

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday 7th December 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. A Adamson, M S Cameron, N Cruickshank, M L K Howie,
R I T Macdonald, A F McGurk, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, A B Noble,
B H Oxburgh, S J Smith, J Teasdale, **(Ministers)**
S Brown, A T Butcher, A Cochrane, G Cunningham, I Hackney,
J C Q Hunter, J Laurie, R Lavalette, S Lavalette, G K McConnell, S McMahon,
J M McSwan, S Marr, C Massie, K Milne, A Pringle, R A Richardson, G Ross,
E Sillars, A Turner, K Tudor, K S Welch, R F Welch, J Welch **(Elders)**
N Smith **(Corresponding Member)**

Apologies

D Granger, D J H Harbison, J M M Lafferty, A D McCallum, A M McCance,
M H Mackay, F C Ross, I M Roy, M Thomson, A S Taylor, E R L Watson,
V G C Watson, J Whyte **(Ministers)**
J Aitken, L Borwick, A Buick, J Cameron, A Campbell, J Forsyth, E Haliwell,
A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, M G Kellock, R Kelso, A Lees, V Macdonald,
W Mackay, J T McGill, S McLellan, N Martin, T Muston, J Porter, E Taylor,
A C Watt, C Welch, **(Elders)**
M A Broster, A Currie, H Knight, A Montgomerie,
M M B Ross **(Corresponding Members)**

Minutes - the Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd November 2010 (Pages 18-22) having been circulated, were approved.

Order of Business – The Order of Business was approved- with the inclusion of an additional item under Property Committee report regarding the letting of the Kilwinning : Mansfield Trinity Manse.

Correspondence had been received from:

- (a) **General Trustees** – Manse Condition Schedules
- (b) **General Trustees** – Beith High L/w Beith Trinity – Information regarding the Fabric Committee meeting on 5th October 2010, at which the Report of the Feasibility Study was discussed and which sought further meetings with the congregation to discuss the recommendations of the study.
- (c) **Presbytery Clerks Forum** 15th -16th February 2011
- (d) **Revd John Harvey** – Guntrip Trust (Scottish Institute of Human relations) – Seeking permission to give a presentation regarding the Trust at a Presbytery meeting.
- (e) **Church & Society Council** - Regarding the appointment of Congregational Church & Society Contacts.
- (f) **Mission & Discipleship Council** – Appointment of Youth Representative to General Assembly 2011.

- (g) **Mr George Wilson, Cawdor, Nairn** – Letter regarding the Proposed Union of Saltcoats: New Trinity & Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's.
- (h) **Ardrossan Barony :St Johns** – Extract Minute of Congregational Meeting at which it was agreed to adopt the Unitary Constitution.
- (i) **Largs: Clark Memorial Church** – Extract Minute seeking permission to make a Pedestrian Entrance at the Church Gates.
- (j) **Kilwning: Mansefield Trinity** – Extract Minutes seeking permission to:
 - Replace Work Surface in Kitchen Area
 - Replace present Car Park Surface
 - Replace Alarm System
- (k) **General Assembly** – Annual Statistical returns for all congregations within the bounds. **These have been sent to Session Clerks and should be returned to the Clerk pro tem by Friday 14th January 2011.**
- (l) **Solicitor of the Church** – Information regarding Trustee Indemnity Insurance and Review of Music Copyright – **This information had been sent to all Session Clerks within the Bounds.**
- (m) **Ministries Council** – Information regarding the Assessment & Enquiry scheme and seeking to appoint additional supervisors.
- (n) **Revd M Coogan L.Th** – Letter intimating that Mr Coogan wished to demit his seat in the Presbytery of Ardrossan and be granted a Presbyterial Certificate.
- (o) **Saltcoats: New Trinity** – Extract Minute seeking permission to let the Manse.
- (p) **Revd Dr Johnston McKay** – Letter formally asking Presbytery to grant him permission to withdraw his request to demit his seat in Presbytery and to recall its decision to grant this.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Committee

i. **Kilwinning Old Call to the Revd Jeanette Whitecross**

The Congregation had been cited for its interest and were represented by Mr Gordon McConnell and Mr Reginald Welch.

Parties were called

Mr Gordon McConnell (Session Clerk) spoke on behalf of the Congregation and advised that the call to Mrs Whitecross had been signed by 183 members. Mr McConnell asked that the call be sustained and thanked Presbytery and the Revd Dr Johnston McKay for all of the support that had been offered during the period of vacancy as Interim Moderator and Locum.

Parties were removed

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

Kilwinning Old – Approve the decision of the Committee acting as the Vacancy Procedure Committee to sustain a Call received from the congregation of Kilwinning: Old Parish Church to the Revd Jeanette Whitecross (Old Kilpatrick L/W Bowling) - Presbytery of Dumbarton. And request that Mrs Whitecross be released by Dumbarton Presbytery and appoint Wednesday 12th January 2011 as the date of the Induction. The Moderator to Preside, Revd James Teasdale to conduct and Revd Martin Thomson to Preach and deliver the Charges to the Congregation. Presbytery to meet at 7.00 p.m. the Induction to commence at 7.30 p.m.

Parties were recalled and the Presbytery's decision intimated.

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

ii. **Ardrossan Barony St John's** – Note that an Extract Minute had been received following a meeting of the Congregation held on 26th October 2010, at which it was agreed to adopt the Unitary Constitution and invite the Solicitor of the Church to issue the Constitution to the Congregation.

iii. **Revd Melvyn Coogan** – Agree to a request from Mr Coogan to demit his seat within the Presbytery of Ardrossan and grant to him a Presbyterian Certificate.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that this matter be remitted to Business committee – with a view to members of the committee visiting Mr Coogan before his request was considered.

A question was also raised regarding to whom a minister that had been granted a Certificate was answerable to if they no longer retained a seat in Presbytery. It was agreed the Clerk pro tem should seek clarification and report back to Presbytery

iv. **Revd Dr Johnston R McKay** – Agree to a request from Dr McKay to grant him permission to withdraw his request to demit his seat in Presbytery and to recall its decision to grant this.

Property Committee

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

i. **Kilwinning Mansefield Trinity**

A : Approve an application to replace the Alarm System. At a cost of £ 620.00 + VAT

B: Approve and application to replace the Car Park Surface at a cost of £15,000 + VAT from Hamilton Brothers (this quote included drainage)

C: Approve an application to replace Kitchen Work Surfaces at a cost of £3448 inc. VAT,

ii Largs: Clark Memorial Church - Approve an application to make a pedestrian entrance at the Stanlane Gate to the Church. North Ayrshire Council and Historic Scotland having given permission for part of the sandstone boundary wall to be removed and a gate inserted for this new access - at a cost of £11,805 (plus £500 contingency) The works are desired as a Health and Safety Measure.

iii Saltcoats: New Trinity – Approve and application to let the Manse of the congregation.

Iv Indemnity Insurance – Ask congregations to note that following upon the implementation of legislation recently to provide retrospective cover for charities taking out trustee indemnity insurance. The Solicitor of the church has received a number of enquires about this type of insurance from local office bearers. It would seem to be the case, therefore, that the decision reached by the 2009 General Assembly that all Congregations should have such a policy through a block scheme with the Church of Scotland Insurance Company may not be known to all congregations.

Congregations should also note that Trustee Indemnity Insurance will be rendered void – should decisions be taken by Kirks Session/ Congregational Boards not comply with the Practice and Procedure of the Church of Scotland, together with Charity and Civil Law

v. Manse Inspections. Remind Congregations that it is necessary to inspect their manse and make the appropriate annual report.

vi. Standing Orders of Presbytery in relation to Property Committee

:Note that the regulations are clearly shown in Standing Orders and for the avoidance of doubt congregations should note that: Applications must be submitted to the Presbytery Clerk not less than 21 days prior to the Presbytery meeting

Applications must be accompanied by

*A detailed description of the work.

- * An Extract Minute of the Financial Board.
- * Statement on availability of funds.
- * Copies of 3 competitive estimates.

Mission & Discipleship Committee

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

- i. Note that application forms are now available for any young person aged 18-25, who may be interested in representing Ardrossan Presbytery as the Youth Delegate at the 2011 General Assembly.
- ii Note the report on Back to Church Sunday (Reports Page 62)
- iii Agree in principle that A.S.P.I.R.E. be granted permission to make additional funding applications to Lloyds TSB Henry Duncan Awards, Robertson Trust, Cattenach Charitable Trust, Ayrshire Leader and The Moffat Trust.

World Mission Committee

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

- i. Appoint the Rev Andrew McGurk to serve as Vice Convenor until 30th June 2011.
- ii. Invite some of the group who visited Malawi in the summer - and to whom Presbytery gave a grant of £4900 towards travel - to address Presbytery at a future meeting and share their experiences as well as offering them an opportunity to extend thanks to Presbytery.

Presbyterial Superintendence Committee

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

- i. Approve the following arrangements for the annual inspection of Rolls and Records in February 2011:

Tuesday 22nd at 7.00pm: Saltcoats New Trinity

Wednesday 23rd at 2.00pm: Largs St Columba's

Wednesday 23rd at 7.00pm: Dalry: St Margaret's

Thursday 24th at 11.00am (approx): Brodick
- ii Remind Ministers to submit their 2010 Log Books for inspection by Thursday 24th February 2011

Finance Committee

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

- i. Acknowledge with thanks the generosity of four Arran Churches in making additional voluntary payments in support of their Ministry costs for 2010 – Brodick (£4,000), Corrie (£1,400), Lochranza and Pirmill (£2,976) and Shiskine (£3,000), making a grand total of £11,376.
- ii. As a result of questions raised in the Mission & Discipleship Committee Report, regarding congregations that might wish to apply for funding from the 3% Ministries & Mission Allocation: Presbytery resolved that the Finance Convener should (following consultation with Mission and Discipleship) prepare a short paper to be submitted to the Business Committee for consideration, at the earliest available meeting of that Committee. Such a paper would then be brought before Presbytery in February 2011. This paper will outline the specific criteria that may be used by Presbytery in considering an application to the 3% fund, and process by which Congregations may apply.

Presbytery to meet *in hunc effectum* on Wednesday 12th January 2011 at 7.00 p.m. within Kilwinning: Old Parish Church for the Induction Service of the Revd Jeanette Whitecross and on Tuesday 8th February 2011 at 7.30pm for the conduct of ordinary business.

The Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 19th January 2011 at 4.00 p.m.

The meeting was closed with Prayer.

_____ **Moderator**

_____ **Clerk Pro Tem**