

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

SEDERUNT : Mr Ronald Lavalette (Moderator) A K Saunderson (Clerk) **Ministers**; A Adamson, I Bristow, J C Christie, N Cruickshank, R J Grahame, D J H Harbison, M L K Howie, J M Lafferty, A D McCallum, A M McCance, R I T McDonald, A F McGurk, E McKinnon, G P Maclean, J J McNay, A B Noble, A Robertson, I M Roy, S J Smith, M Thomson, A S Taylor, E L R Watson, V C G Watson, J Whyte, D Grainger, J Teasdale . **Elders**; J Aitken, L Borwick, J Bowie, A Buick, A T Butcher, J Cameron, A Cochrane, G Cunningham, M Durham, J Forsyth, E Halliwell, A C D Hamillton, M G Kellock, J Laurie, A Lees, V Macdonald, G K McConnell, S McMachon, D McMurray, J M McSwan, S Marr, C Massie, A Pringle, R A Richardson, G Ross, J S Scott, E Sillars, N Smith, E Taylor, W F Turner, A C Watt, C Welch, R Welch, H Young. **M A Corresponding Members**: E Barclay, M Buchannan, A Currie, K Galloway, J C Q Hunter, B H McKay, R McCool, M Nimmo, I Beck.

APOLOGIES were received from Revds Dr J R McKay N Bowman, M S Cameron, M H Mackay, D R Mitchell, F C Ross, ; Ministers; I Hackney, R Jarvie, N Martin, J Porter, K S Welch. Elders; M M B Ross, Rev A Montgomerie. Corresponding Members

MINUTES The minutes of the meetings- of 29 January and 3 February 2009, having been circulated, were approved, with the inclusion of R A Richardson in the sederunt of 29 January and the amendment that the Property Report on 3 February was given by the Convener.

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Order of Business was approved as on the agenda with the addition of two items to the Report of the Business Committee (the noting of the congregational statistics for 2008 and the resignation of Mr A Campbell as an additional elder) and two to the approval of the accounts (approving the Presbytery dues and expressing thanks to Mr and Mrs W F Turner.)

CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk reported no correspondence

RECEPTION OF READERS AND DIVINITY STUDENTS. Revd Brian Oxburgh, Convener of the Ministries Committee introduced the Readers and Divinity Students to the Moderator. The Moderator welcomed them and addressed them suitably, leading the Presbytery in prayer. Mrs Jean Hunter replied.

ORDER OF THE DAY:

CALL TO THE REVD WILLIAM JOHNSTON

The Clerk reported that Mr William Johnston had received a call from the linked charge of Ochiltree and Stair in the Presbytery of Ayr.

Parties were called

Mr Kenneth & Mrs Netta McConnell, Mr John & Mrs Ina Hayton, Mrs Sheila Lavalette, Mts Margaret Massie and Mr John Ferrol, represented the congregation of Ardrossan: Park, and Mr Johnston appeared on his own behalf. Mr John Ferrol, Session Clerk addressed Presbytery as did the Revd Marion Howie.

The Moderator thanked Mr Johnston for all his work at Ardrossan: Park and within Presbytery and Mr Johnston made suitable reply.

Parties were removed.

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

- i. Presbytery translate Revd William Johnston to the linked charge of Ochiltree and Stair, declared that he remains minister at Ardrossan: Park until his induction and instructed Mr Johnston to await the Presbytery of Ayr's decision as to its date and time.
- ii. Appoint the Revd Valerie G C Watson Interim Moderator in the vacancy
- iii. Resolve to appoint the following a committee to consult with the office bearers of Ardrossan: Park prior to any decision to implement the Presbytery Plan and grant permission to call without restriction: Revd Brian Oxburgh (Convener) Mr A K Saunderson (Clerk) Revd M H Mackay and Miss Mima McSwan

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business

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

- i. Elect the following commissioners to the forthcoming General Assembly: Revds Marion Howie, Andrew McGurk, James McNay, Andrew Robertson, Stephen Smith, James Teasdale, Martin Thomson, Ministers; Jan Houston, R Lavalette, G McConnell, Diana McMurray, Sandra Palmer, N Smith, W F Turner.
- ii. (a) Approve the Accounts for 2008 and Budget for 2009 including the Presbytery dues at £1.60 and Survey dues at £1.00.
(b) Instruct the Clerk to write to Mr Angus Dodds CA, expressing the thanks of the Presbytery for his service as Auditor
(c) Express thanks to W Findlay Turner and Mrs Turner for their work throughout the year and in particular in the preparation of the accounts
- iii. Note the resignation from Presbytery of Mr Andrew Campbell, additional elder and instruct the Clerk to write to Mr Campbell thanking him for all his service to the Presbytery.
- iv. Note Congregational Statistics for 2008.

Presbyterial Superintendence

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

Note that in terms of Act III 2000, the Presbytery Minute Book for 2008 has been examined and found to be in order.

IN PRIVATE

Property

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

- iv. Ardrossan: Barony St John's: Approve plans for renovation of and extension to the manse at a cost of £27,265 and architect's fees of £2,127..
- v. Instruct that Fire Risk assessment, Disability audit and IEE regulations requiring all installations to be tested on a regular basis be included in future attestations of records
- vi. Resolve that the Committee shall ask congregations two years after the receipt of a Quinquennial Survey report what steps have been taken to complete work designated as "urgent" and "essential".
- vii. Note that at the recent attestation of Property Registers not all congregations presented the "Manse Condition Schedules
- viii. Note Annual Manse Inspection Forms would be sent out, as usual but would not be sent to vacant congregations
- vi Note that the committee will ask that inspections of Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Alarms, should be recorded in the Property Registers.
- vii Note the £7,000 threshold and remind congregations that once the limit is reached, Presbytery permission is required for further works.

Church and Society

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

Remind Presbytery of the Conference in Kilwinning Old Church Hall on Saturday 7 March at 10.00

Mission and Discipleship

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

- i. Note the dates of events arranged by the Safeguarding Trainer
- ii. Approve the Committee's request to encourage congregations to support 'Back to Church Sunday'

Ministries

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

- i. Approve an application for Study Leave from the Revd Gillean Maclean
- ii. Note the resignation of Mrs Penny Spencer as a Reader within the Presbytery.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday April 14th 2009 within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet at 4.00pm on Wednesday April 1st

Benediction

Moderator

Clerk