that he had done for the Presbytery during his year of office.

PARISH GROUPINGS The Revd David Clark Convener of the General Assembly's Committee on Parish Appraisal, on the invitation of the Business Committee, addressed Presbytery on the subject of Parish Groupings. There were questions and thereafter Mr Clark was warmly thanked by the Moderator.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY The roll of Presbytery was laid on the table. The Moderator extended a welcome to Revd RIT McDonald, recently inducted to Beith: High linked with Beith: Trinity and to the newly commissioned elders.

CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk reported receipt of

- i. Extract minute from the Standing Committee on Education of the Church and Society Council advising of the unanimous nomination of Mr John Scott to be the Church representative on North Ayrshire Council Education Committee
- ii. Extract Minutes from the Parish Appraisal Committee of the Ministries Council, concurring in the Presbytery's decisions in the cases of Fairlie, Ardrossan: Barony St John's and Fergushill, and seeking conference in the case of Saltcoats: New Trinity
- iii. Certification from the Presbytery of Edinburgh of the induction of Rev Douglas Paterson to Edinburgh: St Colm's
- iv. From Rev Norman Bowman, thanking the Presbytery for the expression of its congratulations to him on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of his ordination, and in particular to the Moderator for his tribute and the gift of a copy of CH4
- v. From Rev Dr Ian MacLeod intimation his intention to retire on 23rd January 2006
- vi. From the Solicitor to the Church intimating that Deeds of Unitary Constitution had been issued by the Delegation of Assembly to Stevenston: Livingstone and Stevenston: Ardeer
- vii. From the Ministries Support Officer of the Ministries Council indicating that it is proposed to allow an application for a Certificate of Eligibility from a minister of another church to proceed. The application will be laid on the table and may be consulted by any member of presbytery who should make any comments in writing to the Clerk by 20 September.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS

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

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- i. Approve the Presbytery Committees for the ensuing year (Reports 2005 p 25) with the following amendments. Property Committee delete R Jarvie and substitute G Ross; World Mission transfer M Duff from "Ministers" to "Elders", and add FJ Smith; and the appointment of Mrs A C Watt to the Committees of Mission and Discipleship and Presbyterial Superintendence
- ii. General Assembly Remits. Remit the Overtures (a) anent Presbytery Membership; (b) anent Appraisal and Adjustment; and (c) anent Licentiates, sent down by the General Assembly of 2005 under the Barrier Act, to the Business Committee for consideration and report; and the Instructions from the General Trustees anent manse to the Property Committee; anent the guidelines regarding reviewable and terminable tenure to the Business Committee; and anent Protection of Children to the Presbyterial Superintendence Committee.
- iii. Appraisal Saltcoats: New Trinity.

The Clerk reported that an extract minute had been received from the General Assembly's Committee on Parish Appraisal regarding the Presbytery's decision in the case of Saltcoats New Trinity and that the congregation had been cited to appear. Parties were recalled.

The Clerk reported that the General Assembly's Committee on Parish Appraisal had been unable to concur in the Presbytery's decision to approve a ministry on reviewable tenure, to be reviewed after eight years. Parties were removed.

It was moved, seconded and agreed that Presbytery regret the decision of the General Assembly's Committee on Appraisal not to concur with the Presbytery's decision of 14 June and seek further conference with the Committee in an attempt to resolve the matter.

WORLD MISSION

For the Committee the Convener introduced Revd Dr Wyson Jere of the Presbytery of Milala, Synod of Livingstonia, Malawi, who addressed Presbytery. The Moderator thanked Dr Were for bringing the good wishes of the Presbytery of Milala and asked him to convey to that presbytery the greetings of the Presbytery of Ardrossan.

PRESBYTERIAL SUPERINTENDENCE

- i. The convener reported that the committee proposed an adjustment to the parish boundaries involving Kilwinning: Old and Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity. Parties, having been cited, were called and heard. Parties were removed.

For the Committee, the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery approve the transfer of the Pennyburn area of Kilwinning from the Parish of Kilwinning: Old to the parish of Kilwinning Mansefield Trinity.

- ii. For the Committee the Convener moved, and it was seconded and agreed that the arrangements for Quinquennial visitations should be as follows.

Ardrossan: Park Revds ERL Watson, MS Cameron, Mrs E Sillars and Mrs V Macdonald
 Dalry: St Margaret's: Revds SJ Smith, MLK Howie, A Tomlinson, J Porter
 Largs: Clark Memorial: Revds IW Benzie, JAS Boag, P Hinde, R Kelso
 Stevenston: Ardeer I/w Livingstone Revd WR Johnston, FC Ross, Mrs E Hinde, RA Richardson
 Whiting Bay & Kildonan: Revds M Thomson, R Grahame, J Laurie, Miss A Buisk.

PROPERTY

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

- i. Homologate decisions taken by the Convener and Clerk over the summer:
 - Dalry Trinity: to approve work, estimated to be in the region of £13,000 to eradicate dry rot
 - Largs: Clark Memorial: to approve additional expenditure of £3000 on the stairlift, the total now being £10,000/

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Largs: St Columba: to agree to exploring with the General Trustees the best use of the building, with the drawing up of a feasibility study.

- ii. Approve an application from Dalry: St Margaret's to carry out repairs to the roof of church and hall at a cost of £32,313 on condition that evidence is shown that more than one quotation has been sought
- iii. Notice of Motion to be proposed at the next meeting of Presbytery, to amend Standing Orders "Add to Standing Order 55.2 an additional clause "(5) All congregations, carrying out work on their property, the cost of which exceeds the sum required for presbytery's approval, or the sum (including contingencies) approved by presbytery, must provide the Property Committee with the final cost."

MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

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

- i. Homologate the appointment of Revd Brian Oxburgh and the Clerk (in the absence on holiday of the Revd Norman Cruikshank) to participate in annual review meetings of candidates for the ministry under the Presbytery's Supervision
- ii. IN PRIVATE Note the termination of the candidature of Mr Gary Sproat.
- iii. Note with approval that the annual reviews of Mr Gary Caldwell and Mr David Young, candidates for the ministry under the supervision of the Presbytery were deemed satisfactory.
- iv. Nominate Mr Gordon Stevenson as a candidate for the ministry of word and sacrament
- v. Note with approval that Mrs Nicola Smith has successfully completed her training as a Reader. Appoint a service for the setting apart of Mrs Nicola Smith as a Reader to be held within Cumbrae Parish Church on Saturday 17th September at 3.00pm, the Presbytery to meet at 2.45pm, the Moderator to preside and set apart, the Clerk to conduct the devotions and Revd Norman Cruikshank to preach the sermon.
- vi. Note that Mrs Patricia Noble has applied to be a Reader in Training and agree to approve her as a candidate.

MISSION AND DISCIPLESHIP

For the Committee, Mr Ian Hackney, Elder Trainer, presented the report (Reports 2005 page 24)

It was moved, seconded and agreed that presbytery

- i. Approve the Report on Elder training and commend the work of the Elder training team to all Kirk Sessions
- ii. Note with approval the Eldership Training Programme, 2005-6 (Reports 2005 p 24) and encourage all Kirk Sessions to persuade elders to attend as many of the courses as possible.

FINANCE

For the Committee the Convener reported that there remain a few accounts for the year to 31 December 2004 to be examined by the committee. He moved and it was seconded and agreed that powers be granted to himself, the clerk and Mr WF Turner to prepare the necessary report to the Assembly's Stewardship and Finance Committee by 30 September.

NEXT MEETINGS Presbytery adjourned to meet within Cumbrae Parish church on Saturday 17th September 2005 at 2.45pm for the setting apart of Mrs Nicola Smith as a Reader, and within Saltcoats New Trinity on Tuesday 4th October at 7.30 or the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet on 27th September at 9.45am.

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

Moderator

Clerk