

**At Lamalsh, and within Lamalsh Parish Church on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2010, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted.**

SEDERUNT        Revds R I T Macdonald (Moderator), J R McKay (Clerk) , A Adamson, R J Grahame, D Granger, D J H Harbison, M L K Howie, A D McCallum, A F McGurk, M H Mackay, J J McNay, J H Paterson, S J Smith, J Teasdale, M Thomson, E R L Watson **Ministers**, J Aitken, S Brown, A T Butcher, J Cameron, E Halliwell, J Hunter, R Jarvie, M Kellock, J Laurie, R Lavalette, S Lavalette, V Macdonald, J T McGill, W Mackay, S McMahan, J McSwan, S Marr, N Martin, C Massie, K Milne, T Muston, A Pringle, R A Richardson, A K Saunderson, E Sillars, K Tudor, A C Watt, C Welch, K S Welch, R F Welch, J Welsh **Elders**; R McCool, N Smith, **Corresponding Members**

APOLOGIES were received from Revds J M Coogan, A S Downie, J Drysdale, J M M Lafferty, A M McCance, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, F C Ross, I M Roy, A Taylor, V G C Watson, J Whyte, **Ministers** L Borwick, A Buick, A Cochrane, A C D Hamilton, R McCool, G Ross, **Elders**; E Barclay, M A Broster, A Currie, Revd A Montgomerie, M M B Ross **Corresponding Member**.

MINUTES        The Minutes of the meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2010 (Pages 7-11) having been circulated, were approved.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY        The Roll of Presbytery was laid on the table

ORDER OF BUSINESS. The Order of Business was approved with the addition of a report from the Finance Committee.

INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR        The Revd R I T McDonald, having completed his year of office, offered prayer and installed Revd Gillean Maclean as Moderator for the coming year. Mrs Maclean thanked Mr McDonald for the way he had conducted his duties during the past year

CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk reported correspondence received from Mr Stephen Brown intimating interest with regard to his service on the Assembly Council; from Revd James Whyte reporting a phased return to work; from General Trustees indicating grant of £3000 to Ardrossan: Barony St John's for necessary work in connection with repair of rainwater goods and a grant of £10000 to Dalry:Trinity for a feasibility study into alterations to the sanctuary,; from the Presbytery of Dumbarton intimating the induction of Revd Elaine McKinnon to Dumbarton: West; from the Session Clerk of Cumbrae regarding appraisal; from the Kirk Sessions of Beith agreeing that Revd Valerie Watson should continue as Associate for a further three years and that at the post would not continue beyond that time;

TRANSLATION        The Clerk reported that Revd Roderick Grahame had been elected minister of the church and parish of Brechin : Cathedral

*Parties were called*

Mr James Laurie, addressed Presbytery on behalf of the congregation of Largs: St Columba and Revd Roderick Grahame made suitable reply.

*Parties were removed*

For the Business Committee, as the Vacancy Procedure Committee, the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery.

- i. Translate Mr Grahame , presently minister at Largs: St Columba to the vacant parish and congregation of Brechin: Cathedral
- ii. Appoint Revd James Teasdale Interim Moderator in the vacancy.

*Parties were recalled and the Presbytery's decision intimated.*

The Moderator expressed the good wishes of the Presbytery to Mr Grahame

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Business

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

- i. Approve the Committees for 2020/2011 (Reports page 51) and agree to appoint Revd Dorothy Granger Convener of the World Mission Committee
- ii. Note the Report on Charity Regulations (Reports pp 47-48 )
- iii. Note the Report on Oil Storage and ask members of Presbytery to ensure that, where relevant, a copy is given to congregational Property Conveners (Reports pp 49-50)
- iv. Saltcoats: New Trinity: Thank and discharge the Revd Elizabeth Watson as Interim Moderator and Mr A K Saunderson for undertaking pastoral duties recently, and appoint the Revd Marjory Mackay Interim Moderator and locum (on the basis of one day per week)
- v. Largs St Columba (a) Appoint the Revd James Teasdale Interim Moderator, and a Consultative Committee consisting of Miss J McSwan (Convener) with Revd Dorothy Granger and Mr Gordon McConnell.  
(b) Appoint Revd Wm Armstrong Locum on the basis of a Sunday plus one day a week as from November 7<sup>th</sup>, with Mr Archie Currie, Reader undertaking most of the pulpit supply until then.
- vi. Presbytery Plan Resolves that the Ministries Council was not entitled legally to enforce a moratorium of all Presbytery/Parish Worker appointment where these had been previously guaranteed under a Plan agreed with the Ministries Council; but in the light of the Council's decision instruct the Committee to appoint sub-committees to hold meetings under the authority of Presbytery in areas where it is envisaged by the Committee immediate appraisal might meet the required reduction in posts (Reports Page 52)

## Property

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

Note that under powers the Convener and Clerk approved the following:

- i. Saltcoats North: Rewiring of church lights at a cost of £2950 + VAT
- ii. Saltcoats: St Cuthberts: Application for further assistance from the General Trustees for removal of further asbestos
- iii. Ardrossan: Park Permission to let the Manse
- iv. IN PRIVATE\_Kilbirnie: St Columba's Approval of terms of sale of the hall

## Ministries Committee

In the absence of the Convener, the Clerk presented the Convener's report as written, moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery

- i. Receive the Committee's responses to the "weightings" paper (circulated prior to the meeting)
- ii. Adopt the responses as the response of presbytery and instruct the Clerk to forward these to the Ministries Council

## Mission and Discipleship

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

- i. Agree in principle that A.S.P.I.R.E be granted permission to make funding applications .If successful application made, Grant support and permission

for A.S.P.I.R.E. to become partners with NHS North Ayrshire and Arran, North Ayrshire Community Health Partnership under the title "Closing the Gap 2010 (Reports p 53)

- ii. Note with appreciation the report from the Safeguarding Trainer (Reports p 54)

#### Finance

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

- i. Note that all congregational accounts have been examined and that following support and advice in some cases all reports and accounts have been judged compliant.
- ii. Warmly thank Mrs Ann Turner for her meticulous attention and help given to those congregations who required it.

**Presbytery to meet on Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup> , within Saltcoats New Trinity Church for for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 4.00pm**

Benediction

Moderator

Clerk