

**At Saltcoats, and within New Trinity Parish Church on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2006, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted.**

SEDERUNT Revd W R Johnston (Moderator), Revds J R McKay (Clerk) A Adamson, J A S Boag, M S Cameron, N Cruickshank, R J Grahame, M L K Howie, J M M Lafferty, R Leask, A M McCance, R I T McDonald, A D McCallum, E McKinnon, A F McGurk, A B Noble, F C Ross, I M Roy, J Selfrisge, M Thomson, E R L Watson, J Whyte, Ministers; J Aitken, L S Campbell, A Campbell, J Cameron H B Gibson, I Hackney, E Halliwell, R Jarvie, M G Kellock, R Kelso, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A MacDonald, V Macdonald, S Macleod, J Martin, S McLellan, S Marr, N Martin, C Massie, T Muston, R A Richardson, G Ross, A K Saunderson, J S Scott, E Sillars, N Smith, E Stevenson, E Taylor, A Tomlinson, W F Turner, A C Watt, C Welch, K S Welch, R F Welch, Elders; A Currie, M Buchanan, M Massie, R McCool, M Nimmo, M M B Ross, Corresponding members.

APOLOGIES were received from Revds I W Benzie, D J A Harbison, M H Mackay, S J Smith, Ministers; S Brown, A Buick, D McMurray, J McSwan, J Porter, H Young, Elders; M A Broster, J C Q Hunter, B H Mackay, Revd A Montgomerie, Corresponding Members

MINUTES The Minute of the meeting of 12 September, having been circulated, was approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS With the addition of an item, Roll of Presbytery, and an additional item to be taken under the report of the Ministries Committee, and the deletion of the Notice of Motion given under the report of the Business Committee, the order of business was approved.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY There was laid on the table a commission from the congregation of Ardrossan: Park appointing Mr Clark Massie a representative elder in place of the late Mr James Jenkins. Mr Massie being present was welcomed by the Moderator.

CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk reported receipt of communications from the General Assembly's Stewardship and Finance Committee, thanking all those involved in the recent attestation of congregational accounts, and from the General Assembly's Committee on Parish Appraisal, acknowledging receipt of the draft Presbytery Plan and seeking consultation with the Presbytery.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Committee

Presbytery took up consideration of the question of appraisal at West Kilbride: Overton

Parties were called. Mr John Harrison and others appeared for the congregation. Parties were removed.

For the Committee, Revd Martin Thomson moved and it was seconded and agreed that that Presbytery

Resolve to grant the congregation of West Kilbride: Overton permission to call on the basis of reviewable tenure, reviewable after five years, and invite the General Assembly's Committee on Parish Appraisal to concur.

Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery intimated.

Presbytery took up consideration of the Basis of Linkage between the congregations of Kilmory and Lamlash.

Parties were called. Revd A Adamson appeared for the congregation of Kilmory and Mr L S Campbell for the congregation of Lamlash. Parties were removed.

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

Approve the Basis and Plan of Linkage between the congregations of Kilmory and Lamlash and invite the General Assembly's Committee on Parish Appraisal to concur.

Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery intimated.

Property

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

Note the report on congregation's responsibilities under fire safety regulations (Reports Page 50) and urge members to make its contents known to congregational Property Conveners

World Mission

For the Committee, the Convener introduced Mr Martin Lungu, head teacher of Milala Primary School. Mr Lungu's colleague, Revd Reward Gama, minister of St John's Church Katalonji was indisposed and unable to be present. Mr Lungu addressed Presbytery and was warmly thanked by the Moderator.

Mission and Discipleship

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

- i. Note the recent conference held by the Committee
- ii. Urge Kirk Sessions to consider whether anyone within their congregations may be interested in becoming a Youth Ministry Trainer for Presbytery. Names of recommendations to the Convener by 31 October.
- iii. Invite representatives from the recent Youth Assembly to address Presbytery at the November meeting
- iv. Remind Kirk Sessions of the large amount of resources available to them through the Mission and Discipleship Council
- v. Commend the work of the Presbytery's Elder Trainers and note with thanks their report (Reports Page 48)

Stewardship and Finance

For the Committee, the Convener gave notice of motion that at the next meeting of Presbytery he would move the proposed Ministries and Mission allocations for 2007 which were circulated to members.

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

- i. Urge all congregational courts to ensure that they are represented at the meeting of congregational office bearers on 23 October at 7.30 to be held in Prestwick North Church

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an addendum that Presbytery

- ii. Remit to the Stewardship and Finance Committee to bring to the next meeting of Presbytery a list of congregations whose allocations do not meet the total costs of the ministry in these congregations, and invite the committee to bring forward recommendations in this regard.

Ministries

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

- i. Note that applications have been received from three persons wishing to enter the enquiry process.
- ii. Approve an application from the Revd M H Mackay for study leave from 30 October to 10 December, and appoint the Revd James Whyte Interim Moderator for the period of Mrs Mackay's study leave

Church and Society

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

Note the report on the recent Church and Society Conference (Reports Pages 46-7)

**Benediction**

**Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm for the conduct of ordinary business, the  
Business Committee to meet on 31 October at 9.45am**

Moderator

Clerk