

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday 3rd May 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, M S Cameron, I Currie, D Granger, D J H Harbison, D J Heberton, M L K Howie, A M McCance, R I T Macdonald, A F McGurk, M H Mackay, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, F C Ross, I M Roy, S J Smith, J Teasdale, M Thomson, A S Taylor, J Whyte, J Whitecross.

Elders:

J Aitken, S Brown, A Buick, A T Butcher, J Cameron, A Cochrane, J Forsyth, A C D Hamilton, J C Q Hunter, R Jarvie, R Kelso, J Laurie, R Lavalette, S Lavalette, A Lees, V Macdonald, W McKay, G K McConnell, J T McGill, S McClellan, S McMahon, J M McSwan, S Marr, C Massie, K Milne, T Muston, A Pringle, G Ross, E Sillars, E Taylor, A Turner, K Tudor, A C Watt, C Welch, K S Welch, R F Welch, J Welsh.

Corresponding Members:

M A Broster, H Knight, N Smith.

Apologies

Ministers:

N Cruickshank, J M M Lafferty, A D McCallum, E R L Watson, V G C Watson, T Webster.

Elders:

L Borwick, A Campbell, G Cunningham, I Hackney, E Halliwell, M G Kellock, N Martin, R A Richardson.

Corresponding Members:

A Currie, A Montgomerie, M M B Ross.

Minutes

The Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 5th April 2011 (Pages 17-20) having been circulated, were approved.

Order of Business

The Order of Business was approved as circulated.

Correspondence:

(a) **Church of Scotland Insurance Company** – Certificate of Employers Liability Policy.

- (b) Principal Clerk** – Notification that the Moratorium in connection with the Special Commission on Same Sex Relationships and the Ministry – is still in force. This has been sent to all members of Presbytery.
- (c) Saltcoats New Trinity/ Saltcoats St Cuthbert's** – Notification that as the Congregations move towards Union that joint Services will be held on the under noted dates and that the Church not listed as holding the service, will be closed for worship on the dates noted.
- 01 May 2011 (New Trinity – 11.15 a.m.)
 - 08 May 2011 (St Cuthbert's – 10.45 a.m.)
 - 10th July 2011 (New Trinity – 11.15 a.m.)
 - 17th July 2011 (St Cuthbert's – 10.45 a.m.)
 - 24th July 2011 (New Trinity – 11.15 a.m.)
- (d) Ministries Council** – Increase in mileage allowance to 45 pence for first 10,000 as per HMRC review. This has been sent to all Ministers in Charge, Locums and Congregational Treasurers.

Reception of Presbyterian Council

The Revd Roddie McDonald then introduced representatives from the Presbytery of Ardrossan Guild Presbyterian Council. Mrs Helen Knight Convener, gave a report of the working of the Council and National Guild during the session. At the conclusion of the report Mrs Knight was thanked by the Moderator, who then offered prayer for the ongoing work of the Council.

Standing Committee Reports

Business Committee

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

- i. **Ardrossan Barony St John's** – Note that following a site visit to the congregation by the General Trustees in September 2009 and their agreement at that time in principle, to making a Grant of £10,000 available for a Feasibility Study, that Presbytery support the congregation in formally applying to the General Trustees, for the Study. Noting that a Parish Profile Report has been prepared by the Faith in the Community Transformation Team and that Business Committee has always considered that a Church presence and ministry was anticipated in the area of Ardrossan served by Barony: St John's. And also invite the Presbytery Property Committee to liaise with the Minister and Kirk Session, of Barony: St John's in the Planning Brief that will be prepared for presentation to the General Trustees.

At this point Mr S Brown asked that his simple Dissent, be noted.

- ii. **Moderator 2011/12** : Nominate the Revd Martin Thomson as Moderator of Presbytery for 2011/12.
- iii. **Business Committee** : Note that the Committee will bring before the June meeting June meeting the following amendment to standing Orders for consideration in relation to Standing Order Number 17.1
“The Business Committee shall include a Convener, Vice Convener, Committee Clerk (responsible for taking the minute) Presbytery Treasurer (if a member of Presbytery) Conveners of Standing Committees, **Vice Conveners of Standing Committees**, three Elders and, in the absence of any other members from Arran, one representative from Arran”
- iv. **Stevenston Ardeer L/w Stevenston: Livingstone** : Appoint Mr K S Welch as Interim Moderator to deal with all matters relating to Vacancy Procedure, due to the impending retirement of the Revd John Lafferty on 11th October 2011. Noting that until his retirement date Mr Lafferty will continue to moderate all other aspects of the Kirk Session.

Property Committee

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

- i. **Saltcoats: St Cutbert's** : Approve the letting of the Manse, subject to the approval of the General Trustees.

Finance Committee

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

The Convener noted an interest in item iv in the application from West Kilbride Parish Church, where he was an Elders and Congregational Treasurer. The Convener however, has had no part in the application process

- i. Approve an application made by congregation of Ardrossan Barony St John's Church (120661) for a reduction in Ministries and Mission contributions of £5,000, to be funded from the 2010 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve. (Reports Page 27)

- ii. Approve an application made by the congregation of St Margaret's Parish Church, Dalry (120657) for a reduction in Ministries and Mission contributions of £1,500, to be funded from the 2010 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve. (Reports Page 27)
- iii. Approve an application made by the congregation of St Columba's Parish Church, Largs (120671) for a reduction in Ministries and Mission contributions of £3,000, to be funded from the 2010 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve. (Reports Page 27)
- iv. Approve an application made by the congregation of West Kilbride Parish Church (120684) for a reduction in Ministries and Mission contributions of £3,000, to be funded from the 2010 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve. (Reports Page 28)
- v. Approve an application made by the congregation of Whiting Bay & Kildonan Church (120686) for a reduction in Ministries and Mission contributions of £2,000, to be funded from the 2010 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve. (Reports Page 28)
- vi. Approve the reduction in Ministries and Mission historical contributions due of £279 by Kilwinning Fergushill church, to be funded from the 2010 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve;
- vii. Note that further applications will be brought before the June meeting of Presbytery and that as the full reserve has not yet been allocated, Business Committee would encourage congregations to apply, and therefore extends the deadline for further applications to 31st May 2011.
- viii. **Notice of Motion** : Notice was given that at the June meeting of Presbytery the Convener will bring a resolution, to hold over the 2011 3% Ministries and Mission Reserve to facilitate initiatives to be approved by Presbytery during the 2011-12 session.

Ministries Committee

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

- i. Note the receipt of the Annual Performance and Development Report for Mrs Jean Hunter, Parish Assistant at Brodick Lw, Corrie Lw, Lochranza & Pirnmill Lw Shiskine.
- ii. Note that Mrs Sharon Macleod (Arran) a Candidate for the Readership has successfully completed a period of co-ordinated assessment with the Revd Angus Adamson. As an Honours Graduate in Theology Mrs McLeod is qualified in terms of the required academic studies. Presbytery is asked to approve her first practice placement with the Revd Gillean MacIen in Kilmory L/w Lamlash.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 14th June 2011, for the Sacrament of Holy Communion at 7.30 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church and thereafter, for the Conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 1st June 2011 at 3.00

The meeting was closed with prayer.

_____ **Moderator**

_____ **Clerk**