

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats New Trinity Church on Tuesday 4th November 2008, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrrossan met and was constituted

SEDERUNT : Mr Ronald Lavalette (Moderator) Revds Dr Johnston McKay (Clerk) A Adamson, M S Cameron, J C Christie, R J Grahame, D J H Harbison, M L K Howie, W R Johnston, J M M Lafferty, A F McGurk, M H Mackay, E McKinnon, G P Maclean, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, B H Oxburgh, A Robertson, F C Ross, I M Roy, M Thomson, A Taylor, E R L Watson, V G C Watson, J Whyte, Ministers; J Aitken, S Brown, A Buick, A T Butcher, A Campbell, A Cochrane, G Cunningham, M Durham, J Forsyth, I Hackney, E Halliwell, A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, M G Kellock, R Kelso, J Laurie, A Lees, V Macdonald, S McMahan, D McMurray, J McSwan, S Marr, N Martin, C Massie, T Muston, A Pringle, R A Richardson, G Ross, A K Saunderson, J S Scott, E Sillars, N Smith, E Taylor, W F Turner, A C Watt, C Welch, K S Welch, R F Welch, H Young, Elders; M A Broster, J C Q Hunter, R McCool, M Nimmo, M M B Ross, Corresponding Members

APOLOGIES were received from I Bristow, N Cruickshank, R Leask, A D McCallum, R I T McDonald, A B Noble, J Selfridge, S J Smith, Ministers; L Borwick, J Cameron, J Porter, Elders; B H Mackay, Revd A Montgomerie, Corresponding Members.

MINUTES The minutes of the meetings of 2nd and 20th September 2008, having been circulated, were approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Order of Business was approved with the addition of a report from the Property Committee

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY The Moderator welcomed the Revd Andrew Robertson, Minister at Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity to his first meeting of Presbytery.

ADDRESS Kate Aspinwall, an elder in Saltcoats: St Cuthberts, spoke to the Presbytery about being in Israel Palestine with the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme for Israel Palestine and her experience of conditions there. She was warmly thanked by the Moderator who encouraged congregations and organisations to invite her to talk to them

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business

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

- vi. Notice of motion having been given amend the Appendix to Standing Orders 3 and 3.1 Delete "In general" and 3.1 "Delete It is desirable for" and replace with "Unless in circumstances which Presbytery regards as exceptional," delete "to transfer" and replace with "should transfer" and Standing Order 23.3 to delete "Auditors" and replace with "An auditor" and delete "shall be members" and replace with "need not be a member"

Presbytery then took up consideration of the revision of the Presbytery Plan to include the determination of buildings regarded as necessary over the next ten years. Congregations whose buildings were determined by the Business Committee to be unnecessary (Fergushill, Saltcoats New Trinity, Stevenston Ardeer and West Kilbride Overton) had been cited to appear.

Parties were called.

Mr John Stewart appeared for Saltcoats New Trinity, Mr Robert McMillan for Stevenston Ardeer and Mr Graeme Cruickshank for West Kilbride Overton.

Questions were asked

Parties were removed.

For the Committee, Mr Ken Welch moved and it was seconded that Presbytery

- vii. Approve the Presbytery Plan as annually revised, with the addition of the determination of necessary buildings, noting that any appeal on the determination should be in the hands of the Clerk within twenty one days of Session Clerks receiving notification of the determination. (Reports pages 42-49)

It was moved and seconded as an amendment:

Add after 'necessary buildings' the words 'with the exception of Ardeer buildings and invite Presbytery to revisit and consider them

On a vote being taken the amendment was defeated

It was moved and seconded as a further amendment

Add after 'necessaery buildings' the words 'with the exception of West Kilbride Overton whose determination is altered to category D'

On a vote being taken, the amendment was defeated.

It was moved and seconded as a counter motion

Add after 'annually revised' the words 'but resolve that all buildings within the Presbytery shall be determined to fall into category D.'

On a vote being taken the counter motion was defeated, and the Presbytery resolved accordingly.

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

- viii. Note that the Presbytery's Vacancy Procedure Committee will always make recommendations to Presbytery rather than take decisions itself with the exception that during periods when there is no monthly presbytery meeting a sub-committee conforming to the terms of Act VIII 2003 will be appointed to reach decisions in accordance with that Act.

Stewardship and Finance

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

- i. Approve the allocations for 2009 (Reports Page 50)
- ii. Approve the Committee's decision not to make use of the 3% discretion on Ministry and Mission Contributions but invite any congregation which wishes to be treated as a special case in this regard to make application to the Convener by 31 October.
- iii. Note the Convener's Report on the Stewardship and Finance Conference (Reports page 51)

Church and Society

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

Invite congregations to respond positively to request of the Moderator of the General Assembly to support the call from the Leaders and Representatives of Scotland's Churches "to encourage our church communities to celebrate St Andrew's Day this year as a day of prayer and reflection in which we will hold the principles of social justice and the difficulties facing the nation and world in our hearts and prayers in faith and hope before God."

Property

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

Homologate the action of the Convener and Clerk in approving expenditure on the Manse of £1000 above the limit at which Presbytery permission is required to ensure it was ready for the induction of the new minister.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 2nd December within Saltcoats New Trinity for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet on Wednesday November 20th at 4.00pm

Moderator

Clerk