

**At Ardrossan and within Ardrossan: Park Church on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and, following worship conducted by the Moderator, assisted by the Depute Clerk, and the celebration of Holy Communion by Revd Valerie Watson, Interim Moderator at Ardrossan: Park, the Presbytery was constituted.**

SEDERUNT : Mr Ronald Lavalette (Moderator) Revd Dr J R McKay (Clerk) , I Bristow, R J Grahame, D Granger, D J H Harbison, D J Hebenton, R Leask, A M McCance, R I T McDonald, A F McGurk, E McKinnon, G P Maclean, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, A Robertson, J Teasdale, M Thomson, E R L Watson, V G C Watson, J Whyte, **Ministers**; J Aitken, S Brown, A Buick, J Cameron, A Cochrane, G Cunningham, M Durham, J Forsyth, I Hackney, E Halliwell, A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, M G Kellock, R Kelso, J Laurie, A Lees, V Macdonald, S McMahon, D McMurray, J McSwan, S Marr, C Massie, K Milne, J Porter, A Pringle, R A Richardson, G Ross, A K Saunderson, N Smith, W F Turner, A C Watt, C Welch, K S Welch, R F Welch, **Elders**; M Buchanan, J C Q Hunter, R McCool, A Montgomerie, **Corresponding Members**:

APOLOGIES were received from, A Adamson, N Bowman, M S Cameron, J C Christie, N Cruickshank, A D McCallum, M H Mackay, A B Noble, I M Roy, **Ministers** L Borwick, G K McConnell, N Martin, T Muston, J S Scott, H Young, **Elders**

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting- 10<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009, having been circulated, were approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Order of Business was approved with the addition of two items under the Business Committee, providing for permission to call without restriction in the case of Ardrossan: Park and the approval and transmission to the Solicitor of the Church of an application from Beith: Trinity to adopt the Unitary Constitution.

On behalf of the Business Committee the Clerk sought leave to withdraw the item regarding Revd John Lafferty's request to extend his ministry at Stevenston: Ardeer I/w Stevenston Livingstone. The Clerk moved and it was seconded that Presbytery instruct the Business Committee to bring a report to the September meeting, and resolve that Mr Lafferty shall have at a minimum one year extension, and any further extension to be decided then.

CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk reported correspondence from the General Trustees, giving authority for the sale of the West Hall of Kilbirnie: St Columba's; from the General Assembly's Stewardship and Finance Committee attesting the Presbytery's accounts and expressing thanks to the Presbytery Treasurer; and from several members of Ardrossan Park regarding Revd Marion Howie.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY: On behalf of those commissioned to attend the recent General Assembly Revd Martin Thomson reported diligence, and Mr Jonathan White reported as the Presbytery's Youth Delegate. Both were thanked by the Moderator.

CONGRATULATIONS: The Moderator expressed the congratulations of the Presbytery to Mrs Margaret Cassidy, Unit Manager at South Beach House on being given Adult Learner of the Year Award, Registered Manager Award and a 30 years' service Award.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Business

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

- i. Express thanks to the Moderator, the Revd Valerie Watson and all who assisted at what had been a memorable celebration of Holy Communion
- ii. Note that the Revd Marion Howie agreed to leave her placement as Auxiliary Minister at Ardrossan: Park on 31 May and remit to the Ministries Committee and the Presbytery Clerk to discuss with Mrs Howie a further placement; meanwhile resolve to grant Mrs Howie a practising certificate.
- iii. In terms of the Presbytery Plan, resolve to grant permission to Ardrossan: Park to call a minister without restriction and appointed Miss M McSwan, Revd Stephen Smith and Mrs C Welch the Advisory Committee in the vacancy
- iv. Note that Presbytery minutes up to 1909 are now available online and advise anyone wishing to consult them to consult the clerk for access.
- v. Note receipt of an extract minute of a congregational meeting at Kilmory Parish Church on 18 March 2009 at which it was decided to adopt the Unitary

- Constitution and transmit a copy of the minute to the Solicitor of the Church with approval.
- vi. Note receipt of an extract minute of a congregational meeting at Beith: Trinity on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at which it was decided to adopt the Unitary Constitution and transmit a copy of the minute to the Solicitor of the Church with approval.
  - vii. Authorise the holding again of congregational meetings at West Kilbride Overton and West Kilbride St Andrews following public worship on Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup> 2009 to comply with the terms of Act VII 2003 s11

#### World Mission

For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery note his report (Reports page 27)

#### Presbyterial Superintendence

For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery note that the following congregations will be visited under Quinquennial Visitation in 2009/10 - Dalry: Trinity; Largs St John's: Kilmory & Lamlash; Stevenston: Ardeer I/w Livingstone

#### Mission and Discipleship

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

- i. Note the report from the Safeguarding Trainer (Reports page 29) on training courses which have taken place and future training.
- ii. Note the report on the Moderator's visit to Kilwinning (Reports page 28)
- iii. Note a report from Revd Irene Bristow on the Transformation Team: Stevenston Ardeer I/w Stevenston Livingstone
- iv. Note that the Presbytery website can publicise church events and advise those who wish to do so to contact Stuart McMahon direct or via the link on the front of the Presbytery website

#### Property

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

- i. Largs: St John's Approval in principle for restoration work at an estimated cost of £460K and invite the General Trustees to concur.
- ii. Saltcoats North: Grant permission (a) to replace three soft wood external window frames with PVC frames, double glazed with laminated glass at a cost of £700; (b) to cut out and remove purlin ends at the hall and replace them with new timber at a cost of £5960
- iii. Ardrossan: Barony St John's: (a) grant permission to bring the building up to current Health and Safety and Fire Safety standards at a cost of £4,620.2 including VAT subject to funds being available  
(b) postpone a decision on replacing the roof due to concern that the estimated cost is low and instruct the Committee to undertake the Quinquennial Property Survey now to assess the full extent of work required
- iv. Remit to the Convener and Clerk to grant permission for urgent and necessary work required to be undertaken during the summer

**Presbytery to meet on Tuesday September 1st within Beith: Trinity for the installation of the Moderator and the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 4.00pm**

#### Benediction

Moderator

Clerk