

At Saltcoats, and within New Trinity Parish Church on Tuesday December 1st 2009, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrrossan met and was constituted.

SEDERUNT: Revd R I T Macdonald, (Moderator), Dr J R McKay, (Clerk) J C Christie, D J H Harbison, M L K Howie, A M McCance, M H Mackay, E McKinnon, G P Maclean, J J McNay, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, A Robertson, I M Roy, J Teasdale, M Thomson, E R L Watson, V G C Watson **Ministers;** J Aitken, S Brown, A Buick, A T Butcher, J Cameron, A Cochrane, G Cunningham, J Forsyth, E Halliwell, A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, M G Kellock, R Kelso, J Laurie, R Lavalette, S Lavalette, V Macdonald, G K McConnell, S McLellan, S McMahon, D McMurray, J McSwan, C Massie, T Muston, R A Richardson, G Ross, A K Saunderson, E Sillars, A C Watt, C Welch, K A Welch, R F Welch, J Welsh **Elders;** J C Q Hunter, R McCool, A Montgomerie, M M B Ross **Corresponding Members**

APOLOGIES were received from A Adamson, I Bristow, M S Cameron, N Cruickshank, R J Grahame, D Granger, A F McGurk, F C Ross, A Taylor, J Whyte **Ministers;** L Borwick, I Hackney, N Martin, J Porter, N Smith, K Tudor, **Elders**

MINUTE The Minute of 3 November 2009, having been circulated, was approved

ORDER OF BUSINESS The order of business was approved with the addition of an item on the Business Committee report regarding a meeting of Presbytery in January, an amendment to the Ministries Committee report on West Kilbride and the insertion of a talk from the Revd Judith Huggett, Chaplain at Crosshouse Hospital.

CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk intimated correspondence from Mrs Christine Welch, resigning from the consultative committee of Geilsland School; Revd Blair Robertson containing a resource pack from Affirmation Scotland; from the Depute Clerk attaching an extract minute of the Commission of Assembly on 13 November, from the Kirk Session of Dalry: Trinity, electing Mr William Mackay to the Presbytery in place of Mr John Scott; from the Kirk Sessions of West Kilbride: Overton and West Kilbride: St Andrews indicating support for the request for parish assistance in the forthcoming union.

Thye Moderator thanked Mrs Welch for her long service to the consultative committee on Geilsland School and in particular her role as minute secretary.

APPOINTMENT OF MODERATOR-DESIGNATE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY The Clerk drew attention to the nomination of the Revd John Christie as Moderator of the General Assembly of 2010. The Moderator expressed the congratulations and good wishes of the Presbytery to Mr Christie. suitable reply.

REVD JUDITH HUGGETT The Revd Judith Huggett outlined to presbytery the reasoning behind the provision of badges for ministers and locums and the refusal to grant such badges to retired minister who were not locums, and also planned consultations for the coming year. The Moderator thanked her for her address.

Standing Committee Reports

Business

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

- i. Note that the appeals against the decision of Presbytery on September 1 to unite the congregations of West Kilbride Overton and West Kilbride St Andrews were dismissed by the Commission of Assembly were dismissed by 71 votes to 2, and instruct the Clerk to engross the extract minute of the Commission in the minutes of the Presbytery
- ii. Resolve to hold the service of union of West Kilbride: Overton and West Kilbride St Andrews, and the induction of Revd James McNay to the united charge on Thursday January 14th at 7.30pm in West Kilbride St Andrews Church, Presbytery to meet at 7.15pm, the venue to be confirmed. The Moderator of Presbytery to preside, unite and induct, the Revd Stephen Smith to conduct the devotions and the Rt Revd William Hewitt, Moderator of the General Assembly to preach the sermon
- iii. Approve the Basis of Parish Grouping for Stevenston and invite the Ministries Council to concur (Reports p 57)
- iv. Approve the proposed amendments to the Presbytery Plan (p 60) and invite the Ministries Council to concur.

- v. Note that the Ministries Council has resolved that Revd John Christie's Interim Ministry at West Kilbride St Andrews should terminate on December 4th and express thanks to him for his service to the Presbytery and Congregation
- vi. Appoint the Revd James McNay Interim Moderator at West Kilbride St Andrews
- vii. Grant leave of absence for six weeks on account of illness to Revd Roderick Grahame and appoint Revd A D McCallum Interim Moderator
- viii. Note the resignation of Mrs Christine Welch from the Consultative Committee of Geilsland School, thank her for her long period of service and appoint Mr Allan Richardson in her place
- ix. Note that the Clerk has attested the Electoral Roll of Ardrossan: Park containing the names of 438 members
- x. Resolve to meet in conference on Tuesday 19 January at 7.30pm to consider a report on the Ministries Council Consultation on the Council's financial crisis, its suggestions for a variety of ministries and to approve a response to a further consultation in February 2010

World Mission

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

Note with approval the report on the challenge to raise £10K for the Church's work in the field of HIV/AIDS and invite congregations enthusiastically to commit themselves to raising their target. (p 62)

Presbyterial Superintendence

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

- i. Approve the following arrangements for the annual inspection of Rolls and Records in February 2010:
 - Tuesday 16th at 7.00pm in Saltcoats: New Trinity
 - Wednesday 17th at 2.00pm in Largs St Columba's
 - Wednesday 17th at 7.00pm in Dalry: St Margaret's
 - Thursday 18th at 11.00 am approx in Brodick
- ii. Remind ministers to submit their 2009 log books to the Convener for inspection by Thursday 18th February 2010

Ministries

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

- i. Strongly support the request from the Revd James McNay and the Kirk Sessions of West Kilbride for the implementation of the Presbytery Plan with regard to parish assistance in West Kilbride and invite the Ministries Council to take the next steps towards and appointment.
- ii. Note that a satisfactory report has been received from the Revd Elizabeth Watson on her part-time hospital chaplaincy in Lamlash and instruct the clerk to transmit it to the Ministries Council.

Church and Society

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

- i. Accept the report (p 58)
- ii. Instruct Kirk Sessions to work out the carbon footprint of their buildings using the calculator on the leaflet and return their findings to the convener as soon as possible. (with a view to bringing this to the March meeting of Presbytery) (pp 59-60)
- iii. Encourage congregations to contact members of the committee with details of 'best practise' on any of the issues mentioned in the report.

Property

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

Grant permission to Ardrossan: Park to make arrangements to let the manse during the present vacancy

Presbytery to meet on Thursday 14th January 2010 within West Kilbride St Andrews for the service of union in West Kilbride, on Tuesday 19th January 2010 within Saltcoats New Trinity in conference session (the Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 14 January at 4.00pm); and on Tuesday February 2nd 2010 at 7.30pm, within Saltcoats New Trinity for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet on January 20th at 4.00pm

Benediction

Moderator

Clerk