

At Saltcoats, and within New Trinity Parish Church on Tuesday 1st May 2007, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted.

SEDERUNT Revd W R Johnston (Moderator), J R McKay (Clerk) Revds I W Benzie, J A S Boag, I Bristow, N Cruickshank, R J Grahame, D J H Harbison, D J Heberton, M L K Howie, J M M Lafferty, R Leask, A M McCance, R I T McDonald, M H Mackay, A D McCallum, E McKinnon, A F McGurk, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, F C Ross, I M Roy, M Thomson, A Taylor, E R L Watson, J Whyte, Ministers; J Aitken, A Buick, A Campbell, J Cameron, G Cunningham, E Halliwell, A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, M G Kellock, R Kelso, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A MacDonald, V Macdonald, G K McConnell, S McLellan, D McMurray, J McSwan, N Martin, C Massie, J Porter, G Ross, A K Saunderson, J S Scott, E Sillars, N Smith, E Stevenson, E Taylor, W Thomson, A Tomlinson, W F Turner, A C Watt, C Welch, K S Welch, R F Welch, H Young, Elders; M A Broster, A Currie, M Buchanan, J C Q Hunter, B H Mackay, R McCool, M Nimmo, Corresponding Members

APOLOGIES were received from Revds A Adamson, M S Cameron, A Davidge, I MacLeod, D R Mitchell, J Selfridge, Mgt Thomson, Ministers; L Borwick, H B Ginson, I Hackney, S Macleod, S marr, T Muston, R A Richardson, Elders; M Massie, Revd A Montgomerie, M M B Ross, Corresp[onding Members.

MINUTES The Minutes of the meeting of 10 April, having been circulated, were approved .

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Order of Business was approved

CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk reported receipt of extract minutes from the Ministries Council regarding Ardrossan: Barony St John's, which he had passed on to the relevant committees and a communication from the Revd Judith Huggett, lead chaplain at Crosshouse Hospital, indicating that concerns about the availability of parish lists and the wards in which patients were staying were due to the recent computer installation and that normal arrangements should have resumed by the time the Presbytery met.

PRESENTATION BY NEXUS The Moderator welcomed Mr Stewart Cutler, who gave a presentation on the forthcoming Nexus event in SECC on 23-25 August. Mr Cutler was warmly thanked by the Moderator

VALEDICTION The Presbytery having approved the decision of the Business Committee, acting as the Presbytery's Vacancy Procedure Committee, to translate Revd James Boag to the congregation and parish of Broom welcomed members of Dalry: St Margaret's. Mr Ian Brown and Revd James Boag addressed the Presbytery. The Moderator thanked Mr Boag for his work in the Presbytery and wished him well in his new charge.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Committee

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

- i. Note the appointment of the following persons to the Working Party on Structure and Change: Mr R Lavalette (Convener), Revds A Adamson, I Bristow, M Howie, M Thomson, J Whyte, Ministers; A Lafferty*, Dr N Lawrie*, G McConnell, V Macdonald, J McSwan, A K Saunderson (Clerk) E Sillars, J Stewart*, A Turner* (* Not a member of Presbytery)
- ii. Moderator of Presbytery. Elect the Revd Roderick Grahame, Minister at Largs: St Columba's, Moderator of Presbytery for 2007/8

Property

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

- i. Resolve to set the financial limit above which spending on property requires permission of Presbytery at £7000 for 2007/8
- ii. Notice having been given, resolve to amend SO 55.2 to delete the words "Presbytery approval is not required if the total expenditure of any contract or related series of contracts or projects will not exceed the limit determined at its May meeting" and replace with "Presbytery approval is required when a contract or series of related contracts or projects, excluding VAT, exceed the limit determined by the Presbytery at its May meeting or when a contract or series of contracts for which Presbytery approval has not been required exceed the limit determined by Presbytery by £3000 within a calendar year; provided that..." (

- iii. Largs St Columba's: Approve in principle an application from Largs: St Columba's to undertake alterations and improvements to the church, each part of the application to require presbytery approval when it is to be carried out.

Mission and Discipleship

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

- i. Note that the Moderator of Presbytery will be visiting Arran on Tuesday June 19th and urge congregations on the island to consider visits the Moderator might make to church or community projects, suggestions to be in the hands of the Convener by Tuesday June 5th
- ii. Approve a request from the Children's Ministry Adviser that the Committee be allowed to arrange for a visit by Bibleworld to the whole Presbytery area but based in Largs, at an estimated cost of £1500, on condition that a guarantee of a minimum of ten classes of thirty five pupils each paying £3.00 per pupil will visit the exhibition; authorise the payment of £352.50 as a deposit for the visit, expecting that any shortfall thereafter will be met by local congregations.

Presbyterial Superintendence

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

- i. Resolve that the following congregations will be the subject of Quinquennial Visitation in 2008: Kilbirnie: Auld, Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity; Kilwinning: Old; Saltcoats: New Trinity and Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's
- ii. Note that the policy of the Committee was normally not to arrange a Quinquennial Visit during the first year of a vacancy, nor in the first six months of a new ministry.

Ministries

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

- i. Note with approval the request from the Kirk Sessions of Beith: High linked with Beith: Trinity to approve the appointment of the Revd Valerie G C Watson as associate minister, and invite the Ministries Council to make this appointment.
- ii. Note that Job descriptions, for two part time parish assistant posts of 20 hours each per week, in accordance with decisions of the Kirk Session of Kilwinning: Old, and the Presbytery Plan, have been drafted by the Ministries Council. One of these posts will involve working as part of the Ministry team, developing a pastoral ministry to the elderly and housebound of the congregation; conducting funerals when required and assisting with pastoral cover and the conduct of worship when the minister is on holiday. The second post will involve working as part of the Ministry team, conducting funerals when required, devising ways of linking with the parish community, developing work with young people in the parish and congregation in outreach to the local community and assisting with pastoral cover and conduct of worship as required when the minister is on holiday; and invite the Ministries Council to confirm Revd E Curliss and Mrs P Spencer respectively in these appointments.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 12th June 2007 at 7.30pm within Ardrossan: Park for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and then for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet on Tuesday 5th June at 0945

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

Moderator

Clerk