

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats New Trinity Church on Tuesday 14th April 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, J C Christie, N Cruikshank, D J H Harbison, D J Heberton, A M McCance, R I T McDonald, A F McGurk, G P Maclean, B H Oxburgh, A Robertson, F C Ross, I M Roy, E R L Watson, V G C Watson, J Whyte, **Ministers**; J Aitken, J Bowie, S Brown, A Buick, A T Butcher, J Cameron, A Cochrane, G Cunningham, J Forsyth, E Halliwell, R Jarvie, M G Kellock, R Kelso, A Lees, V Macdonald, G K McConnell, S McMahon, D McMurray, J McSwan, N Martin, C Massie, K Milne, J Porter, A Pringle, R A Richardson, G Ross, A K Saunderson, J S Scott, E Sillars, W F Turner, A C Watt, R F Welch, **Elders**; M Buchanan, A Currie, J C Q Hunter, R McCool, **Corresponding Members**:

APOLOGIES were received from Revds R J Grahame, D Granger, M L K Howie, J M M Lafferty, R Leask, M H Mackay, E McKinnon, A B Noble, Mgt Thomson, M Thomson, A Taylor, J Tasdale, **Ministers** L Borwick, I Hackney, J Laurie, S Marr, T Muston, E Taylor, C Welch, K S Welch, **Elders**

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting- of 3 March 2009, having been circulated, were approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Order of Business was approved as on the agenda with the addition of an application from Saltcoats North, and as a result of it and the application from Dalry St Margaret's, an additional deliverance regarding consideration of an amendment too Standing Orders.

CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk correspondence from the acting Principal Clerk, enclosing an extract minute of the Commission of Assembly of 25th March; ; from the Presbytery of Ayr sustaining a call to Revd W R Johnston; from the General Trustees confirming that the proposals for an extension at the manse of Ardrossan: Barony St John's had been approved and making a grant of £3000 and a loan of £5000; from the Delegation of Assembly confirming the issue of the Unitary Constitution to Largs: Clark Memorial; from the Church of Scotland Insurance Co., enclosing Employers' Liability Certificate

TRIBUTE Revd Andrew McGurk paid tribute to the late Revd Jack Selfridge, formerly of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian and minister at Eddrachillis, following which the Moderator led the Presbytery in prayer of thanksgiving for Mr Selfridge's ministry and for his family. The Clerk was instructed to send a copy of the tribute to Mr Selfridge's family.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business

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

- i. Following the decision of the recent General Assembly make the following arrangements for the union of Fergushill and Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity. Service of union to be held within Mansefield Trinity on Sunday May 10th during morning worship, the Moderator to preside and unite, the Revd Marjory Mackay to conduct and preach.
- ii. Appoint Jonathan White, a member of Largs: Clark Memorial as youth representative at the forthcoming General Assembly.

Ministries

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

Agree to the transfer of Mr Iain R Todd, a reader in training, now resident in Arran from the Presbytery of Inverness to the Presbytery of Ardrossan

Property

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

- i. Ardrossan: Park Approve in principle repair work on the session house and vestry roof; note that only one estimate has been received for £8074 and

- authorise the Convener and Clerk to give approval in the light of other estimates provided an assurance is given that funds are available.
- ii. Kilbirnie St Columba's Approve in principle the sale of the West Hall and advise the congregation to apply to the General Trustees for support towards a feasibility study of the possible provision of additional accommodation.
 - iii. Dalry St Margaret's Approve the essential work to repair the East Window at a cost of £3000, to replace the boiler in the manse at a cost of £2000, and to carry out work on the former manse at a cost of £3,100 to enable it to be let unfurnished.
 - iv. Saltcoats North: Approve the removal of an loose rendering around the external walls of the halls, and re-roughcast at a cost of £8040 and the redecoration of the large hall at a cost of £3300

It was moved and seconded and agreed as an addendum

To add the words "but before work commences the cause of the spalling roughcasting be investigated."

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

- v. Remit to the Business Committee consideration of an amendment of Standing Orders to allow repairs etc to be undertaken by a congregation which has already been given permission for spending above the presbytery limit, and authorise the Business Committee to bring any amendment proposed to the May Presbytery.

Church and Society

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

- i. Note that a Conference for School Chaplains will be held at 121 George Street on 7 May from 10.00 to 4.00, and that those interested should contact Agnes Mullen at amullen@cofscotland.org.uk
- ii. Note the report from the Presbytery's representative on North Ayrshire Education Committee and defer consideration of it until it can be discussed in conjunction with the report "Growing Up in Scotland" to be presented to the forthcoming General Assembly

Mission and Discipleship

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

- i. Give enthusiastic approval to the report on Stevenston Ardeer l/w Stevenston Livingstone and look forward to further reports on progress.
- ii. Note the report from the Convener on the recent Mission and Discipleship Council Conference
- iii. Approve the report on arrangements in the light of the resignation of Mrs Margaret Broster as Presbytery Young People's Trainer

Presbytery to meet on May 5th 2009 within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet at 4.00pm on Wednesday April 22nd.

Benediction

Moderator

Clerk