

**At Saltcoats, and within Ardrossan: Park Church on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2007, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met for the celebration of Holy Communion and thereafter for the conduct of ordinary business**

SEDERUNT Revd W R Johnston (Moderator), Mr A K Saunderson (Clerk) Revds M S Cameron, A Davidge, R J Grahame, D J H Harbison, M L K Howie, R Leask, A M McCance, R I T McDonald, M H Mackay, E McKinnon, A F McGurk, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, F C Ross, S J Smith, A Taylor, E R L Watson, Ministers; S Brown, A Buick, J Cameron, G Cunningham, H B Gibson, E Halliwell, R Jarvie, M G Kellock, J Laurie, A MacDonald, V Macdonald, J Martin, G K McConnell, S McLellan, J McSwan, S Marr, N Martiin, C Massie, T Muston, G Ross, J S Scott, E Sillars, N Smith, E Stevenson, W Thomson, A Tomlinson, A C Watt, C Welch, R F Welch, H Young, Elders; M Buchanan, K Galloway, J C Q Hunter, M Massie, R McCool, Revd A Montgomerie, M Nimmo, M M B Ross, Corresponding Members.

APOLOGIES were received from Revds I Bristow, N Cruickshank, J M M Lafferty, J R McKay, Dr I MacLeod, A D McCallum, I M Roy, J Selfridge, M Thomson, Mgt Thomson, J Whyte, Ministers; J Aitken, L Borwick, A Campbell, A C D Hamilton, R Kelso, D McMurray, J Porter, W F Turner, K S Welch, Elders.

MINUTES The Minutes of the meeting of 1 May, having been circulated, were approved .

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Order of Business was approved

CORRESPONDENCE The Depute Clerk reported receipt of extract minutes from the Ministries Council regarding assistance locum cover at Kilwinning: Old, the vacancy at Barony St John's and acknowledging receipt of the Presbytery's narrative of the procedure followed in preparing the Presbytery Plan; and notice of an application under Act IX 2002 for admission as a minister of the Church of Scotland

GUILD PRESBYTERIAL COUNCIL The Revd Marjory Mackay introduced representatives of the Guild's OPresbyterian Council who were warmly welcomed by the Moderator. Mrs Moira Buchanan addressed the Presbytery and was thanked by the Moderator, who wished the Council well in its work.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2007 The Revd Marjory Mackay reported that all those commissioned to attend the recent General Assembly had been diligent in their attendance.

NOTICE OF MOTION Having given notice of motion timeously to the Clerk, Mr Ron Lavalette moved, and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery, noting the 100 year anniversary of the Scout movement on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2007, congratulates all the members of the movement, and instructs the Clerk to send an extract minute to the Area Commissioner for Ayrshire and Arran and the District Commissioner for North Ayrshire and Arran"

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Committee

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

- i. Appoint the service of introduction for the Revd Valerie G C Watson as Associate at Beith: High linked with Beith Trinity to take place within Beith Trinity Church on Wednesday 1 August, at 7.30pm, Presbytery to meet at 7.15pm, the Moderator to preside and introduce, the Revd Roderick Macdonald to conduct and the Clerk to preach.

It was moved and seconded as an amendment

*Delete "within Beith Trinity Church" and replace with "within Beith: High Church".*

On a vote being taken the amendment carried and the Presbytery resolved accordingly

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

- ii. Request members of Presbytery to check the list of e-mail addresses for inclusion in the Presbytery Year Book and to advise the Clerk of any changes or additions by June 16<sup>th</sup>
- iii. Note that the annual Elders' Service will take place in Ardrossan: Park on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 1100 and urge members of Presbytery to make details of this as widely known as possible.

- iv. Agree to the request from the Presbytery of Irvine and Kilmarnock that the Girdle Toll area be transferred to that Presbytery, the exact area to be transferred to be agreed in discussion and included in the minutes of the Presbytery of Ardrossan at a later date
- v. Note that acting as the Presbytery's Vacancy Procedure Committee, the Committee has appointed Miss J McSwan Interim Moderator at Fergushill

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an addendum

*vi Presbytery note the request of the Kirk Session of Dalry: St Margaret's that the locum appointed be engaged on the basis of a Sunday plus two days, and invite the Ministries Council to concur.*

For the Committee the Convener further moved that Presbytery note that acting as the Presbytery's Vacancy Procedure Committee the Committee has

- vii given permission to the congregation of West Kilbride: St Andrew's to call a minister on the basis of reviewable tenure, no review to take place before five years have elapsed.

#### Stewardship and Finance

For the Committee the Vice Convener moved, and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery note the Report on the recent Stewardship Conference held in Ardrossan: Barony St John's

#### Ministries

- i. For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery note that a Vacancy Schedule for Dalry: St Margaret's has been received from the Ministries Council; showing all income £85,546 and a Mission and ministries Allocation of £56,691.
- ii. Note with pleasure that Mandy Hickman's application to be recognised as a candidate for the Ministry has been accepted by an Assessment Conference and resolve to nominate her as a candidate for the Auxiliary Ministry

#### Property

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

- i. Resolve to grant permission to Stevenston: High
  - i. for the removal of several pews and repairs caused by water seeping into the stonework, plaster and woodwork at a cost of £10,219 including VAT
  - ii. for the painterwork at the hall at a cost of £7488 including VAT
- ii. Approve an application from Saltcoats: North to the General Trustees for a grant to meet the cost of assessing the best way of cleaning and refurbishing the Church Hall.
- iii. Grant powers to the Convener and Clerk to approve urgent and necessary work required to be undertaken by congregations over the summer.

#### World Mission

For the committee the Convener moved, and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery Note the Report from Christian Aid (Reports page 32)

**Presbytery to meet on Wednesday 1 August at 7.15pm within Beith High Church for the introduction of the Revd Valerie G C Watson as Associate at Beith: High linked with Beith: Trinity at 7.30pm and within Largs: St Columba's Parish Church on Tuesday 4 September for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet on a date and at a time to be arranged.**

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

Moderator

Clerk