

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: New Trinity Parish Church on Tuesday 2nd October 2007, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted

SEDERUNT : Revd R J Grahame (Moderator) JR McKay (Clerk) A Adamson, I W Benzie, I Bristow, M S Cameron, D J H Harbison, 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, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, F C Ross, I M Roy, M Thomson, E R L Watson, V G C Watson, J Whyte, Ministers; J Aitken, L Borwick, S Brown, A Buick, A Campbell, J Cameron, G Cunningham, I Hackney, A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, M G Kellock, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A Lees, V Macdonald, G K McConnell, O Mackay, S McLellan, D McMurray, J McSwan, S Marr, N Martin, K Milne, T Muston, R A Richardson, G Ross, A K Saunderson, 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; A Currie, M Buchanan, K Galloway, J C Q Hunter, B H Mackay, R McCool, M Nimmo, P Spencer, Corresponding Members

APOLOGIES were received from Revds A Davidge, W R Johnston, J Selfridge, A Taylor, Ministers; H B Gibson, E Halliwell, R Kelso, C Massie, J Porter, J S Scott, E Taylor, Elders; M A Broster, A Montgomerie, M M B Ross, Corresponding Members.

MINUTE The minutes of the meetings of 4th September, having been circulated, were approved

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Order of Business was approved with the addition to the Property Committee Report homologating the action of the Convener and the Clerk in granting approval for the purchase of a new manse for Dalry: St Margaret's, and giving notice of motion of an amendment to Standing Orders; and the inclusion of an additional item from the Mission and Discipleship Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE The clerk reported receipt of : Extract minutes from the Ministries Council agreeing approving Vacancy Schedules for Ardrossan: Barony St John's, Dalry St Margaret's, Kilmory linked with Lamlash; from the General Trustees agreeing to the sale of the Manse at Dalry: St Margaret's and deferring the sale of part of the Glebe until the consent of Kirk Session, Interim Moderator and Presbytery has been sought; from the Session Clerk of Fergushill, intimating a complaint; from the Administrative Secretary of the Stewardship and Finance Committee, acknowledging receipt of the extract minute anent the inspection and attestation of congregational accounts for 2006, and thanking all those involved in the attestation process.

VALEDICTION Following the recent retiral of the Revd D Ross Mitchell from the charge of West Kilbride: St Andrews, Mr Stephen Brown paid tribute to Mr Mitchell's long and faithful ministry in West Kilbride. Mr Mitchell made suitable reply and the Moderator extended to him the good wishes of the Presbytery for a long and healthy retirement.

SPECIAL COMMISSION ON STRUCTURE AND CHANGE

For the Working Party appointed to prepare the Presbytery's response to the Special Commission's Report to Presbyteries, the Convener, Mr Ron Lavalette moved, and it was seconded that Presbytery

Approves the report of the Working Group as Presbytery's response to the report of the Special Commission on Structure and Change, and instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to that effect and a copy of the Working Group's Report to the Depute Principal Clerk of the General Assembly.

Mr W F Turner moved, and it was seconded and agreed as an addendum

To add before the words printed on the agenda, "welcomes the report of the Working Group on the Special Committee on Structure and Change, and whilst recognising that nomination to Central councils and bodies depends on willing and able nominees, and that the attitudes of all congregations (and not just some) to financial giving depend on cheerful givers, and that communication and consultation require local as well as national participation, and...."

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business

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

- i. Note with regret the resignation of Mr Donald Kerr as an additional elder, instruct the Clerk to write expressing the thanks of the Presbytery for his service, and appoint Mr Stuart McMahon, Ardrossan: Barony St John's to replace Mr Kerr.
- ii. Presbytery Plan: Note that the annual revision of the Presbytery Plan is being undertaken by the Committee, acting as the Appraisal Committee, and that any

amendments and proposals for the determination of necessary buildings will be submitted to the November Presbytery

- iii. Kilwinning: Old Note (a) the resignation of Revd E Curliss as part time parish assistant as from 30 September 2007; and (b) that the Kirk Session had declined to approve the appointment of Ms Penny Spencer as a part-time parish assistant.

World Mission

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

Note the correspondence from Tear Fund and Christian Aid (Reports pp 44-46)

Stewardship and Finance

For the Committee, the Convener gave notice that at the next meeting of Presbytery he would move the proposed Ministries and Mission allocations for 2008 (Reports pages 48-49))

Property

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

- i. Approve the lowest of three quotations, for £8,8K from CRPG of Glasgow be accepted for providing the quinquennial inspections and reports for 2007/8, and instruct that inspections be carried out at Fergushill, Kilbirnie: St Columba's, Largs: St Columba's' Saltcoats:North, Stevenston: Ardeer; Stevenston: High
- ii. Saltcoats St Cuthberts: Following a reference from the Property Committee which had approved the installation of a mobile phone mast, declare that there are no reasons to withdraw the Presbytery's permission.
- iii. Largs: St Columba's: Subject to confirmation from an adjourned meeting of the Property Committee approve the detailed application for the scheme to alter the church and halls in terms of the approval in principle already agreed.
- iv. Brodick Two estimates having been received, approve quotation from Andrew Wright, Irvine, for the replacement of 23 windows at the Manse at a cost of £8580, including VAT, funds being available.
- v. Homologate the action of the Property Convener and the Clerk in granting, under powers, approval to the Kirk Session of Dalry: St Margaret's to purchase a new manse at 33 Templand Crescent Dalry, and support the application to the General Trustees for a bridging loan pending the sale of the previous manse.
- vi. Notice of Motion: To amend Standing Order 55.3 to delete the words "ten days" and replace with "twenty one days".

Mission and Discipleship

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

- i. Note the report from the Presbytery's Safeguarding Contact on Safeguarding Issues (Reports p 43)
- ii. Further to the decision of 1 May 2007, approving the arrangement and cost of a visit by Bibleworld 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 and that any shortfall thereafter will be met by local congregations, authorise an application to the Mission and Discipleship Council's trust funds for a grant.

Church and Society

The Convener presented a report on her attendance at a recent conference organised by the Church and Society Council. It was moved, seconded and agreed that any action on this report be deferred until the report had been considered by the Church and Society Committee.

Ministries

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

Note that satisfactory reports had been received on their part-time hospital chaplaincies from the Revd Marjory Mackay and the Revd Elizabeth; express the

thanks of the Presbytery to them for their service, and instruct the Clerk to transmit the Reports to the Ministries Council.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 6th November at 7.30pm within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church, the Business Committee to meet at 5.00pm on Wednesday 24th October

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

Moderator

Clerk