

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats New Trinity Church on Tuesday 7 October 2008, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrrossan met and was constituted

SEDERUNT : Mr Ronald Lavalette (Moderator) Mr A K Saunderson (Clerk) Revds M S Cameron, J C Christie, D J H Harbison, D J Heberton, M L K Howie, W R Johnston, J M Lafferty, R Leask, A M McCance, R I T McDonald, A F McGurk, M H Mackay, E McKinnon, G P Maclean, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, F C Ross, I M Roy, S J Smith, A Taylor, M Thomson, E R L Watson, V G C Watson, J Whyte. Ministers J Bowie, S Brown, A Buick, A T Butcher, A Campbell, J Cameron, A Cochrane, G Cunningham, M Durham, I Hackney, E Halliwell, A C D Hamilton, M G Kellock, R Kelso, J Laurie, V Macdonald, G K McConnell, S McMachon, D McMurray, J M McSwan, N Martin, C Massie, K Milne, J Porter, A Pringle, R A Richardson, G Ross, E Sillars, N Smith, A C Watt, C Welch, K S Welch, R G Welch, H Young. Elders; M A Broster, J C Q Hunter, R McCool, Revd A Montgomerie, M M B Ross, P Spencer. Corresponding Members.

APOLOGIES were received from Revds A Adamson, I W Benzie, I Bristow, N Cruickshank, R J Grahame, A D McCallum, J R McKay, B H Oxburgh, J Selfridge, Ministers; L Borwick, M Duff, R Jarvie, A Lees, S Marr, T Muston, J S Scott, W F Turner Elders; M Buchanan, A Currie, B H McKay, 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.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY The Moderator welcomed Revd Gillean Maclean, Minister at Kilmory linked with Lamlash to her first meeting of Presbytery and the Revd John Christie Interim Minister at West Kilbride: St Andrew's

CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from the General Trustees regarding the sale of the manse of Dalry: St Margaret's; from the Session Clerk of Clark Memorial with an extract minute indicating that the Kirk Session recognising that the current constitution appears to have shortcomings and intimating the intention to consider the Unitary and Model deeds; from the Presbytery of Glasgow with an extract minute intimating the sustaining of the call to Mrs Alison Davidge.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business

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

- i. Note the Committee's decisions on necessary buildings and resolve that a copy of the revised Presbytery Plan be sent to all Session Clerks with notice that the determination on necessary buildings will be presented to the November meeting of Presbytery. (Reports Page 33)
- ii. Approve the Report on Vacancy Procedure (Reports Page 34)
- iii. Authorise the Clerk to send the paper on Mission in Changing Communities (Reports Pages 35-39) to the Mission and Discipleship Council as a contribution to the Mission Forum in November and instruct the Committee to make arrangements to discuss the Report and a subsequent Report on the Conference on Mission in Changing Communities at the December meeting. (*Please retain this copy of the paper for reference at the December meeting*)
- iv. Notice of Motion To amend 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"
- v. Note that acting as the Vacancy Procedure Committee, the Committee had sustained a call from the congregation of Kilwiining: Mansefield Trinity to Mr Andrew Robertson, Graduate Candidate, and resolve that the induction take place on Thursday 16th October at 7.30pm, the Presbytery to meet at 7.15pm, the Moderator to preside, ordain and induct, the Revd Gillean Maclean to conduct worship, Revd James Whyte to give the charges and preach.

Stewardship and Finance

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

- i. Note that the Stewardship and Finance Committee of the General Assembly thanked all involved in the attestation of congregational accounts for 2007
- ii. Notice of Motion: That the Allocations for 2008-9 will be submitted to the November meeting of Presbytery

Property

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

- i. Subject to an extract minute from the Kirk Session of Kilbirnie Auld, agree that the Revd Ian Benzie may remain in the manse until the manse of Irvine St Andrews is available.
- ii. Note that The Chairman's Committee of the General Trustees has agreed that no measures should be taken at the moment to sell either the former Manse and/ or the Glebe of Dalry: St Margaret's, until property conditions have improved; that the most advantageous method of sale was likely to be in conjunction with the Blair Estates; and that interest due in respect of the bridging loan should be rolled up and repaid once the former manse is eventually sold.
- iii. Approve the appointment of CRGP to undertake quinquennial inspections are at a cost of £11,250 plus VAT.at Ardrossan Park, Beith Trinity, Cumbræ, Dalry Trinity, Largs St John's, Lochranza, Shiskine and West Kilbride Overton
- iv. Note that the manse at Kilwinning Old has been inspected and is in good condition.
- v. Resolve that Manse Condition Schedules should be inspected by the Property Committee during the annual attestation of records.

Church and Society

The Vice Convener reported on the conference recently held by the General Assembly's Church and Society Council

Mission and Discipleship

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- i. Note with thanks the Report from the Presbytery's Youth and Children's Trainer (Reports page 40)
- ii. Note with thanks the report from the Elder Trainer (Reports page 41)
- iii. Note that the following congregations will be visited by the Moderator of Presbytery in 2008/9 Whiting Bay & Kildonan, Saltcoats: New Trinity; Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity; Corrie, Largs: Clark Memorial

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 4th November within Saltcoats New Trinity for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet on Wednesday October 22nd at 4.00pm

Moderator

Clerk