

**At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: New Trinity Parish Church on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted**

SEDERUNT : Revds R J Grahame (Moderator) I W Benzie, N Cruickshank, D J H Harbison, D J Hebenton, M L K Howie, J M M Lafferty, A M McCance, R I T McDonald, E McKinnon, A F McGurk, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, V G C Watson, J Whyte, J T McNay, Ministers; J Aitken, S Brown, A Buick, A Campbell, J Cameron, G Cunningham, J Forsyth, I Hackney, A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, M G Kellock, R Kelso, J Laurie, R Lavalette, V Macdonald, S McLellan, S McMahon, J McSwan, S Marr, C Massie, G Ross, J S Scott, E Sillars, N Smith, E Stevenson, A Tomlinson, A C Watt, C Welch, R F Welch, H Young, Elders A Currie, M Buchanan, R McCool, M Nimmo, M M B Ross Corresponding Members.

APOLOGIES were received from Revds A Adamson, I Bristow, M S Cameron, A Davidge, W R Johnston, R Leask, M H Mackay, A D McCallum, Dr J R McKay, M H Mackay, F C Ross, J Selfridge, S J Smith, M Thomson, Mgt Thomson, A Taylor, E R L Watson, Ministers; E Halliwell, G K McConnell, N Martin, J Porter, R A Richardson, E Taylor, K S Welch, Elders; M A Broster, B H Mackay, s Corresponding Member

MINUTE The minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008, having been circulated, were approved

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Order of Business was approved as circulated with the addition of an item to the Business Committee Report on the appointment of a locum at West Kilbride: St Andrews and the inclusion of a report from the Property Committee regarding the manse at Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity

1 CORRESPONDENCE The clerk reported receipt of correspondence from the Session Clerk of Largs St Columba regarding Parish Grouping; from the Session Clerk of Fergushill with extract minute intimating appeal against Presbytery's decision of 5<sup>th</sup> February; from the Lead Chaplain and Chaplaincy Co-ordinator regarding new identity badges; from the Presbytery of Ayr regarding support network for the families of regular and territorial servicemen and women and its invitation to congregations to hold retiring offerings for "Support for Soldiers".

2. ADDRESS Miss Mima McSwan introduced Janet Fry and Linda Keegans, of North Ayrshire Women's Aid who addressed Presbytery. The question of what support the Presbytery might give to the Group was remitted to the Church and Society Committee. The Moderator thanked Mrs Fry and Mrs Keegans for what they had said and expressed Presbytery's support and encouragement for the work of Woman's Aid.

3. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business

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

- i. Cumbrae: Note the appointment of an Advisory Committee consisting of Miss Mima McSwan, Revd S J Smith and Mrs C Welch
- ii. Appoint Revd James Whyte Interim Moderator in the pending vacancy at Cumbrae
- iii. Note with approval the decision of Kilwinning Old to adopt the Unitary Constitution
- iv. Note the appointment of Revd W R Armstrong, Minister emeritus at Skelmorlie as locum at West Kilbride: St Andrews.

Revd Valerie G C Watson reported for the Liaison Committee appointed at West Kilbride St Andrews.

Church and Society

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

- i. Note with concern the content of the Report on wardens in sheltered housing and instruct the Clerk to send a copy to North Ayrshire Council
- ii. Urge all members of Presbytery to write to their MPs, MSPs and Councillors concern

Stewardship and Finance

For the Committee the the Vice Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery approve the applications from Ardrossan: Barony St John's, Saltcoats: North and Lochranza and Pirmill for permission to be excused payment of contributions to the fund by monthly standing order.

Property

For the Committee the Vice Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery grant permission in principle to sell the manse of Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity and to purchase a more suitable one, and invite the General Trustees to concur.

**Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm within Saltcoats: New Trinity for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet on Wednesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4.30pm**

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

Moderator

Clerk