

**At Saltcoats, and within New Trinity Parish Church on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2007, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted.**

SEDERUNT Revd W R Johnston (Moderator), J R McKay (Clerk) I Bristow, N Cruickshank, J Drysdale, D J H Harbison, D J Hebenton, M L K Howie, J M M Lafferty, R Leask, A M McCance, R I T McDonald, M H Mackay, A D McCallum, A F McGurk, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, I M Roy, M Thomson, A Taylor, J Whyte, Ministers; J Aitken, L Borwick, S Brown, L S Campbell, J Cameron, G Cunningham, H B Gibson, E Halliwell, A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, M G Kellock, R Kelso, D Kerr, J Laurie, R Lavalette, V Macdonald, G K McConnell, S McLellan, D McMurray, J McSwan, S Marr, C Massie, R A Richardson, G Ross, A K Saunderson, J S Scott, E Sillars, N Smith, E Stevenson, W F Turner, A C Watt, C Welch, K S Welch, R F Welch, Elders; M A Broster, J C Q Hunter, B H Mackay, M Massie, A Montgomerie, Corresponding Members

APOLOGIES were received from J A S Boag, M S Cameron, R J Grahame, E McKinnon, F C Ross, S J Smith, E R L Watson, Ministers; A Buick, A Campbell, M Duff, A MacDonald, S Macleod, T Muston, W Thomson, A Tomlinson, H Young, Elders

MINUTES The Minutes of the meetings of 6 March having been circulated, were approved with the addition, under "Budget 2007", following "West Sound" of the words "subject to a satisfactory report on its use and the necessity for the present level of reserves"

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Order of Business was approved

CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Mrs Rosemary Jarvie, thanking Presbytery for the gift presented to her at last Presbytery meeting

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Committee

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

- i. Note that the Committee, acting as the Presbytery's Vacancy Procedure Committee, having been informed that Revd J A S Boag has received a call from the vacant charge of Broom, resolved to translate him to the charge of Broom and instructed him to await the instructions of the Presbytery of Glasgow, declaring that he remains the minister of Dalry: St Margaret's until the date of his induction; and that the Committee had appointed the Revd S J Smith Interim Moderator
- ii. Note that as from April 1 2007 all organisers of public marches and parades in Scotland, with the exception of funeral processions, are required to give local authorities 28 days notice of their intention to hold a march or a procession, and advise Kirk Sessions to ensure that timeous application is made whenever required.
- iii. Remit the Report of the Special Committee on Structure and Change, the Report to the General Assembly of the Committee on Review and Reform on Presbyterian Superintendence and the implications of OSCR regulations to a Working Party of Fifteen, not all of whom need be members of Presbytery, to be appointed by the Business Committee which shall report the names of those appointed to the May meeting of Presbytery. (If this deliverance is approved, members of Presbytery will be asked to suggest names of people outside the membership of Presbytery who might be invited to serve on the Working Party)

Stewardship and Finance

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

- i. Note that the General Assembly's Stewardship and Finance Committee has found that the Presbytery's audited accounts for 2006 comply with the General Assembly's Regulations anent Presbytery Finance and expressed its thanks to all involved in the production of the accounts
- ii. Instruct Kirk Sessions to ensure that each congregation within the Presbytery appoints four representatives to attend the Stewardship Conference on Saturday June 9 in Ardrossan: Barony St John's at 10.00am, the names of those attending to be intimated to the Presbytery Clerk by June 2 at the latest.
- iii. Note that a number of congregations have not yet submitted audited accounts for 2006 to the Presbytery and advise them to do so.

Property

For the Committee, the Convener gave notice that at the May meeting he would move that Presbytery

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...."

The Convener further moved that Presbytery

- i. Stevenston: Livingstone: Approve request to paint the interior of the church at a cost of £15,051, funds being available, subject to the approval of the Committee on Art and Architecture
- ii. Remind Property Conveners that all Manse Inspection forms should have been submitted to the Committee by 26 March

Church and Society

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

Note the Report from the Church's Representative on North Ayrshire Council Educational Services Committee and commend it to Presbytery as the basis for wider consideration (Reports Pages 27-29)

Mission and Discipleship

In the absence of the Convener and Vice Convener, for the Committee the Clerk moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery

Note with interest and appreciation the report on Child Protection Training (Reports Pages 30-31)

**NEXT MEETING Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 0945**

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

Moderator

Clerk