

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

SEDERUNT: WF Turner, Moderator, Revds JR McKay (Clerk) JAS Boag, MS Cameron, N Cruikshank, J Ewing, K Fisher, J Gisbey, RJ Grahame, DJH Harbison, MLK Howie, WR Johnston, JMM Lafferty, MH Mackay, Dr I MacLeod, AM McCance, Dr GA McCracken, AF McGurk, DR Mitchell, AB Noble, DS Pateron, FC Ross, IM Roy, SJ Smith, A Taylor, M Thomson, ERL Watson, Ministers; A Buick, J Cameron, DS Douglas, J Forsyth, HB Gibson, ESH Glen, D Hamilton, E Hinde, P Hinde, R Jarvie, J Jenkins, MG Kellock, D Kerr, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A MacDonald, V Macdonald, JF Martin, EH McArthur, GK McConnell, S McLellan, J McSwan, R Munford, M Paton, RA Richardson, G Ross, AK Saunderson, JS Scott, E Sillars, FJ Smith, N Smith, E Stevenson, W Thomson, A Tomlinson, AC Watt, RF Welch, C Welch, Elders; MA Broster, A Currie, S Darroch, A Henderson, JCQ Hunter, BH Mackay, M Massie, RU McCool, M McGeoch, M Nimmo, MMB Ross, D Young, Corresponding Members.

APOLOGIES were received from R Leask, Minister; G Cunningham, M Duff, JT McGill, CJE Mills, KS Welch, E I Whiteford, Elders, Revd A Montgomerie, Corresponding Member.

MINUTES The Minute of the meeting of February 1st, 2005 pp 1-2, having been circulated, was approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Order of Business was approved

CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Prime Minister in reply to the comments made at the last meeting regarding Make Poverty History. He further reported that a letter had been received from the National Archive, supported by the Principal Clerk, asking him to report by 31 March that all presbytery and congregational records prior to 1901 had been lodged with the National Archive prior to a project to digitise all church records.

NAN STEVENSON TRUST The Clerk laid on the table the accounts of the Nan Stevenson Charitable Trust for Retired Ministers, approved at the Annual General Meeting held shortly before Presbytery

VALEDICTION The Vacancy Procedure Committee having accepted the demission of Revd A D McCallum from Saltcoats: New Trinity as from the end of March, presbytery took note of Mr McCallum's retreat. Mr John Stewart, Session Clerk at Saltcoats: New Trinity paid tribute to Mr McCallum's ministry, The Moderator thanked Mr McCallum for his service to the Presbytery and expressed his and the Presbytery's pleasure that Mr McCallum would continue to reside within the bounds and be a member of Presbytery. Mr McCallum made suitable reply.

PRESENTATION OF READERS On behalf of the Parish Education Committee, the Convener presented the following Readers and Readers in Training to the Moderator: Mrs Elizabeth Barclay, Mr Archie Currie, Mrs Jean Hunter, Mrs Brenda Mackay, Mr Bert McCool, Mr Magnus Ross, and Mrs Nicky Smith and Mrs Margaret Nimmo, Readers in Training. Mr R McCool addressed the Presbytery. The Moderator expressed the Presbytery's support for readers and readers in training from within the bounds, and led the Presbytery in prayer for them.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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

- i. Note the appointment from March 1st of Revd Andrew McCance as locum at Beith:High linked with Beith: Trinity, providing support on Sundays and two days per week.
- ii. Note the appointment from April 1st of the Revd James Davidson as locum at Saltcoats: New Trinity, providing support on Sundays and one day per week
- iii. Note that the Vacancy Procedure Committee in the vacancy at Lamash linked with Shiskine linked with Lochranza & Pirmill, has nominated the Revd Kenneth Fisher as Interim Moderator and subject to there being no request for the presbytery to make the appointment, thank Revd Elizabeth Watson and Revd Dr Ian MacLeod for their services as Interim Moderator.
- iv. Appoint the following seven ministers and seven elders to be Commissioners from the Presbytery to the forthcoming General Assembly: Norman Cruikshank, Roderick Grahame, John Lafferty, Ian MacLeod, Johnston McKay, Alex Noble, Douglas Pateron, Ministers; Brian Anderson, Sylvia Hannah, Gordon McConnell, Vivienne MacDonald, Sinclair MacLeod, Elma Stevenson, Mr Findlay Turner to be Convener. Revd Dr Ian MacLeod and Mr Findlay Turner were appointed to any Commission of Assembly required.

- v. Reports and statements of accounts
 - a. Approve the Report and Statement of Accounts and express thanks to the Treasurer and the Auditors, and to the Moderator for his assistance in the preparation of the accounts
 - b. Resolve that the Presbytery levy shall be £1.00 per capita, and that the Property levy by 10p per capita
 - c. Resolve to continue the contribution to West Sound of £350

PRESBYTERIAL SUPERINTENDENCE

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

- i. Note with approval the satisfactory examination of all rolls and records.
- ii. Note that according to returns, all congregations within the bounds meet the requirements for the protection of children and young people
- iii. Authorise the committee to prepare a report on guidelines for the keeping of computerised communion rolls and to report to a future presbytery.

COMMUNITY INTERESTS

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

- i. Note that the Committee will present a report to the April presbytery anent religious observance in schools
- ii. Note with regret that despite the presbyter's representations, it has been decided to close Brooksby Hospital, Largs

NEXT ORDINARY MEETING Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place on Tuesday April 5th 2005 at 7.30pm for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet at 0945 on Tuesday March 29th

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

Moderator

Clerk