

**At Saltcoats, and within New Trinity Parish Church on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2006, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted.**

SEDERUNT Revd W R Johnston (Moderator), Revds J R McKay (Clerk), J A S Boag, I Bristow, R J Grahame, M L K Howie, J M M Lafferty, A M McCance, R I T McDonald, E McKinnon, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, F C Ross, I M Roy, S J Smith, M Thomson, A Taylor, E R L Watson, J Whyte, Ministers; J Aitken, S Brown, A Buick, L S Campbell, A Campbell, J Cameron, G Cunningham, H B Gibson, E Halliwell, A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, M J Kellock, D Kerr, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A MacDonald, V Macdonald, G K McConnell, D McMurray, J McSwan, S Marr, N Martin, C Massie, T Muston, J Porter, R A Richardson, G Ross, A K Saunderson, J S Scott, E Sillars, N Smith, E Stevenson, W Thomson, A Tomlinson, W F Turner, A C Watt, C Welch, R F Welch, H Young, Elders; M A Broster, M Massie, R McCool, Corresponding Members.

APOLOGIES were received from M S Cameron, N Cruickshank, A Davidge, D J H Harbison, R Leask, A F McGurk, M H Mackay, A D McCallum, Ministers; L Borwick, I Hackney, R Kelso, S Macleod, K S Welch, Elders; J C Q Hunter, B H Mackay, Revd A Montgomerie, M M B Ross, Corresponding Members.

MINUTES The Minute of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> October, having been circulated, was approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS With the addition of one additional item under correspondence and two under the report of the Business Committee, and an item regarding Shiskine Church Hall which Mr W F Turner wished to raise under the report of the Property Committee, the order of Business was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk reported receipt of communications from the Treasurer of West Kilbride: Overton, regarding why the congregation was not paying its full ministry costs and suggesting a meeting of congregational treasurers; from the Ministries Council, intimating an application from Revd Roy Cowieson of the Congregational Christian Churches in Canada for admission as a minister of the Church of Scotland; from the Ministries Council approving the period of Study Leave for the Revd Marjory Mackay; and from the General Trustees enclosing a copy of their formal Determination, authorising the sale of the Muirston section of the Beith: High glebe

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Business Committee

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

- i. Approve the Presbytery Plan (pages 51-55) as now agreed with the General Assembly's Committee on Parish Appraisal; instruct the Clerk to send copies of the Plan to each Kirk Session, intimating that in terms of Act VII 2003, Section 6., (1,2 and 4,) an appeal against the plan or any part of it must be in the hands of the Clerk by Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup> and intimation to the Assembly's Committee of the intention to seek determination of the matter by the Commission of Assembly must be made by the same date; noting that any such appeal and determination will await the implementation of the part of the plan against which appeal is made.
- ii. Resolve that the annual review of the Presbytery Plan shall be concluded no later than the October meeting of Presbytery each year.
- iii. Approve the report anent Payment to Members of Session and Congregational Board (pages 56-57) and instruct the Clerk to send a copy to each Session Clerk and enjoin each Kirk Session within the bounds to ensure its terms are adhered to

- iv. Note that the recent Commission of Assembly had refused the appeal of Mr Gary Sproat against the decision of the Presbytery of Ardrrossan and the Ministries Council to terminate his candidacy for the ministry
- v. Approve the request of the Congregational Board of Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity to allow the manse to be occupied on a temporary basis, noting that a form of agreement will be drawn up by the General Trustees.

#### Mission and Discipleship

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

- i. Appoint Miss May Kellock as Prayer Co-ordinator, and thank Mrs Margaret Broster for her significant and devoted service
- ii. Thank and congratulate the Presbytery's Youth Delegates to the recent Youth Assembly for their report.

#### Stewardship and Finance

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

- i. Note that intimation has been received of the Voluntary Additional Payments available to be made by the congregations of Dalry St Margaret's, Largs Clark Memorial; Largs St Columba's, Largs St John's and Saltcoats St Cuthberts and that the financial courts have been asked for timeous response as to whether the payments will continue to be made
- ii. Notice of motion having been given, approve the Ministries and Mission Allocations for 2007 and the report anent congregational shortfalls (Reports pages 58-61) and instruct the Clerk to send them to congregational treasurers along with the allocations for 2007

It was moved and seconded as an addendum to section ii that the words "and a more positive form of encouragement should also be incorporated."

After some discussion the addendum was withdrawn

#### Ministries

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

Note that satisfactory reports on their part time chaplaincies at Arran War Memorial and Lady Margaret Millport have been received from Revds E R L Watson and M H Mackay respectively and instruct that these be transmitted to the Ministries Council

Church and Society

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

Note findings of the recent questionnaire anent school chaplaincies

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an addendum that the words "and anticipate a copy of the report being included with the papers for the December presbytery" be added

Presbyterial Superintendence

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

Approve the Overture anent supervision of congregations and instruct that the comment included in the report be transmitted with the return of voting.

There voted for Approval 42; against 1

The Clerk reported that as a result of a misprint in the overture, the words in section 2 "by the deletion of the final sentence of section 6 of Act II 1984" ought to refer to the deletion of a similar sentence in section 7 of the Act

It was moved and seconded that the Presbytery record a vote on the Overture as if it contained the correct reference to section 7 of Act 11 1984

It was moved and seconded that the Presbytery take no further vote

On a vote being taken, the motion was carried.

There then voted for Approval 26; Against 19

Property

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

Approve an application from Largs: Clark Memorial for O2 to install a mobile phone transmitter in a vacant floor in the tower similar in respect to the application from Vodaphone for which approval was granted in June 2005 but not proceeded with

With permission of Presbytery Mr W F Turner moved and it was seconded and agreed that

Presbytery instruct the Clerk to write to the General Trustees asking them to have further conversations with local parties in Shiskine with regard to hall provision at Shiskine

Benediction

**Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet on 28<sup>th</sup> November at 9.45am**

Moderator

Clerk