

**At Saltcoats, and within New Trinity Parish Church on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2007, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted.**

SEDERUNT Revd W R Johnston (Moderator), J R McKay (Clerk) A Adamson, I W Benzie, J A S Boag, N Cruickshank, R J Grahame, D J H Harbison, M L K Howie, J M M Lafferty, R Leask, A M McCance, R I T McDonald, E McKinnon, A F McGurk, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, F C Ross, I M Roy, M Thomson, Ministers; J Aitken, L Borwick, S Brown, A Buick, L S Campbell, A Campbell, J Cameron, H B Gibson, I Hackney, A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, M G Kellock, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A MacDonald, V Macdonald, S Macleod, G K McConnell, D McMurray, J McSwan, S Marr, N Martin, C Massie, T Muston, R A Richardson, G Ross, J S Scott, E Sillars, N Smith, E Stevenson, E Taylor, W F Turner, A C Watt, C Welch, K S Welch, R F Welch, H Young, Elders; M A Broster, A Currie, B H Mackay, M Massie, R McCool, Corresponding Members.

APOLOGIES were received from A Davidge, J Drysdale, M H Mackay, B H Oxburgh, J Selfridge, E R L Watson, J Whyte, Ministers; G Cunningham, M Duff, E Halliwell, R Kelso, D Kerr, J Porter, A K Saunderson, W Thomson, A Tomlinson, Elders; J C Q Hunter, Revd A Montgomerie, M M B Ross, Corresponding Members.

MINUTES The Minutes of the meetings of 6 and 22 February, having been circulated, were approved

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Clerk reported that Mr MacMillan of Christian Aid was unable to address Presbytery, and that at the point in the agenda where his address is referred to, the accounts of the Presbytery for 2006, having been circulated, would be submitted for approval.

CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk laid on the table the accounts of the Nan Stevenson Charitable Trust for Retired Ministers which had earlier been approved, and reported receipt of an extract minute from the General Assembly's Committee on Parish Appraisal, intimating its intention to approve a proposed change to the Basis and Plan of Linkage between Lamlash and Kilmory. He also reported that he had attested the Electoral Rolls of West Kilbride: Overton and Ardrossan: Barony St John's containing the names of 337 members and 9 adherents and 275 members and 9 adherents respectively

ACCOUNTS 2006 Mrs Rosemary Jarvie presented the accounts for 2006. Thereafter it was moved, seconded and agreed that Presbytery

- i. Approve the statement of accounts for 2006
- ii. Express the thanks and appreciation of the Presbytery to Mrs Rosemary Jarvie for her service to the Presbytery as treasurer.

The Moderator thanked Mrs Jarvie for her twelve years as Presbytery Treasurer and presented her with a gift to mark the Presbytery's appreciation of all she had done.

BUDGET 2007 Mr W F Turner, Treasurer moved, and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery

- i. Approve increasing payments to the Clerks, the Young Person's Adviser, the Presbytery Officer and New Trinity Church by the percentage increase on stipends of 2.6%
- ii. Continue the payment of £350.00 to West Sound
- iii. Retain the level of the Survey Due at 10p per member

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Business Committee

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

- iv. Notice of Motion having been given, the Presbytery elect the following to be commissioners to the General Assembly of 2007: Revds A Adamson, A Davidge, W R Johnston, M H Mackay, J R McKay, S J Smith, J Whyte, Ministers; L Borwick, Miss A Buick, Mrs V Macdonald, Mrs A Martin, Mrs E Sillars, W F Turner, K Welch, Elders.
- v. With the approval of the congregations, resolve to amend Section 4 of the Basis of Linkage between Lamlash and Kilmory by the deletion of the words "not younger than 58 years and" so that it reads, "The congregations of Kilmory and Lamlash, being vacant, the linked congregations shall be free to call a minister on the basis of reviewable tenure, to be reviewed after seven years," and invite the General Assembly's Committee on Parish Appraisal to concur.

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

- vi. Resolve to accede to the request from the Revd D R Mitchell, to retire as from 30 August 2007, and appoint the Revd M H Mackay Interim Moderator in the vacancy.

Presbyterial Superintendence (In Private)

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

Presbyterial Superintendence (IN PRIVATE)

For the Committee it was moved and seconded that Presbytery

- ii. Invite the Presbytery's Church and Society Committee to consider the workings of the Child Protection Legislation, its effect on volunteering within the congregations of Presbytery, especially the matter of multiple registration, and report to Presbytery with a view to ascertaining whether representation should be made to the Government and the wider Church on the matter.

It was moved and seconded as an amendment, and accepted by the Convener

*Delete "Church and Society Committee" and insert "Mission and Discipleship Committee"*

The Presbytery resolved accordingly.

It was further moved and seconded as an amendment, and accepted by the Convener

*Insert after "Mission and Discipleship Committee" the words "in conjunction with Mrs S Marr, the Presbytery's Child Protection Trainer,"*

The Presbytery resolved accordingly.

For the Committee it was moved and seconded that Presbytery

- iii. Invite the Presbytery's Church and Society Committee to confer with the Arran and Cumbrae congregations about the lack of suitable housing on the islands for younger people and those on low incomes and report to Presbytery with a view to making representations to the Scottish Executive on this matter.

It was moved, seconded as an amendment, and accepted by the Convener

*Insert after "representations to" the words "appropriate authorities and"*

The Presbytery resolved accordingly.

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

- iv. Invite the Property Committee of Presbytery to examine the property matters raised in each of the Quinquennial Visitation Reports, and, where appropriate, offer support and assistance.
- v. Remit consideration of ministry support at Beith High with Beith Trinity to the Ministries committee.
- vi. Note the various commendations which appear in the Quinquennial Visitation Reports
- vii. Note that Rolls and Records within the bounds have been satisfactorily attested and that a note will be sent to Session Clerks of any matters which require attention.

Stewardship and Finance

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

- i. Received and note a report on the Conference of Ministers held on February 27 in connection with the Pilot Stewardship programme for the Presbytery
- ii. Authorise a meeting of representatives of congregations to be held in Ardrossan: Barony St John's Church Hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2007, further details of which will be made available at the April Presbytery meeting.

Property

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

- v. Note that it is a legal requirement that all "Employers' Liability Insurance Certificates" must be retained for forty years and ask members of Presbytery to bring this to the attention of their Property Conveners. These certificates should be handed to Session Clerks for safe keeping
- vi. Beith Trinity: Approve repairs to the hall floor at a cost of £12,930 + VAT

**NEXT MEETING Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at 7.30pm within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 0945**

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

Moderator

Clerk