

**At Saltcoats, and within New Trinity Parish Church on Tuesday February 2, 2010 which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrrossan met and was constituted.**

**SEDERUNT:** Revd R I T Macdonald, (Moderator), Dr J R McKay, (Clerk) A Adamson, M S Cameron, N Cruikshank, R J Grahame, D Granger, D J H Harbosn, D J Heberton, M L K Howie, J M M Lafferty, A D McCallum, A M McCance, A F McGurk, M H Mackay, E McKinnon, G P Maclean, J J McNay, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, A Robertson, I M Roy, J Teasdale, M Thomson, E R L Watson V G C Watson, J Whyte, **Ministers** J Aitken, S Brown, A Buick, A T Butcher, J Cameron, G Cunninghame, J Forsyth, E Halliwell, A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, M G Kellock, J Laurie, R Lavalette, S Lavalette, A Lees, V Macdonald, W Mackay, S McLellan, S McMahan, D McMurray, J McSwan, S Marr, C Massie, A Pringle, R A Richardson, G Ross, A Saunderson, E Sillars, N Smith, W F Turner, A C Watt, C Welch, R F Welch, J Welch **Elders;** J C Q Hunter, R McCool, Revd A Montgomerie, M Nimmo, **Corresponding Members**

**APOLOGIES** were received from I Bristow, D R Mitchell, A Taylor, **Ministers;** L Borwick, A Cochrane, I Hackney, R Kelso, G K McConnell, N Martin, J Porter, K Tudor, K S Welch, **Elders;** M A Broster, H Knight, **Corresponding Members.**

**MINUTE** The Minutes of 1 December 2009 and 14 January, having been circulated, were approved with additions as reported to the *sederunt*.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS** The order of business was approved with the addition of an item on the Business Committee report regarding an amendment to the Presbytery Plan following a decision of the Kirk Session of Cumbrae, and an additional item under property regarding Manse Inspection Schedules.

**ROLL OF PRESBYTERY** The Moderator welcomed the Revd James McNay to the first meeting he had attended as minister of the united charge of West Kilbride, Revd Roderick Grahame to his first meeting following leave of absence for illness, and Mr William McKay, elder, from Dalry: Trinity. The Clerk reported that he had visited Mr Ken Welch after his recent major surgery and reported that he was making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

**VERY REVD DAVID LUNAN** The Moderator welcomed the Very Revd David Lunan who had been invited to address Presbytery following its decision enthusiastically to take up the challenge to all Presbyteries to raise at least £10K for the Church's work in the field of HIV/AIDS. Mr Lunan addressed Presbytery and was warmly thanked by the Moderator who assured him of the Presbytery's support for his challenge. Mrs Evelyn McKay spoke briefly on the plans made so far in connection with fund-raising.

**THE BOYS BRIGADE** The Moderator welcomed from the Boys Brigade, J A Jack, Miss L Smith, C Knight, A McAuley and G Cunningham. Mt J A Jack addressed the presbytery on the work of the Boys Brigade and was thanked by the Moderator and wished the North Ayrshire battalion well.

### Standing Committee Reports

#### Business

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

- i. Notice of Motion: That at the March meeting of Presbytery the Committee will propose the name of seven ministers and seven elders to attend the forthcoming General Assembly
- ii. Note the report on and the deliverances approved by Presbytery in conference on 19 January
- iii. Cumbrae The Convener reported that at a meeting of the Kirk Session of Cumbrae on 19<sup>th</sup> January, there had been unanimous approval for a proposal to invite the Presbytery to amend the Presbytery Plan at the Interim State to delete "Vacant with permission for restricted tenure" and insert "vacant with a Parish Assistant as locum".

#### *Parties were called*

Mrs N Smith appeared for the congregation.

#### *Parties were removed*

It was moved, seconded and agreed that Presbytery agree to amend the Presbytery Plan at the Interim stage to read "vacant with a Parish Assistant as locum", and subject to the

approval of this change by a congregational meeting, invite the Ministries Council to concur.”

*Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery intimated.*

#### Church and Society

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

Remind congregations that they have been instructed to work out the carbon footprint of their buildings using the calculator on the leaflet and return their findings to the convener by 17<sup>th</sup> February

#### Property

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

- i. Homologate the Committee's action in bringing forward the Quinquennial Property Survey for West Kilbride.
- ii. Stevenston High: North Ayrshire Council having given permission to replace slates on the church hall roof with slate effect tiles to the rear and slate on the front two storey section of the building, approve the work at a revised cost of £33,722 (including VAT)
- iii. Cumbrae: Approve in principle approaches to other parties who may wish to become involved in the provision of a community facility (including a place of worship) but in the expectation of funding difficulties, instruct the congregation to examine alternatives and to report to presbytery no later than three years from now.
- iv. Note that completed Manse Condition Schedules should be brought to the Inspection of Records.

#### Stewardship and Finance

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

Having received an application from the Kirk Session of Largs: St John's for a grant from the retained 3% of Mission and Aid contributions to support a visit of young people to Malawi, resolve that Presbytery should meet any shortfall of the £4,900 required after all other funding has been explored.

**Presbytery to meet on Tuesday March 2, within Saltcoats New Trinity for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet on Wednesday February 17 at 4.00pm**

Moderator

Clerk

