

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

**SEDERUNT:** Revd R I T Macdonald, (Moderator), Dr J R McKay, (Clerk) M S Cameron, R J Grahame, D Granger, D J H Harbison, D J Heberton, M L K Howie, J M M Lafferty, A M McCance, A F McGurk, M H Mackay, E McKinnon, G P Maclean, J J McNay, D R Motchell, A B Noble, F C Ross, I M Roy, S J Smith, J Teasdale, M Thomson, A Taylor, E R L Watson, V G C Watson, J Whyte, **Ministers** J Aitken, L Borwick, S Brown, A Buick, J Cameron, G Cunningham, J Forsyth, E Halliwell, A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, M G Kellock, A Lees, G K McConnell, WE Mackay, S McLellan, S McMahan, D McMurray, J McSwan, S Marr, N Martin, C Massie, A Pringle, R A Richardson, G Ross, A K Sanderson, N Smith, K Tudor, A C Watt, C Welch, R F Welch, J Welch, **Elders;** E Barclay, J C Q Hunter, H Knight, R McCool, M Nimmo, M M B Ross, **Corresponding Members**

**APOLOGIES** were received from, A Adamson, I Bristow, N Cruickshank, AD McCallum, A Robertson **Ministers;** A T Butcher, A Cochranme, R Kelso, J Laurie, R Lavalette, S Lavalette, V Macdonald, E Taylor, W F Turner, **Elders;** M A Broster, A Currie, Revd A Montgomerie **Corresponding Members.**

**MINUTE** The Minute of 1 February, having been circulated, were approved

**ORDER OF BUSINESS** The order of business was approved with the addition of to the Business Committee report of the approval of accounts for 2009 and an item regarding the congregation of Cumbrae.

**CORRESPONDENCE** The Clerk reported correspondence from the General Trustees regarding the glebe and manse of Dalry: St Margaret's; from the Ministries Council attaching an extra minute of its noting of the Parish Grouping in Stevenston; and from the Ministries Council reporting that Mrs Liz Clarke of Torbeg in Arran had been approved for training for the Readership.

**RECEPTION OF READERS AND CANDIDATES** The Clerk presented the following Readers. E Barclay, N Smith, R McCool, M M B Ross, M Nimmo, and M Hickman, Candidate for the auxiliary ministry and I Beck, Candidate for the Diaconate The Moderator suitably addressed them and led the Presbytery in prayer. Mrs Mandy Hickman spoke on behalf of readers and candidates present.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### Business

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

- i. Elect the following commissioners to the 2010 General Assembly: Revds Dorothy Granger, John Lafferty, Roddy Macdonald, Elaine McKinnon, Gillean Maclean, Stephen Smith, James Whyte; Ministers; Stephen Brown, Peter Emslie, Allan Richardson, Margaret Rolley, Alan Sanderson, T Somerville and W F Turner Elders
- ii. Note the annual statistics for 2009 (Reports page 12)
- iii. Note that the congregation of Cumbrae has approved by an overwhelming majority the proposal to alter the Presbytery Plan at the interim stage as outlined in the minute of February 1, invite the Ministries Council now to take steps to provide a parish assistant for the charge
- iv. Note that congregational trustees are in all circumstances obliged to act in the best interests of the congregation/charity and that if, for any reason, trustees ever consider declining a bequest they should seek the advice of the Church's law department before making any decision.
- v. Instruct the Committee to begin to draw up contingency plans for reaching the reduction of posts required by 2013 in the Presbytery Plan to be presented to Presbytery if the General Assembly approves the report on 1000 ministries to be submitted to this year's General Assembly. (Reports Page 8-9)
- vi. Instruct the Committee to draw up plans for a Presbytery-wide congregational "health check" approved in February as a Presbytery "audit".

Revd A Noble asked that his dissent be recorded to the approval of items v and vi

- vii. Approve the accounts for 2009 and the budget for 2010 and resolve that the Presbytery dues for 2010 should be.

Church and Society

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

- i. Thank those who have responded with their carbon footprint documentation and encourage those who haven't done so yet to think about doing so in the near future. Encourage presbyters to share ideas of good practise with the convener and other members of the committee with a view to bringing these before presbytery at a later date.
- i. Note the report from Mr Gordon McConnell, Church of Scotland representative on North Ayrshire Education Committee and instruct the Clerk to include it in the main copy of the reports to this Presbytery.

Property

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

- i. Agree to the request of the Kirk Session of Kilwinning Old to let the Manse at 54 Dalry Road pending the filling of the vacancy and transmit the Kirk Session's extract minute to the General Trustees.
- ii. Approve the application from the Kirk Session of West Kilbride to complete essential works indentified in the recent property survey at a cost of £14K, funds being available

Stewardship and Finance

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

- i. Note that the Presbytery minute Book has been inspected and found to be in order.
- ii. Note that Rolls and Records within the bounds have been satisfactorily attested and that any matters requiring attention have been raised with those concerned.
- iii. Note that minister's log books have been examined and found to be in satisfactory order. In two cases ministers have been asked to provide more detailed information regarding journeys.

Ministries

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

- i. Appoint Revd Angus Adamson to attend the biennial Rural Church Conference from 29 October to 30 October.
- ii. Note that Mrs Liz Clarke of Torbeg, Arran has been approved as a candidate for training for the Readership

Mission and Discipleship

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

- i. Note with appreciation the report on the work of the Transformation Team in Stevenston Ardeer. (Reports page 10)
- ii. Note with interest the report on "Messy Church". (Reports page 11)

**Presbytery to meet on Tuesday April 6, within Saltcoats New Trinity for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet on Wednesday March 24.**

Benediction

Moderator

Clerk