

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday 4th October 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:

N Cruickshank, I S Currie, D Granger, D J H Harbison, D J Heberton, M L K Howie, R I T Macdonald, M H Mackay, A D McCallum, A M McCance, A F McGurk, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, I M Roy, S J Smith, A S Taylor, J Teasdale, E R L Watson, V G C Watson, T Webster, J Whitecross.

Elders:

M Brown, S Brown, J Cameron, A Cochrane, M Cooper, I Hackney, A C D Hamilton, J C Q Hunter, R Kelso, J Laurie, R Lavalette, S Lavalette, A Lees, V Macdonald, J T McGill, S Marr, C Massie, G K McConnell, R McLean, J M McSwan, A Pringle, R A Richardson, E Sillars, A Turner, A Todd, K Tudor, A C Watt, K S Welch.

Corresponding Members:

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

Guild Presbyterian Council Committee Representatives

M Broster

Apologies

Ministers:

R A Adamson, M S Cameron, A Falconer, G P Maclean

Elders:

J Aitken, A Campbell, G Cunningham, E Halliwell, R Jarvie, W McKay, A Martin, S McLellan, S McMahan, K Milne, T Muston, G Ross, E Taylor, C Welch. R F Welch.

Guild Presbyterian Council Committee Representatives

M Smith.

- Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2011 (Pages 34-40) having been circulated, were approved. **The Clerk noted that due to an email failure several sets of minutes and papers had not been delivered. Apologies were extended for any inconvenience this had caused.**

- Correspondence

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- (a) Extract Minutes in connection with Applications for the Ministries & Mission 3% Reserve, from:
 - Stevenston: High Church
 - West Kilbride Parish Church
 - Stevenston: Livingstone Church
 - Largs: St Columba's Church
 - Fairlie: Parish Church
 - Dalry: St Margaret's
 - Ardrossan: Barony St John's

- (b) Solicitor of the Church – notification that a Unitary Constitution has been granted to Lamlash Parish Church, by delegation of the Assembly.

- (c) Largs St Columba's Parish Church – Notification that the Congregation wishes to enter into a Giving Agreement for years 2012, 2013 and 2014.

- (d) Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's – Intimation that the church will be closed on Sunday 9th October 2011 when a joint Service will be held in Saltcoats: New Trinity and where the Rt Revd David Arnott, Moderator of the General Assembly will Preach.

The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received since the papers for the meeting had been circulated

- (e) **Prisoners Week 20 – 27 November 2011** – Information leaflets have been received and are available to be collected from the table outside the meeting room.
- (f) **Ardrossan Park:** Church – Letter from the Treasurer concerning the Congregations Mission and Ministries Contribution for 2012 – which has been passed to the Finance Committee.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Order of Business was approved as in the Agenda with the inclusion of an Additional Report under the Church & Society Committee.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Committee

- i. **Kilwinning: Mansefiled Trinity Church - Call to Mrs Morag Garrett (Graduate Candidate)**
The Congregation had been cited for its interest.

Interest/

Parties were called

Mr Ian Hackney (Session Clerk) appeared for the Congregation. Mr Hackney spoke regarding the Call to Mrs Garret and thanked the Presbytery for the support received during the vacancy and also the Revd Marion Howie for all of the work undertaken as Interim Moderator and Locum.

Parties were removed.

The Convener then moved the deliverance, and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

Note the decision of the Committee acting as the Vacancy Procedure Committee to sustain a call from the Congregation to Mrs Morag Garrett (Graduate Candidate) And appoint Wednesday 23rd November 2011 as the date for the Ordination & Induction. Presbytery to meet at 7.15 p.m. and The Service of Ordination and Induction to begin at 7.30 p.m. The Moderator to preside, the Revd Tanya Webster to conduct and the Revd Dorothy Granger to Preach and give the Charges.

Parties were recalled and the decision communicated to them.

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

- ii. Note that in connection with the Revision of the Presbytery Plan, Presbytery will meet in Conference Session on **Tuesday 29th November 2011** at 7.30 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church.
- iii. **Standing Order 9:1** – Agree to suspend Standing Order 9:1 – to allow the Moderator more flexibility when making visits to Congregations within the Bounds during his term of Office.
- iv. **National Stewardship Campaign** – Remit to the Finance Committee the responsibility for the oversight of the Programme, that Instructs Congregations to participate in the Campaign approved by the General Assembly of 2011 and bring a report to the November Presbytery Meeting.

Property Committee

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

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- i. **Brodict Parish Church** –Approve and application from the Congregation wish to re-roughcast the exterior walls of the manse. Three estimates have been received and funds are available and Extract Minute received. The quotes are I Murchie £7175 plus vat, Wm Kerr £7545 plus vat and J.S. Campbell £8645. The problem was discovered when I Murchie was asked to carry out a minor repair around the windows and the Board wish to accept the estimate from I. Murchie. The Property Committee recommends approval.

Finance Committee

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

- i. Note that in terms of Standing Order 34, The Convener gives Notice of Motion that at the November meeting of Presbytery, the Committee will move the approval of the Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2012 **(Presbytery Reports Pages 55-58)**.
- ii. Approve an application made by the congregation of **Ardrossan: Barony St John's Church** (120661) for a reduction in Proposed 2012 Ministries and Mission contributions of £2,695 to be funded from the 2012 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve **(Reports Page 59)**
- iii. Approve an application made by the congregation of **Dalry: St. Margaret's** (120657) for a reduction in Proposed 2012 Ministries and Mission contributions of £1,500 to be funded from the 2012 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve. **(Reports Page 59)**
- iv. Approve an application made by the congregation of **Fairlie Parish Church** (120659) for a reduction in Proposed 2012 Ministries and Mission contributions of £3,000 to be funded from the 2012 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve**(Reports Page 59)**
- v. Approve an application made by the congregation of **Largs St Columba's: Parish Church** (120671) for a reduction in Proposed 2012 Ministries and Mission contributions of £5,000 to be funded from the 2012 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve. **(Reports Page 59)**
- vi. Approve an application made by the congregation of **Stevenston: Ardeer Parish Church** (120679) for a reduction in Proposed 2012 Ministries and Mission contributions of £1,000 to be funded from the 2012 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve;
- vii. Approve an application made by the congregation of **Stevenston: High Kirk** (120680) for a reduction in Proposed 2012 Ministries and Mission contributions of £2,000 to be funded from the 2012 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve. **(Reports Page 59)**

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- viii. Approve an application made by the congregation of **Stevenston: Livingstone Church** (120681) for a reduction in Proposed 2012 Ministries and Mission contributions of £1,000 to be funded from the 2012 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve. **(Reports Page 60)**
- ix. Approve an application made by the congregation of **West Kilbride: Parish Church** (120684) for a reduction in Proposed 2012 Ministries and Mission contributions of £4,000 to be funded from the 2012 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve **(Reports Page 60)**
- x. Invite all congregations to consider supplementing the 2013-15 Presbytery 3% Ministries and Mission Reserve by means of additional voluntary contributions to the church by using a three year "Giving Agreement" which will further encourage a collaborative Presbytery wide Mission for future years.
- xi. Approve a Ministries and Mission Contributions Giving Agreement between the congregation of **Largs St Columba's** and the Presbytery of Ardrossan, where that congregation has agreed to pay additional contributions of £1,000 per annum for each of the years 2012, 2013 and 2014.
- xii. Note that the balance of funds left in the 2012 Presbytery 3% Ministries and Mission Reserve will now be held by Presbytery until the June meeting in order to support any Congregation that may be undergoing straightened, emergency or changed circumstances. Any such applications should be made in the first instance to the Clerk as soon as any such circumstances become known, and will ultimately be brought before Presbytery for final approval in the usual manner. After June, any funds remaining will return to Edinburgh.
- xiii. Approve a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £4,000 to be made by the congregation of **Ardrossan: Barony St John's Church** (120661) in support of an urgent and necessary fabric repair, to be funded from the 2012 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve;
- xiv. Note that copies of the Church of Scotland Leaflet "Gift Aid Your Offering" are available on the table by the door, outside Presbytery. Presbyters are invited to take multiple copies for churches, or request more copies from the Stewardship and Finance Department at 121 – 0131 225 5722, stewardship@cofscotland.org.uk.

World Mission Committee

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

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- i. Note the arrangements for the visit by our Presbytery mission partner Miss Helen Scott 22-30 October 2011, in particular the reception in Dalry Trinity Church on Saturday 22 October at 7pm and the Evening service in West Kilbride Parish Church on Sunday 30th October at 6.30pm. These events are open to all members of Presbytery and refreshments will be served. **(Reports Page 61)**

Church & Society Committee

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

- i. Note the Report of the Convener who had attended a Conference for Educational Representatives on Presbyteries that had been held at Carronvale House, Larbert on 16th – 17th September 2011.

Before closing the Moderator noted that the Revd John Lafferty would retire from the linked Charge of Stevenston: Ardeer L/w Stevenston: Livingstone on 11th October 2011. The Moderator wished Mr & Mrs Lafferty, every blessing in their retirement.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 1st November 2011, at 7.30 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church for the Conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 19th October 2011 at 3.00 p.m.

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

_____ **Moderator**

_____ **Clerk**