

**At Saltcoats, and within Saltcoats New Trinity Church, on Tuesday the 12th September 2006, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met for the celebration of Holy Communion and was constituted with prayer**

SEDERUNT: Rev M H Mackay (Moderator) Revds JR McKay (Clerk) J A S Boag, I Bristow, M S Cameron, A Davidge, D J H Harbison, M L K Howie, W R Johnston, A M McCance, R I T McDonald, A D McCallum, E McKinnon, A F McGurk, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, F C Ross, I M Roy, S J Smith, M Thomson, E R L Watson, J Whyte, Ministers; J Aitken, L Borwick, S Brown, A Buick, L S Campbell, A Campbell, J Cameron, G Cunningham, H B Gibson, I Hackney, E Halliwell, A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, M G Kellock, R Kelso, D Kerr, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A MacDonald, V McDonald, J Martin, G K McConnell, S McLellan, D McMurray, J McSwan, S Marr, N Martin, J Porter, 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, K S Welch, R F Welch, H Young, Elders; M A Broster, M Buchanan, A Henderson, M Massie, M M B Ross, Corresponding Members.

APOLOGIES were received from Revds A Adamson, I W Benzie, N Cruickshank, R J Grahame, J M M Lafferty, R Leask, J Selfridge, A Taylor, Ministers; T Muston, R A Richardson, E Taylor, Elders; B H Mackay, R McCool, A Montgomerie, Corresponding Members

MINUTES The Minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 11<sup>th</sup> July and 6<sup>th</sup> August having been circulated, were approved.

INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR Revd Marjory Mackay welcomed the new Moderator, Revd William R Johnston, Minister at Ardrossan: Park, and invited him to take the chair. Prayer was offered on behalf of the Moderator, following which the Moderator thanked Mrs Mackay for all she had done during her Moderatorial year.

CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from the Law Department, intimating that the Model Deed of Constitution had been issued by the Delegation of Assembly to Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity; and that following an extension of time until September 1<sup>st</sup> granted by the General Assembly's Committee on Bills and Overtures to Mr Gary Sproat, Mr Sproat had submitted an appeal against the termination of his candidacy for the ministry, which would be held by a Commission of Assembly on November 2

ORDER OF BUSINESS With the addition of one item business in connection with the Commission elected by the General Assembly, under the Business Committee, and the inclusion of a welcome to the Revd James Whyte, minister at Fairlie, the order of business was approved

#### ROLL OF PRESBYTERY

- i. Revd Marion Howie and Mr Ron Lavalette paid tribute to the late Mr James Jenkins, representative elder of Ardrossan: Park. The Moderator led the Presbytery in prayer and the Clerk was instructed to send a copy of the tribute to Mr Jenkins' family.
- ii. The Moderator made reference to the death of Revd Kenneth H Fisher, whose presbytery funeral had been held on August 6
- iii. The Moderator welcomed the Revd James Whyte, minister at Fairlie to his first ordinary meeting of Presbytery

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### BUSINESS COMMITTEE

For the Committee it was moved, seconded that Presbytery

- i. Approve the final draft of the Presbytery Plan (Reports Pages 40-43) and invite the General Assembly's Committee on Parish Appraisal to concur, noting that any changes will be submitted for final approval to a future presbytery, with the right of congregations to appeal against proposals contained in the plan to be submitted within twenty one days of that final approval.

*It was moved and seconded as an amendment*

That the Presbytery Plan for Saltcoats North read simply 'one minister' and delete reference to a Parish Grouping.

On a vote being taken the motion was carried overwhelmingly and the Presbytery resolved accordingly

Revd A B Noble asked that his dissent be recorded

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

- ii. Note the appointment by the Committee, acting as the Presbytery's Vacancy Procedure Committee, of Mr A K Saunderson as Interim Moderator at Lamlash; and the following as the Advisory Committee: Miss M McSwan (Convener) Revd J Boag and Mrs C Welch
- iii. Approve the appointment as Presbytery Treasurer of Mr W Findlay Turner, CA, noting that Mrs Jarvie will submit the accounts for 2006 at the March 2007 meeting of Presbytery when there will be an opportunity to thank her for her long and loyal service to the Presbytery
- iv. Note that on legal advice the General Assembly's Committee on Overtures had extended the time limit for Mr Gary Sproat to submit a competent appeal to September 1
- v. Approve the membership of Committees (Reports page 45) with minor amendments as required.
- vi. Approve the following congregations to be visited by the Commission under Lord Brodie appointed by the recent General Assembly:  
Ardrossan: Park Beith: High I/w Beith: Trinity, Brodick, Largs St Columba

#### PRESBYTERIAL SUPERINTENDENCE

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

- i. Note the composition of the committees to visit congregations under Quinquennial Visitation during 2006/7:  
Ardrossan: Barony St John's: Revd J A S Boag, Mr K S Welch, Miss M G Kellock  
Beith High with Beith Trinity: Revd A McGurk, Messrs R Lavalette and R Kelso  
Brodick with Corrie with Lochranza & Pirmill with Shiskine: Revd I Roy, Messrs W F Turner and D Kerr  
Cumbrae: Revd S Smith, Mr A Richardson, Mrs V Macdonald  
Fairlie: Revd M L K Howie, Mr A Tomlinson, Mrs V Macdonald
- ii. Note the report from the Child Protection Trainer (Reports page 38)

#### PROPERTY

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

- i. Note that under powers granted to the Convener and Clerk permission was granted to  
  
Saltcoats St Cuthberts: alterations to the hall to accommodate an after care club in an arrangement with North Ayrshire Council at a cost of £29,521 including VAT, funds being available; and the erection of a radio mast by T-Mobile within the bell compartment of the tower  
Largs: Clark Memorial: urgent remedial work to make safe the spire, cross and bells at a cost of £44,687, funds being available.
- ii. Saltcoats St Cuthberts:: Agree to the refurbishment of the manse kitchen and utility room at a cost of £6834 + VAT
- iii. Cumbrae: Note that the General Trustees have made available a grant of £5000 towards a feasibility study on the future of existing buildings
- iv. IN PRIVATE Beith: High Resolve that Presbytery, for its interest, has no objection to raise against the sale of a portion of glebe land.

#### WORLD MISSION

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

- i. Note the report (Page 44)) on Christian Aid

- ii. Express good wishes to Ailsa Henderson on her retiral as Christian Aid area Co-ordinator for the West of Scotland and thank her warmly for all that she has done to advance the cause of Christian Aid in the area. Mrs Henderson, being present, the Moderator conveyed to her the thanks of the Presbytery and wished her well.

#### MISSION AND DISCIPLESHIP

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

- i. Note with thanks the report from Mrs Broster on the Prayer Co-ordinators Weekend (Reports pages 38-39)
- ii. Note with thanks the report from Mrs Broster on the Children's and Youth Trainers' Conference (Reports Page 39)

#### STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

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

Note that all congregational accounts had been inspected and found to be in order and instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to the General Assembly's committee to this effect

#### CLOSED WITH PRAYER

**Presbytery to meet within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday October 3 for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet at 9.45am on Tuesday 26 September**

Moderator

Clerk