

At Saltcoats, and within New Trinity Church on Tuesday 4 May 2010, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted.

SEDERUNT Revds R I T Macdonald (Moderator), J R McKay (Clerk), N Cruickshank, R J Grahame, D Granger, D J H Harbison, D J Heberton, M L K Howie, J M M Lafferty, R Leask, A M McCance, A F McGurk, M H Mackay, W Mackay, E McKinnon, G P Maclean, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, I M Roy, J Teasdale, M Thomson, A Taylor, E R L Watson, J Whyte, **Ministers**, J Aitken, S Brown, A Buick, A T Butcher, E Halliwell, A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, M G Kellock, R Kelso, J Laurie, R Lavalette, S Lavalette, V Macdonald, D McMurray, J McSwan, C Massie, A Pringle, R A Richardson, G Ross, A K Saunderson, E Sillars, N Smith, E Taylor, K Tudor, A C Watt, C Welch, K S Welch, R F Welch, J Welsh **Elders**; M A Broster, J C Q Hunter, H Knight, R McCool, Revd A Montgomerie, M M B Ross, **Corresponding Members**
APOLOGIES were received from Revds A Adamson, I Bristow, A D McCallum, F C Ross, V G C Watson **Ministers** L Borwick, J Cameron, A Cochrane, G Cunningham, J Forsyth, G K McConnell, S McMahon, S Marr, N Martin, T Muston, W F Turner, **Elders**; A Currie, **Corresponding Member**.

MINUTES The Minutes of the meetings on April 6 and 27, having been circulated, were approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS. The Order of Business was approved with the addition congratulations to Revd Rebecca Leask on her ninetieth birthday, and, under the Business Committee and the after election of a commissioner to the General Assembly and the amendment of the motions regarding the call to the Revd Andrew Robertson now to translate him to St Andrews Lhanbryde

NOMINATION OF MODERATOR The Business Committee having unanimously agreed to nominate Revd Gillean Maclean, Minister at Kilmory linked with Lamlash as Moderator of the Presbytery for 2010-2011, the Presbytery enthusiastically endorsed Mrs Maclean's appointment.

REVD REBECCA LEASK The Clerk informed Presbytery that the Revd Rebecca Leask, formerly associate minister at Pollokshields and minister at St Bride's Callander had celebrated her ninetieth birthday on 23rd April. The Moderator expressed the congratulations and good wishes of the Presbytery to which Mrs Leask made a short reply.

REVD ANDREW ROBERTSON The Clerk reported that Revd Andrew Robertson had been elected minister at St Andrews Lhanbryde and that the congregation of Mansefield Trinity had been cited to appear for its interest.

Parties were called

The Revd Ross Mitchell, addressed Presbytery on behalf of the congregation of Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity and Revd Andrew Robertson also spoke. The Moderator expressed the good wishes of Presbytery to Mr Robertson and to the congregation of Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity.

Parties were removed

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

- i. Note that in terms of Act VIII 2003, 20 (3b) the Business Committee, as the Vacancy Procedure Committee, granted exceptional release of Revd Andrew Robertson from his present charge.
- ii. Translate Mr Robertson, presently minister at Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity, to the vacant parish and congregation of St Andrew's Llanbryde
- iii. Appoint Revd Marion Howie Interim Moderator in the vacancy and locum on the basis of Sunday plus one day.

Parties were recalled and the Presbytery's decision intimated.

REVD ELAINE MCKINNON The Clerk reported that Revd Elaine McKinnon had been elected Minister at Dumbarton West, and that the congregation had been cited to appear for its interest

Parties were called

Mr Robert McCool addressed Presbytery on behalf of the congregation of Saltcoats: New Trinity and Revd Elaine McKinnon also spoke. The Moderator expressed the good wishes of Presbytery to Miss McKinnon and to the congregation of Saltcoats: New Trinity.

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 Revd Elaine McKinnon to the vacant parish and congregation of Dumbarton West
- ii. Appoint the Revd Elizabeth Watson Interim Moderator in the vacancy

Parties were recalled and the Presbytery's decision intimated.

GUILD PRESBYTERIAL COUNCIL Mr Ron Lavalette introduced the members of the Guild Presbyterial Council. They were welcomed by the Moderator. The Convener, Mrs Helen Knight, addressed Presbytery and the Moderator led Presbytery in prayer.

Following the Convener's Report it was moved seconded and unanimously agreed that

Having heard from the Convener of the Guild Presbyterial Council that "in future the Church of Scotland HIV/AIDS programme will only work abroad but we have been assured that money given through the Guild project for the next two years will be used at home and abroad", instruct the Clerk to write to the Council of Assembly and the World Mission Council asking that the Presbytery's be contributions to the Moderator's Challenge to raise £10K for the HIV/AIDS project be similarly used both at home and abroad, as that was the basis on which the challenge was issued.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business

The Presbytery being alone, for the Committee, the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery

- i. In the light of the acknowledgment by the Kirk Session of Stevenston: Ardeer that in their recent decisions there were serious breaches of the Presbytery's Standing orders and its Regulations regarding property applications; and following a request from the Kirk Session of Stevenston Ardeer for assistance in interpreting arrangements made with OSCR, appoint three assessor elders to the Kirk Session of Stevenston: Ardeer and remit their nomination to the Business Committee
- ii. Instruct the Clerk to circulate to all Session Clerks the previously circulated document regarding charity governance, and enjoin all Kirk Sessions and Congregational Boards to send an extract minute to the Depute Clerk by 30 October 2010, confirming that copies of the document have been provided for all members of Kirk Sessions. (Reports pp 34-35)
- iii. Nominate and appoint in Revd James Whyte's place, the Revd Marion L K Howie their Commissioner to the next General Assembly

Superintendence

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

- i. Receive and approve the Quinquennial Visitation Report for Largs St John's and invite the Kirk Session to make full use of the reports in its work (Reports pp 37-38)

It was moved seconded and agreed that

The issue raised by the Minister that he "does not find Presbytery meetings conducive to open discussion be remitted to the Business Committee for exploration, and, if necessary a report to a future meeting of Presbytery

- ii. Receive and approve the Quinquennial Visitation reports for Dalry Trinity, Kilmory I/w Lamlash, and Stevenston Ardeer I/w Stevenston Livingstone and invite the Kirk Sessions to make full use of the reports in their work. (Reports pp 36-40)
- iii. Thank the office bearers in each of the visited churches for their cooperation in completing questionnaires and preparing for the visits in advance.
- iv. Note the various commendations and recommendations which appear in the Quinquennial reports
- v. Refer to the Business Committee the request of the Kilmory Kirk Session that consideration be given to holding occasional Presbytery meetings on the isle of Arran.

Property

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

- i. Determine the limit above which Presbytery permission is required be reduced to £7000.
- ii. Largs St Columba: An application having been received to remove and upgrade the heating system, approve the scheme approved by the heating consultant for the church, and, following receipt of three quotations, approve the quotation from Messrs Gibson Wright of £21.5K
- iii. Largs St Columba: With the agreement of the Committee on Art and Artistic Questions approve the replacement of the remaining pews in the ground floor at a cost of £16,000

World Mission

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

Note with satisfaction that the total received for the Moderator's challenge to raise £10K for HIV/AIDS is on target and encourage congregations to complete their fund-raising and remind them to transmit money raised to the Presbytery Treasurer by 30 May at the latest.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday June 15th , within Beith High Church for the celebration of Holy Communion and for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet on Wednesday June 2.

Benediction

Moderator
Clerk