

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

SEDERUNT: Revd R I T Macdonald, (Moderator), Dr J R McKay (Clerk), Revds M S Cameron, N Cruickshank, D Granger, D J H Harbison, M L K Howie, J M M Lafferty, A M McCance, M H Mackay, E McKinnon, G P Maclean, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, A Robertson, I M Roy, J Teasdale, M Thomson, A Taylor, E R L Watson, V G C Watson, J Whyte, **Ministers;** S Brown, A Buick, A T Butcher, J Cameron, I Hacvkney, E Halliwell, A CD D Hamilton, R Jarvie, M G Kellock, R Kelso, J Laurie, R Lavalette, S Lavalette, A Lees, V Macdonald, G K McConnell, S McLellan, D McMuray, J McSwan, S Marr, C Massie, A Pringle, R A Richardson, G Ross, A K Saunderson, Eillars, N Smith, W F Turner, A C Watt, C Welch, K S Welch, R F Welch, J Welsh **Elders;** A Currie, J C Q Hunter, H Knight, R McCool, M M B Ross, **Corresponding Members**

APOLOGIES were received from Rvds I Bristow, J C Christie, R J Grahame, D J Heberton, R Leask, A D McCallum, A F McGurk, F C Ross, **Ministers;** L Borwick, G Cunningham, S McMahon, N Martin, T Muston, J Porter, E Taylor, K Tudor, **Elders;** M AS Broster, Revd A Montgomerie, **Corresponding Members.**

MINUTE The Minute of 6 October 2009, having been circulated, was approved with the addition to the sederunt of Revd Andrew Taylor.

ORDER OF BUSINESS The order of business was approved. It was agreed

- i. to suspend Standing Orders in order to allow tributes (including an additional one to the late Revd David S Walker) to take precedence over the Overture to be discussed.
- ii. Under the Stewardship and Finance Committee, new item 1, approving the allocations for 2010 to which the reference to notice of motion referred
- iii. The Clerk drew attention to the election of Revd John C Christie as Moderator-designate of the forthcoming General Assembly. For family reasons Mr Christie had intimated his apologies and it was agreed that congratulations be deferred until the December meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk intimated correspondence from the Solicitor of the Church regarding water meters, to be reported on by the Business Committee

TRIBUTES Revd Martin Thomson paid tribute to the late Mr John S Scott, representative elder of Dalry: Trinity, and Revd James McNay paid tribute to the late Revd David S Walker, formerly of Makerstoun with Smailholm with Stichill, Hume and Nenthorn. The Moderator led the Presbytery in prayers of thanksgiving for their lives and service.

Standing Committee Reports

Business

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

- i. Approve the Overture anent Discipline of Elders, Readers and Office-bearers (General Assembly Remits pp 3-9 and Reports pages 47-48)

There voted FOR 59 AGAINST 1

- ii. Note the advice from the Solicitor of the Church that congregations cannot be compelled to install water meters and that there is no statutory right of entry to church premises for this purpose.
- iii. Appoint Mr Gordon McConnell to represent the Presbyteries of Ardrossan and Irvine & Kilmarnock to NAC Education Committee to complete the term of the late John Scott until the next local authority elections.
- iv. Note the resignation of Revd James Whyte as Interim Moderator at Cumbrae, and thank him for his services; approve the appointment of Revd Brian Oxburgh as Interim Moderator as from 12 October 2009.
- v. Appoint the Revds Stephen Smith, Brian Oxburgh, James McNay and the Clerk and Depute Clerk to represent the Presbytery at the hearing of the appeal against the decision of Presbytery to approve the Basis and Plan of Union between West Kilbride: Overton and West Kilbride: St Andrews.

World Mission

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

Note the Report on the Conference of World Mission Presbytery Conveners (Reports pages 49-50) and that a report on the challenge to Presbyteries to raise £10K for the Church's HIV/Aids work will be presented to the December meeting.

Mission and Discipleship

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

- i. Note report from the Convener on Back to Church Sunday
- ii. Note the Report from Presbytery's representatives on a meeting held by the Transformation Team at Stevenston Ardeer (Reports Page 54).
The Presbytery heard a report from Revd Irene Bristow, submitted by the Convener

Stewardship and Finance

In terms of Standing Order 34, notice of motion having been given

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

- i. Approve the Ministries and Missions Allocation for 2010 (circulated)
- ii. Where any congregation which has not actively embarked on a Stewardship Campaign during the past three years and is currently not meeting the cost of Ministry and Mission in full - £44,000) resolve to refuse to approve any application for support from Church of Scotland Funds unless there are extreme circumstances.
- iii. In the event that a vacancy occurs in any of such congregations, which has not subsequently embarked on a Stewardship Campaign, resolve to review the Presbytery Plan with regard to the status of ministry in the said congregation.
- iv. Resolve that the option to reduce the overall allocation by 3% be held over to enable any presbytery committee to seek financial help with a mission project.

Revd A B Noble asked that his dissent be recorded

Ministries

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

Approve the Report on the Future of Tenure and instruct the Clerk to transmit it to the Ministries Council (Ministries Council Booklet and Reports p 52-53)

Church and Society

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

Note the annual report and details of the Accounts of the Friends of South Beach House (Report page 51) and express appreciation of the work of the Friends.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday December 1st at 7.30pm, within Saltcoats New Trinity for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet on Thursday November 19th at 4.00pm

Benediction

Moderator

Clerk