

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats New Trinity Church on Tuesday 3rd February 2009, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted

SEDERUNT : Mr Ronald Lavalette (Moderator) Revds Dr Johnston McKay (Clerk) I Bristow, M S Cameron, N Cruickshank, R J Grahame, D Granger, D J H Harbison, M L K Howie, A M McCance, R I T Macdonald, A F McGurk, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, A Robertson, F C Ross, J Teasdale, M Thomson, J Whyte, Ministers; J Aitken, L Borwick, J Bowie, S Brown, A Buick, A T Butcher, A Campbell, J Cameron, J Forsyth, A C D Hamilton, R Jarviem, R Kelso, J Laurie, V Macdonald, G K McConnell, S McMahon, D McMurray, J McSwan, S Marr, N Martin, C Massie, K Milne, A Pringle, Richardson, G Ross, A K Saunderson, J S Scot, E Sillars, N Smith, E Taylor, W F Turner, A C Wallace, C Welch, R F Welch, H Young, Elders; M A Broster, M Buchanan, B H Mackay, R McCool, Corresponding Members

APOLOGIES were received from A Christie, W R Johnston, J M M Lafferty, R Leask, A McCallum, M H Mackay, E McKinnon, I M Roy, J Selfridge, E R L Watson, V G C Watson, Ministers; A Cochrane, M Durham, I Hackney, E Halliwell, M G Kellock, A Lees, J Porter, K S Welch, Elders; J C Q Hunter, Revd A Montgomerie, M M B Ross, Corresponding Members

MINUTES The minutes of the meetings- of 2nd December 2008, and 22nd January 2009. having been circulated, were approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Order of Business was approved as on the agenda with the addition of a report from the Property Committee and an additional item concerning approval of Unitary Constitution at Clark Memorial

CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk reported receipt of correspondence from the Solicitor to the Church reporting the issuing of the Unitary Constitution to West Kilbride: St Andrews; from the West Sound Religious Programming Advisory Group, seeking a replacement for the Revd Iain Benzie; from the Kirk Session of Fergushill containing grounds of appeal against decisions of Presbytery; from the Committee of Overtures and Cases intimating that the grounds appeal by the Kirk Session of Fergushill, with the exception of number 5 regarding the purchase of the church, which was deemed to be incompetent, have been transmitted to a Commission of Assembly on 25 March 2009; and an extract minute of a congregational meeting at Clark Memorial resolving to adopt the Unitary Constitution

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY The Moderator extended a warm welcome to Revd Dorothy Granger and the Revd James Teasdale, both attending their first statutory meeting of Presbytery

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business

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

- i. Note that the Clerk had attested the roll of Kilwinning Old containing the names of 782 members and an addition to the roll of West Kilbride: St Andrews containing the names of 13 members and 2 adherents
- ii. Note that the Solicitor of the Church has issued the Unitary Constitution to the congregation of West Kilbride: St Andrews
- iii. Largs Clark Memorial. Note that an extract minute has been received of a congregational meeting at Clark Memorial resolving to adopt the Unitary Constitution, approve the decision and invite the Solicitor of the Church to issue the constitution.
- iv. Approve the decision of the Vacancy Procedure Committee to sustain a call to Mr James Teasdale, and hold the service of ordination and induction on Thursday 29th January 2009 in Dalry St Margaret's at 7.30pm, the Presbytery to meet at 7.15, the Moderator to preside and induct, the Revd Roderick Macdonald to conduct the service, the Revd John Christie to give charges and preach the sermon.
- v. Approve the appointment of the following as an Advisory Committee in the case of Kilwinning: Old: Miss J McSwan (Convener) Revd S J Smith, Miss A Buick

- vi. Notice of Motion: that at the March meeting of Presbytery the Committee will propose the names of seven ministers and seven elders to represent Presbytery at the 2009 General Assembly.
- vii. For the avoidance of doubt Presbytery declares that it is the duty of all who hold office in the Church to promote Church of Scotland parish funerals, and that Act XVII 1992 of the General Assembly requires a Reader to have permission of the parish minister or interim moderator concerned before he or she conducts any act of worship. Failure or refusal to abide by the terms of Act XVII 1992 renders a person unsuitable for the office of Reader.

Ministries

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

Note with appreciation the very satisfactory reports on team working at Beith high l/w Beith Trinity and Brodick l/w Corrie l/w Lochranza & Pirnmill l/w Shiskine

Property

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

- i. Largs Clark Memorial: Approve the refurbishment of the bathroom at the Manse at a cost of £7200 including VAT
- ii. Beith High linked with Beith Trinity: Approve an application to the General Trustees for a grant for a feasibility study of places of worship in Beith
- iii. Remind congregations that the new manse schedules require to be submitted at the annual inspection of records.

Stewardship and Finance

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

Note that Edith Scott of the General Assembly's Stewardship and Budget Committee is now available to give consultations to congregations free of charge and in the light of the Presbytery's deliverance of 2 December 2008 encourage those who have not undertaken a Stewardship Campaign to contact her

Church and Society

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

Warmly approve the details of the Church and Society Conference on 7 March 2009 and encourage all congregations to send two representatives to it (Reports page 55)

Mission and Discipleship

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

- i. Note the report (Reports page) and thank all those involved (Reports page 56)
- ii. Warmly thank Mrs Margaret Broster for her long service over the years in the area of children's ministry, express appreciation of all that she has done, and instruct the Clerk to write to Mrs Broster expressing the gratitude of the Presbytery.

CONFERENCE SESSION: This took the form of general discussion on the paper prepared for the Mission and Discipleship Conference and distributed to presbyters with papers in November

(Reports pages 35-39). Presbytery divided into a number of groups, whose views were later reported to the Presbytery.

Presbytery to meet on 3rd Tuesday March 2009 at 7.30pm within Saltcoats New Trinity for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet on Wednesday February 18th at 4.00pm.

Moderator

Clerk