

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday 2nd November 2010, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted by the Moderator, the Reverend Gillean P Maclean BD.

Sederunt:

Revd G P Maclean (Moderator) Mr A K Saunderson (Clerk pro tem)
Revd's M S Cameron, D Granger, M L K Howie, J M M Lafferty, A D McCallum,
A M McCance, R I T Macdonald, A F McGurk, M H Mackay, J J McNay,
D R Mitchell, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, F C Ross, I M Roy, S J Smith, J Teasdale,
A S Taylor, E R L Watson, J Whyte. (Ministers)

J Aitken, S Brown, A Buick, A T Butcher, J Cameron, A Cochrane, J Forsyth,
I Hackney, E Halliwell, A C D Hamilton, J Hunter, R Jarvie, R Kelso, J Laurie,
R Lavalette, S Lavalette, A Lees, V Macdonald, W Mackay, G K McConnell,
J T McGill, S McLellan, S McMahan, J M McSwan, S Marr, N Martin, C Massie,
A Pringle, R A Richardson, G Ross, E Sillars, A Turner, A C Watt, K S Welch,
R F Welch, J Welsh (**Elders**)

M A Broster, H Knight, A Montgomerie, N Smith, R McCool.

(Corresponding Members)

Apologies

Revd A Adamson, N Cruickshank, D J H Harbison, M Thomson, V G C Watson,

(Ministers)

L Borwick, A Campbell, G Cunningham, M G Kellock, T Muston, E Taylor, C Welch

(Elders)

A Currie (**Corresponding Member**)

Minutes: The Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 5th October 2010 (Pages 15-17)
having been circulated were approved.

Order of Business – The Order of Business was approved.

Correspondence : The Clerk pro tem reported that correspondence had been
received from:

- (1) **General Trustees – Largs: St John's** – The Clerk pro tem reported the following amendment that has been received from the General Trustees – **Notification that the Fabric Committee had approved an amended application, and this had been submitted to HLF under the joint scheme for major repairs to the church. Historic Scotland had declined the previous application as they had insufficient funds to support all the applications made by congregations in 2009.**
- (2) **Mrs Sheena Marr (Child Protection Co-ordinator)** A PVG (Protection of Vulnerable Groups) presentation/training will be made to congregational co-ordinators on Wednesday 24th November 2010 at 7.00pm within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church, and that Ministers and Session Clerks also invited to attend so that they might fully be aware of the change from Enhanced Disclosure Checks to Vetting and Barring.
- (3) **Solicitor of the Church** – Changes in the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme – This had been circulated to all congregations within the bounds.

- (4) **Revd Sheila Mitchell (Hospital Chaplaincy Service)** – Information regarding in patient information that is being made available to clergy. This had been circulated to all Ministers in Charge, Interim Moderators and Locums.
- (5) **General Trustees Secretary's Department** – Letting it Happen booklets will be forwarded to Presbytery Clerks (2 copies for each congregation) for circulation during October and November. These should be available to be picked up at the Presbytery Meeting in November.
- (6) **Church of Scotland Nomination Committee** – Nomination Forms have been received.
- (7) **Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group** – Extract Minute
- (8) **Ministries Council** – Copy of letter sent Mr J T McGill in response to correspondence sent to Revd Dr Martin Scott, regarding the current situation in Cumbrae.
- (9) **Extract Minute West Kilbride Parish Church** – Seeking permission to carry out work on the Church Tower and Stained Glass Windows – this has been passed to the Property Committee.
- (10) **Extract Minute Lochranza & Pirnmill Church** – seeking permission to undertake work on the toilet at St Brides Church in Lochranza. This has been passed to the Property Committee.
- (11) **Church & Society Council** – Review of the 2003 Report on Domestic Abuse.
- (12) **Moderator's Christmas Letter** – This is now available for distribution to congregations (Reports Pages 59-60)

IN ADDITION THE CLERK REPORTED THAT SINCE THE AGENDA HAD BEEN CIRCULATED THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE HAS BEEN RECEIVED

- (13) **Ministries Council : 2020 Vision regional Consultations** – For this area in Glasgow at St George's Tron Church on Thursday 11th November from 11.00 a.m. till 2.00 p.m. and St George's Church Dumfries on Thursday 11th November 2010 from 6.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. Information and a covering letter had been sent to all Session Clerks.
- (14) **Listed Places of Worship Scheme** – Additional information has been received from the Solicitor of the Church advising that what had been previously intimated – the scheme would now continue beyond March 2011. Information and a covering letter had been sent to all Session Clerks.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Committee

For the committee the convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

- i. **Kilwinning Mansefield Trinity** – Note that the Clerk has attested the Electoral Register of the Congregation which contained the names of 234 members and 15 Adherents.

- ii. **Presbytery Clerk** – Note that the position would be advertised in the Presbytery Mailing seeking applications/recommendations to be submitted to the Vice Convener (Revd M H Mackay) by 24th November 2010. It was agreed to appoint the following committee to interview any applicants: Revd M H Mackay (Convener) Revd B H Oxburgh, Revd J M Lafferty, Miss J M McSwan, Mr G K McConnell.

Property Committee

For the committee the convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

i. **Lochranza & Pirnmill** – Approve an application made to demolish the existing toilet at Lochranza Church and rebuild a more suitable structure. Three estimates were submitted, John Thomson £10,200 plus vat, Donald Logan £9,862 plus vat and CAG Property £20,100 (not vat registered) Planning and Listed Building consent has been given subject to an Archaeological Organisation being appointed. Funds are available. The committee recommended approval on the basis that one of the two lower estimates is chosen, that details of the archaeological organisation are supplied and subject to the agreement of The Church Art and Architecture Committee and the General Trustees.

ii. **West Kilbride Parish Church** Approve an application made for permission to proceed with repairs to the tower. Three estimates were supplied Wason Preservation £14,527.70 inc. vat, Michael Young £16,185.62 incl. Vat and Kenneth Jackson £17,187.90 inc. vat. A minute was supplied stating Wason as the preferred contractor. Part of the cost will be met by an insurance claim and the balance of funds are available. The committee recommended approval to proceed as proposed.

Note that an application had been submitted requesting permission to remove eleven stained glass windows from Overton Church to be installed in the new West Kilbride Parish Church. Only one estimate is available from Stained Glass Design Partnership at a budget cost of £39,960 which would be subject to vat. As this is a specialist type of work, the committee is prepared consider the proposal but suggest that Presbytery instructs the congregation to seek permission from the Church art and Architecture Committee before taking any further action. The committee also suggests that contact is made with Fairlie Parish Church who removed a Rose Style window from an unused building and have it on display in the church.

iii Church Sound Systems

Note that In 2012, the licence for channel 69, which is the normal channel for church sound systems, will be withdrawn and those with a current licence may be able to claim assistance with the cost of replacing obsolete equipment. The committee recommends the following action:-

Note the email from Janette Wilson, Solicitor of the Church of Scotland, sent highlighting changes to radio microphone frequencies. Instruct all congregation property committees to promptly ensure that their church's radio microphone/audio equipment is compatible with digital frequencies

Mission & Discipleship Committee

For the committee the convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

- i. **Safeguarding** – Note the change to the Co-ordinators' meeting on Wednesday 24th November 2010. The meeting is now open to Minister, Session Clerk and Co-ordinator. Purpose is to update on the changes and implications the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act entails for churches. (Reports Page 58)

Ministries Committee

For the committee the convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery

- i. Approve the application for Study Leave received from the Revd Martin Thomson from 1st February 2011 – 21st February 2011.

World Mission Committee

For the committee the convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery

- i. Note: the World Mission Area Conference – Newton Wallacetown Church, Ayr, Saturday 27th November 2010. (Reports Page 61)

Finance Committee

For the committee the convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery

- i. Approve the Ministries and Missions Contributions for 2011 (Reports Pages 56- 58 circulated last month)
- ii. Resolve that the option to reduce the overall allocation by 3% be held over with a view to help facilitate any possible Presbytery or Congregational mission initiative, arising from the result of the current Health Check process.

It was moved and seconded as a counter motion that:

Presbytery Resolve that the option to reduce the overall allocation by 3% be **not** held over with a view to help facilitate any possible Presbytery or Congregational mission initiative, arising from the result of the current Health Check process.

A vote was taken which resulted in an overwhelming majority for the motion in the name of the committee.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 7th December 2010 at 7.30pm for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 24th November 2010 at 4.00 p.m. and on Wednesday 1st December 2010 at 12.30 p.m.

