

At Saltcoats, and within Saltcoats New Trinity Church, on Tuesday the 5th of April 2006, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer

SEDERUNT: Rev M H Mackay (Moderator,) Revds JR McKay (Clerk) JAS Boag, I Bristow, MS Cameron, A Davidge, J Gisbey, RJ Grahame, MLK Howie, WR Johnston, JMM Lafferty, R Leask, AM McCance, RIT McDonald, V Macdonald, AF McGurk, DR Mitchell, AB Noble, BH Oxburgh, IM Roy, M Thomson, Ministers; L Borwick, S Brown, A Buick, LS Campbell, J Cameron, G Cunninmghame, ACD Hamilton, P Hinde, E Hinde, R Jarvie, MG Kellock, R Kelso, D Kerr, J Laurie, GK McConnell, JT McGill, S McLellan, J McSwan, T Muston, J Porter, R A Richardson, G Ross, AK Saunderson, JS Scott, E Stevenson, C Welch, KS Welch Elders; MA Brister, A Henderson, JCQ Hunter, BH Mackay, M Massie, Corresponding Members

APOLOGIES were received from Revds I W Benzie, Dr I MacLeod, FC Ross, S J Smith, A Taylor, ERL Watson Ministers; M Duff, HB Gibson, S Macleod, E Sillars, A Tomlinson, E Taylor, AC Watt, KS Welch, Elders; Revd A Montgomerie, MMB Ross, Corresponding Members.

MINUTES The Minute of the meetings of March 7th and 23rd March having been circulated, was approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS With the inclusion of a report from the Presbyterial Superintendence Committee, and agreement that the Ministries Committee should be taken in private, the order of business was approved.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY

- i. Miss Alison Buick paid tribute to the memory of Revd James Ewing, formerly minister at Ardrossan: Barony. The moderator led the Presbytery in prayer, and the clerk was instructed to write to Mr Ewing's family, enclosing a copy of the tribute paid.
- ii. The Moderator welcomed the Revd Alison Davidge, minister at Kilwinning: Old to her first meeting of Presbytery

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported the following correspondence: From the Law Department, reporting the issuing a Unitary Constitution to the congregation of Kilbirnie: Auld Kirk; Revd Dr Marjory Maclean thanking presbytery for the gift following the conference on the 21st century church; from the Parish Appraisal Committee noting Presbytery's concurrence in the Basis and Plan of Linkage of Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza & Pirmill and Shiskine.

NOTICE OF MOTION

The Revd Andrew McGurk, having given notice at the February meeting, moved, and it was seconded, "that the Presbytery reverse its decision whereby the minister of a congregation to be visited by the Moderator of Presbytery in terms of Standing Order 9.1 is required to conduct worship in the church of the Moderator of Presbytery, thereby preventing him or her being present on such an important occasion, and amend Standing Order 9.1 by deleting the words "is a parish minister, exchange pulpits with the parish minister of the charge visited, and conveying" and replace with "and convey".

On a vote being taken "For" and "Against" it was carried "For" by a large majority, and the Presbytery resolved accordingly.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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

- i. Note that an extract minute has been received from the Parish Appraisal Committee of the Ministries Council agreeing that "the congregation of Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity be permitted to call a minister on unrestricted tenure, subject to the proviso that Presbytery may not induct a new minister to the charge on such tenure until the General Assembly has agreed and completed the process of the congregation moving to full status" and resolve to concur therewith.
- ii. Note the decision of the Vacancy Procedure Committee to sustain a call to Mr Angus Adamson to Brodick linked with Corrie linked with Lochranza & Pirmill linked with Shiskine and concur with the committee's decision that, provided no request be made in/

/made in terms of section 2 (2) of Act VIII 2003 for the matter to be substantively decided by the Presbytery, appoint Saturday April 22 at 2.15pm for Mr Adamson's ordination and induction, the Presbytery to meet at 2.00pm, the Moderator to preside, ordain and induct, Revd Elaine Mackinnon to conduct the devotions, Revd William R Johnston to preach and give the charges.

- iii. Approve the appointment of the following committee conveners:
Property Mr Allan Richardson
World Mission Mr George Ross
Presbyterial Superintendence Revd Martin Thomson
- iv. Give notice that at the next meeting the Convener will move the following two amendments to Standing Orders
 - a. S.O 16.1 add after "territorial areas", "and to act as the Vacancy Procedure Committee for the Presbytery"
 - b. S.O. 17.1 delete "consist of" and substitute "include"
- v. Note the arrangements for further consideration of the Presbytery Plan (Reports page 24, available prior to the meeting) and instruct the Committee to proceed on this basis

PROPERTY

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

- i. Dalry: St Margaret's: Approve an application from the Kirk Session of Dalry: St Margaret's to replace the kitchen in the church hall at a cost of £13,957, funds being available.
- ii. Note that an extract minute has been received from the Parish Appraisal Committee of the Ministries Council noting that the Conveners and Secretary of the General Trustees, under powers, had indicated that no difficulty would be raised in the case of proposed church repairs at Largs: St Columba's totalling £124,800.
- iii. Note that in the recent Budget the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme has been extended for a further three years, and that, backdated to 22 March, the scheme will give a VAT rebate on expenditure on professional fees and fixtures and fittings such as clocks, bells, pews and organs, and that more information is available on the Grant Scheme's website, www.lpwscheme.org.uk
- iv. Note receipt of all the insurance valuations of buildings within the bounds of Presbytery and remind congregations of the importance of having adequate insurance cover.

MINISTRIES

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

Note that the Assessment Scheme Committee of the Ministries Council had taken an application from Mr Alex McAspurren to be readmitted as a minister of the Church of Scotland to the next stage in the process of Presbytery Consultation and inviting any comments from the Presbytery, and invite members of presbytery with comments to make to send these in writing to the Clerk by 25th April 2006.

PRESBYTERIAL SUPERINTENDENCE

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

Note that, with the concurrence of the Kirk Session of Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity, the bounds of the parish of Mansefield Trinity are as set out in Reports Page 24.

NEXT MEETING Presbytery adjourned to meet in Saltcoats: New Trinity Parish Church on Thursday April 6 at 7.15pm for the induction of the Revd Elaine McKinnon, and in Saltcoats: New Trinity on Tuesday May 2 2006 at 7.30pm for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet at 0945 on Tuesday April 25th 2006.

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

Moderator

Clerk