

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: New Trinity Parish Church on Tuesday 6th May 2008, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted

SEDERUNT : Revds R J Grahame (Moderator) Revd Dr J R McKay (Clerk) I W Benzie, M S Cameron, N Cruickshank, D J H Harbison, D J Heberton, M L K Howie, W R Johnston, J M M Lafferty, R Leask, A M McCance, R I T McDonald, M H Mackay, E McKinnon, A F McGurk, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, I M Roy, M Thomson, E R L Watson, V G C Watson, Ministers; J Aitken, L Borwick, A Buick, A Campbell, J Cameron, J Forsyth, A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, M G Kellock, R Kelso, R Lavalette, A Lees, V Macdonald, G K McConnell, P McKay, S McMahon, D McMurray, J McSwan, S Marr, N Martin, C Massie, T Muston, J Porter, R A Richardson, G Ross, A K SAunderson, E Sillars, N Smith, A Tomlinson, W F Turner, A C Watt, C Welch, K S Welch, R F Welch, H Young, Elders; M A Broster, A Currie, M Buchanan, B H Mackay, R McCool, M Nimmo, Corresponding Members

APOLOGIES were received from Revds N Bowman, I Bristow, A Davidge, A D McCallum, J T McNay, F C Ross, A Taylor, Mgt Thomson, J Whyte, Ministers; I Hackney, E Halliwell, J Laurie, S McLellan, J S Scott, E Stevenson, E Taylor, Elders

MINUTE The minutes of the meeting of 1st April 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 adoption of the unitary constitution by Dalry: St Margaret's

GUILD PRESBYTERIAL COUNCIL The Revd W R Johnston introduced representatives of the Guild Presbyterial Council who were warmly welcomed by the Moderator. Mrs Moira Buchanan addressed Presbytery, presented the Council's report, and was thanked by the Moderator, who wished the Council well in its work. The Moderator led Presbytery in prayer.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business

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

- i. Elect Mr Ronald Lavalette, Additional Elder to be Moderator of Presbytery for the year 2008/9
- ii. Note that a Presbyterial Certificate has been received from the Revd D Stuart Forsyth, previously minister at Belhelvie, and presently resident in Largs.
- iii. Note that acting as the Vacancy Procedure Committee, the Committee has sustained a call to the Revd Gillean P Maclean, Minister at Edinburgh: St John's Oxburgh from the congregations of Lamlash and Kilmory; resolve that the linkage of the two congregations shall be established and the induction take place on Saturday 20 September at 2.30pm within Lamlash Parish Church, the Moderator to preside, link the congregations and induct, Revd James McNay to conduct the service, the Clerk to preach and give the charges
- iv. Note that the congregation of West Kilbride St Andrews has voted *nem con* to request the Ministries Council to provide an Interim Minister

For the Committee the Convener reported that an application from the congregation of Stevenston: Ardeer to spend £90,000 on new heating and lighting be refused and that it is anticipated that a further £58,000 requires to be spent on windows and walls had been referred to the Committee by the Property Committee.

The Convener moved and it was seconded that consideration of the application be refused until the determination of necessary buildings has been included in the Presbytery Plan.

It was moved by Revd J M M Lafferty and seconded as an amendment:

Delete the word "refused" and substitute "deferred"

The Convener indicated that he was willing to accept the amendment and the Presbytery resolved accordingly.

When the Revd J M M Lafferty sought further to continue discussion the Moderator ruled that Presbytery had resolved to defer consideration of the application.

The Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery

- v. Stevenston: High: Homologate the action of the Committee in instructing the Kirk Session immediately to demolish the wall adjoining the Manse on the grounds of health and safety and to confirm to the Presbytery's Property Convener that this has been done.
- vi. Dalry: St Margaret's: Note with approval the decision of the Kirk Session to adopt the unitary constitution and invite the Solicitor of the Church to issue the deed to the Kirk Session

Property

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

- i. Lamlash: Approve an application to undertake necessary repairs at the manse at a cost of £36,300 including VAT
- ii. Saltcoats: St Cuthberts Resolve to bring forward the quinquennial inspection in the light of the amount of work likely to be necessary on the buildings

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

- iii. In terms of Standing Order 55.2 continue the present figure below which presbytery permission is not required at £7000

It was moved and seconded as a counter-motion

Delete "£7000" and substitute £10000"

On a vote being taken the motion was carried overwhelmingly.

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

- iv. IN PRIVATE

Mission and Discipleship

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

- i. Note that a Conference on the role of the church in rural community life will be held at the Scottish Police College, Tulliallan from Friday 31 October to Saturday 1 November 2008
- ii. Note with appreciation the report from the Safeguarding Trainer for the past year. (Reports page 22)
- iii. Urge ministers to encourage applications from people between the ages of 16 and 25 to attend the Church of Scotland youth Assembly (details below)

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 10th June at 7.30pm within Largs St Columba's Parish Church for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and thereafter for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet on Wednesday May 28th at 4.30pm

CLOSED WITH PRAY

Moderator

Clerk