

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday 1st November 2011, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted by the Moderator, the Reverend Martin Thomson Bsc, Dip Ed, BD.

Sederunt:

Revd M Thomson (Moderator) Mr A K Saunderson (Clerk)

Ministers:

M S Cameron, I S Currie, D Granger, D J H Harbison, D J Heberton, M L K Howie, M H Mackay, G P Maclean, A D McCallum, A M McCance, A F McGurk, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, F C Ross, I M Roy, A S Taylor, J Teasdale, E R L Watson, V G C Watson, J Whitecross.

Elders:

J Aitken, M Brown, S Brown, A K Butcher, J Cameron, A Cochrane, E Halliwell, A C D Hamilton, J C Q Hunter, R Jarvie, R Kelso, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A Lees, V Macdonald, J T McGill, S Marr, A Martin, C Massie, G K McConnell, R McLean, S McLellan, S McMahan, J M McSwan, K Milne, A Pringle, R A Richardson, E Sillars, E Taylor, A Turner, A Todd, K Tudor, A C Watt, C Welch, K S Welch, R F Welch, J Welsh.

Corresponding Members:

R McCool, M Nimmo, N Smith, H Knight, M Hickman.

Apologies

Ministers:

R A Adamson, N Cruicshank, R I T Macdonald, S J Smith, T Webster.

Elders:

A Campbell, G Cunningham, I Hackney, S Lavalette, W McKay, T Muston.

Corresponding Members:

A Currie, A Montgomerie.

- The Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2011 (Pages 41-46) having been circulated, were approved.
- Correspondence
- (1) **Jane B Marr safeguarding Trainer** – Notification of Kirk Session Training on Monday 10th October 2011, at Largs: Clark Memorial church Halls.
- (2) **Largs: St John's – Extract Minute** regarding Restoration Project
- (3) **Largs: St John's** – Notification that the Congregational Board have accepted the Ministries & Mission allocation for 2011.

/2011

- (4) **Largs : St John's** – Letter from the Kirk Session regarding the recent meeting held with Presbytery in connection with the Revision of the Presbytery Plan.
- (5) **Revd Neil Galbrath Glasgow Presbytery** – Information on Glasgow the Caring City Charity.
- (6) **Stevenston Livingstone Church** – Extract Minute regarding the letting of the Manse during the vacancy.
- (7) **Stevenston/ Livingston Lw Stevenston: Ardeer** - On 13th November, Livingstone and Ardeer will be holding a joint Remembrance Day Service in Ardeer Parish Church and as a result there will be no service in Livingstone Church on that day.

In addition the Clerk reported that since the Agenda had been circulated the following correspondence had been received:

- (8) **Safeguarding Services** – Notification had been received that the following has satisfactory completed Safeguarding Training for Congregational Safeguarding Coordinators: Edith Murchie (Saltcoats: New Trinity) Elizabeth Barrett (Beith: Parish Church), Helen Shields (Kilwinning: Old Parish Church), Helen McLuckie (Saltcoats: North Parish Church), Maureen Crilley (Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's), Catherine Mackay (Dalry: Trinity Church), Sheena Hatcliffe (Kilbirnie: St Columba's), Elizabeth Cuthbertson (Dalry: St Margaret's), Colin McDougall (West Kilbride; Parish Church), Carol Wilson (Stevenston: High Kirk), Alison Tunnicliff (Largs: St Columba's), Penny Brown (Dalry: St Margaret's), Margaret Mackenzie (Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity & Anne Fitzsimmons (West Kilbride:Parish Church)

Order of Business - The Order of Business was approved.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Committee

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

- i. **Patients Lists for Visiting Clergy** – Note the report submitted by the Revd Dorothy Granger (Reports Page 61)

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

Presbytery/

- ii. **Saltcoats : New Trinity/ Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's** – Appoint the following Committee to negotiate a Basis of Union between the Congregations. Revd Jeanette Whitecross (Convener) Revd Valerie Watson, Revd James McNay, Mr Ron Lavalette and Mr Stephen Brown.

Property Committee

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

- i. **Kilbirnie: Auld Kirk** - Note and approve, that as thieves struck for a 4th time in three weeks stealing lead of the church roof, which has now been totally stripped of lead. The current repair will be done with heavy duty felt and the cost is likely to be between £4/£5000. As this has been a constant drain on resources the Presbytery Finance Convener has agreed to recommend a contribution of £4,000 from the 3% pot and the Committee wish to grant permission to proceed with this essential work.
- ii. **West Kilbride: Parish Church** – Grant permission to spend £38,530 + VAT of Architects Fees for the Restoration Project, subject to the approval of the General Trustees.
- iii. **Cumbræ Parish Church** - Note that Cumbræ Parish Church are investigating the possibility of building a new Church. Representatives of the General Trustees and Presbytery Property Committee met with their office bearers and following this discussion, the Congregation were encouraged to continue with fund raising and to make preliminary arrangements of the type of building that may be required. The cost of a multi purpose building is likely to be in the region of £1.5M to £2m and their committee are willing to face up to this challenge. This is purely information to be noted.
- iv. **Largs: St John's** – Note Presbytery having previously agreed in principle a major refurbishment scheme at Largs: St John's The Property Committee now have the full details of the proposals, 3 estimates, and an Extract Minute from the Congregational Board. The three estimates are:

Are/

Laing Traditional Masonry £489,936.85

Stewart & Shields £547,016.84

Brick & Steel Construction £552,970.12

The preferred contractor is Laing Traditional Masonry. The total including VAT and Professional fees is £689,690.94. Funds are available. Grant permission to proceed with the works subject to stage 2 of the lottery application being successful and a copy of the formal notice from Heritage Lottery confirming that work may start, being lodged with the Presbytery Clerk.

v. **Stevenston: Livingstone** – Grant Permission to the Congregation to let the Manse during the Vacancy.

vi. **Largs: St Columba's** - Approve an Application to proceed with upgrade of Ladies Toilet accommodation and improvements recommended by Fire Safety Report. 5 Estimates were received although the lowest was subsequently withdrawn.

The remaining estimates are as follows:-

Brick & Steel Ltd £31,140.07

Morris & Spottiswood £34,398.00

W.H. Kirkwood £38,043.40

J.D. Thomson £41,825.00

The preferred estimate is Brick & Steel and the total including Professional Fees and VAT is £45,840.00. Funds are available.

Stewardship & Finance Committee

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

i. Approve the Ministries and Missions Contributions for 2012.

2012/

- ii. Instruct all congregations within the bounds to participate in the National Stewardship Programme.
- iii. Encourage each congregation to take a positive approach to the National Stewardship Programme as more generous giving will enable the Church to maintain and develop its core functions of worship, mission and service.
- iv. Instruct all congregations to inform the Clerk in writing by 31st December as to which option they have chosen to undertake on the National Stewardship Programme, and when, during 2012, they intend to have their programme completed; (Reports Page 63)
- v. Approve that any stewardship programme presented by a congregation under Option 4 (Reports Page 63), that is agreed by the Presbytery Convener and Vice Convener of Finance, will be deemed to have the approval of Presbytery;
- vi. Remind congregations of the Financial Regulations 2009, Section 2, requiring any congregation wishing to vary Ministries and Mission Contributions from ten or twelve equal monthly payments by standing order, to seek Presbytery approval in advance (new notification form on Reports Page 62).
- vii. Approve a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £4,000 to be made by the congregation of **Kilbirnie Auld Kirk** (120662) in support of an urgent and necessary fabric repair, to be funded from the 2012 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
- viii. Approve a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £840 to be made by the congregation of **Stevenston High Church** (120680) in support of an urgent and necessary fabric repair, to be funded from the 2012 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
- ix. Approve a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £520 to be made by the congregation of **Stevenston Livingstone Church** (120681) in support of an urgent and necessary fabric repair, to be funded from the 2012 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
- x. Approve a Ministries and Mission Contributions Giving Agreement between the congregation of **West Kilbride Parish Church** and the Presbytery of Ardrossan, where that congregation has agreed to pay additional contributions of £600 per annum for each of the years 2013, 2014 and 2015.

World Mission Committee

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

Presbytery/

- i. Note the forthcoming World Mission Conference focussing on Christians in Minority Situations. (St Leonard's in the Fields, Church, Perth.10.30-15.30 on Saturday 12 November 2011). The day will be led in worship by the WMC Convener, Andrew McLellan. Conference cost including lunch is £6. For more detailed information and to register please contact Audrey Grahame at agrahame@cofscotland.org.uk or World Mission Council, Church of Scotland, 121 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4YN by Friday 4 November 2011.
- ii. Note that the Convenor would like to thank all those involved in organising visits and events for the visit of the Presbytery Mission Partner Miss Helen Scott. A fuller report will be submitted to the December Presbytery Meeting.

Presbytery to meet in Conference Session on Tuesday 29th November 2011, at 7.30 p.m. within New Trinity Church to discuss the Revision of the Presbtery Plan.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 6th December, 2011, at 7.30 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church Saltcoats: New Trinity Church for the Conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on, Wednesday 16th November 2011 at 3.00 p.m. and Wednesday 23rd November 2011 at 3.00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk