

**At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011, 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)

**Ministers:**

A Adamson, I Currie, D Granger, D J H Harbison, D J Hebenton, J M M Lafferty, A M McCance, R I T Macdonald, A F McGurk, M H Mackay, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, I M Roy, S J Smith, J Teasdale, M Thomson, V G C Watson, J Whyte.

**Elders:**

J Aitken, S Brown, A Buick, A T Butcher, J Cameron, A Campbell, A Cochrane, G Cunningham, J Forsyth, E Halliwell, J C Q Hunter, R Jarvie, R Kelso, J Laurie, R Lavalette, S Lavalette, A Lees, V Macdonald, W Mackay, G K McConnell, S McMahan, J M McSwan, S Marr, N Martin, K Milne, A Pringle, R A Richardson, G Ross, E Sillars, K Tudor, A Turner, A C Watt, C Welch, R F Welch, J Welsh.

**Corresponding Members:**

M A Broster, A Currie, H Knight, R McCool, N Smith.

**Apologies:**

**Ministers:**

N Cruickshank, M L K Howie, A D McCallum, F C Ross, A S Taylor, E R L Watson, J Whitecross.

**Elders:**

L Borwick, I Hackney, A C D Hamilton, M G Kellock, J T McGill, S McLellan, T Muston, E Taylor, K S Welch.

**Corresponding Members:**

M M B Ross.

**Minutes**

The minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011 (Pages 3-9) having been circulated were approved.

**Order of Business**

The Order of Business was approved as circulated.

**Roll of Presbytery**

The Moderator welcomed Revd Ian Currie, who thereafter signed the Formula. Mr Currie joins us from the Presbytery of Argyll and the Isles – having retired from the United Church of Bute. Mr Currie now resides in Largs.

**Correspondence has been received from:**

(a) Revd John Lafferty – Letter from Mr Lafferty seeking permission to retire on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

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- (b) Church of Scotland Yearbook – Letter seeking any changes in listings to be returned by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011.
- (c) Mrs Julie Jamieson, Saltcoats: North Parish Church – Letter seeking approval for payments to Central Funds to be made by cheque rather than by Standing Order.
- (d) Safeguarding Services – Reply to letter regarding Kirk Session Training.

***In addition the Clerk reported the following correspondence that had been received after the papers had been circulated:***

- (e) Mrs May McKinney – Stevenston Ardeer had intimated that she had resigned as Session Clerk and that Mr Robert McMillan had taken over on a pro tem basis.
- (f) Revd Judith Huggett – Information for Ministers/Locums about new Security Passes. This would be circulated to all Ministers and Locums.

## **OVERTURE ANENT LOCAL CHURCH REVIEW UNDER THE BARRIER ACT**

Presbytery then took up consideration of the Overture Anent Local Church Review.

At the conclusion of the discussion a vote was taken which resulted in

**52 Voting for Approval**

**2 Voting against Approval**

**No Abstentions.**

It was agreed the Clerk should forward the result to the Principal Clerk's Office.

## **SATNDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Business Committee**

#### **i. Beith High Lw Beith: Trinity**

Presbytery then took up consideration of the Basis and Plan of Union that had been negotiated between Office Bearers of Beith High Church and Beith Trinity Church, and which had been recommended by both Kirk Sessions to the members of each congregation for acceptance, and had been voted on at Congregational Meetings held under the authority of Presbytery on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2010. (Reports Pages 9-10)

Both Congregations had been cited for their interest by Pulpit Intimation on Sundays 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

There appeared for Beith High Chuch:

Mrs Vivienne Macdonald, Mr William Monaghan, Mr John Smith,  
Mrs Catherine Wilson and Mrs Jenny McGregor.

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There appeared for Beith Trinity Church

Dr Gordon Isbister, Mr George Bell, Mr Ian Blackburn, Mrs Margaret Greenwood and Mrs Katherine Turner.

**Parties were called**

Mrs Vivienne Macdonald spoke on behalf of Beith High Church.

Dr Gordon Isbister spoke on behalf of Beith Trinity Church.

After an opportunity for comments and questions

**Parties were removed**

The Moderator called for motions

**For the Committee the Convener then moved and it was seconded and agreed that:**

- i. Presbytery approve the Basis and Plan of Union, invite the General Assembly Presbytery Planning Taskforce Committee to concur and remit to Business Committee to set a date for a Service of Union.

**Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery intimated to both Congregations.**

**For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that:**

- ii. Presbytery note that the Committee has approved the Presbytery Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010. Mrs Ann Turner then spoke regarding the accounts and answered questions. Mrs Turner was thanked for all of the work undertaken by her in preparing the accounts on behalf of Presbytery.(Reports Pages 11-17)
- iii. Presbytery Dues be set at £2.40 and Survey Dues at 70 Pence for Session 2011/12
- iv. Note the Congregational Statistics for 2010 (Reports Page 21)
- v. Nominate the following as Commissioners to the General Assembly of 2011: **Ministers** Martin Thomson, Dorothy Granger, Jeanette Whitecross, James Teasdale, Scott Cameron, James McNay and Valerie Watson.  
**Elders** Alan Saunderson, Mima McSwan, Stuart McMahan, James Welsh, Ronald Lavalette, Ann Turner, Margaret Donaldson.
- vi. Presbytery note, that at the Annual General Meeting of the Nan Stevenson Charitable Trust for Retired Ministers, Mrs Ann Turner had been appointed as Secretary and Treasurer.
- vii. Presbytery note: that at the Annual General Meeting of the Nan Stevenson Charitable Trust for Retired Ministers, Mrs Ann Turner and Miss J M McSwan had been appointed as Trustees.

Trustees/

### **Church & Society Committee**

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

- i. Presbytery note the Education Executive Report (Reports Pages 18- 19)

### **Mission & Discipleship Committee**

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

- i. Presbytery agree in principle that ASPIRE/ASFACT be granted permission to change their name and to allow the group to present their applications for Charity Status and Company Limited by Guarantee to the appropriate authorities. (Reports Page 20 )
- ii. That Presbytery note that there might be a possibility of appointing a Representative from Stevenston: Ardeer Church as Youth Representative to the General Assembly of 2011. It was agreed that if this was the case the nomination should be approved.
- iii. Note the response from Safeguarding Services regarding Kirk Session Mandatory Training. (Reports page 22)

### **Finance Committee**

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

- i. Presbytery approve the setting up of a Book Grant Scheme for the use of Candidates in training for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, the Diaconate and the Readership.
- ii. Presbytery approve a request from Saltcoats: North Parish Church to make Monthly Remittances to Central Funds by cheque rather than by Standing Order.

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**Ministries Committee**

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

- i. Presbytery Grant Permission to the Revd John Lafferty to retire from the Charge of Stevenston: Livingstone L/w Stevenston: Ardeer on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

**Superintendence Committee**

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

- i. Presbytery note: that Rolls and Records within the bounds have been satisfactorily attested and that any matters requiring attention have been raised with those concerned.
- ii. Presbytery note: that ministers' Log Books have been examined and found to be in satisfactory order

**Presbytery to meet *in hunc effectum* on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 at 7.15 within Ardrossan: Park Church, for the Ordination and Induction of Miss Tanya Webster.**

**Presbytery to meet on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 7.30 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church at 7.30 p.m. for the conduct of ordinary business.**

**The Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 at 3.00 p.m.**

**The meeting was closed with prayer.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Moderator**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Clerk**

