

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats New Trinity Church on Tuesday 5th May 2009, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted

SEDERUNT : Mr Ronald Lavalette (Moderator) Revd Dr J R McKay (Clerk) A Adamson, I Bristow, M S Cameron, R J Grahame, D Granger, M L K Howie , J M M Lafferty, A M McCance, R I T Macdonald, G P Maclean, J J McNay, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, A Robertson, J Teasdale, M Thomson, E R L Watson, V G C Watson, J Whyte, **Ministers**;;L Borwick, S Brown, A Buick, A T Butcher, J Cameron, A Cochrane, G Cunningham, M Durham, J Forsyth, I Hackney, E Halliwell, A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, M G Kellock, A Lees, V Macdonald, G K McConnell, S McMahon, D McMurray, J McSwan, S Marr, C Massie, K Milne, A Pringle, R A Richardson, G Ross, A K Saunderson, E Sillars, E Taylor, W F Turner, A C Watt, C Welch, K S Welch, R F Welch, H Young, **Elders**; M A Broster, M Buchanan, J C Q Hunter, R McCool, Rev A Montgomerie, M Nimmo, **Corresponding Members**:

APOLOGIES were received from Revds N Bowman, D J H Harbison, R Leask, A D McCallum, A F McGurk, M H Mackay, F C Ross, A Taylor, **Ministers** J Laurie, T Muston, J Porter, J S Scott, N Smith **Elders** A Currie **Corresponding Member**.

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting- 14th April 2009, having been circulated, were approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Order of Business was approved as on the agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk correspondence from the Session Clerk of Fergushill, indicating that the Kirk Session requested permission to hold a closing service for the church on 26 April without Presbytery involvement.

RECEPTION OF PRESBYTERIAL COUNCIL OF THE GUILD. Revd Roderick Grahame presented Mrs Moira Buchanan and retiring and incoming office-bearers of the Presbyterial Council of the Guild. The Moderator welcomed them and Mrs Buchanan then addressed the Presbytery. She was warmly thanked by the Moderator who expressed the good wishes of Presbytery to the Guild and led the Presbytery in prayer.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business

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

- i. Approve the nomination as Moderator for 2009/10 of Revd Roderick Macdonald, minister at Beith High linked with Beith Trinity
- ii. Approve the withdrawal of the notice of motion to amend Standing Order 55.2 in the light of the proposed increase in the property limit expenditure .
- iii. Resolve that where a meeting of a Kirk Session is called on the authority of Presbytery and that meeting is chaired by a member of Presbytery, being neither the minister nor interim moderator, the meeting shall be held in private
- iv. Approve the appointment of Mr Bert McCool as locum in the vacancy at Ardrossan: Park

Ministries

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

In terms of Section 7 of the agreement of 20th May 2001 in terms of Act III 1987 involving the Presbytery, the Kirk Session of Ardrossan: Park and the Revd Marion Howie, resolve to undertake a review of Mrs Howie's assignment as auxiliary minister at Ardrossan: Park and remit to the Ministries Committee to appoint Presbytery representatives to the review.

Property

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

- i. Largs: St Columba's: Approve in principle the replacement of the heating plant and the heating in the church at costs of £78,278 and £63,741 respectively and await a formal application including three estimates; if pews to be removed to permit the work to be undertaken are not to be refitted, instruct the Kirk Session to refer this to the General Assembly's Committee on Church Art and Architecture
- ii. Approve the limit for fabric expenditure below which no Presbytery permission is required to £10,000

Church and Society

Revd Marion Howie, Convener, introduced Mrs Ann Gregory of Fairlie Parish Church, who Addressed Presbytery on eco-congregations.

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

Note the report on eco-congregations and urge Kirk Sessions to consider it and, if so advised seek to become eco-congregations (Reports age 26)

The Moderator thanked Mrs Gregory for her report.

Presbyterial Superintendence

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

Note that Ministers' Log Books have been attested and found to be satisfactory and any minor matters arising notified to individuals by the convener.

Presbytery to meet on Sunday May 10th within Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity for the union of Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity and Fergushill, and on Tuesday June 9th within Ardrossan: Park for the celebration of Holy Communion and for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet at 4.00pm on Thursday May 28th.

Benediction

Moderator

Clerk