

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday 5th April 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:

N Cruikshank, I Currie, D J H Harbison, M L K Howie, A M McCance, A F McGurk, M H Mackay, A B Noble, F C Ross, I M Roy, A S Taylor, E R L Watson, V G C Watson, J Whyte, T Webster.

Elders:

J Aitken, S Brown, J Forsyth, I Hackney, A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, R Kelso, J Laurie, R Lavalette, S Lavalette, A Lees, V Macdonald, W McKay, G K McConnell, S McLellan, S McMahan, J M McSwan, N Martin, K Milne, R A Richardson, G Ross, E Sillars, A Turner, K Tudor, A C Watt, C Welch, K S Welch, R F Welch, J Welsh.

Corresponding Members:

M A Broster, R McCool, M Nimmo, M M B Ross, N Smith.

Apologies:

Ministers:

A Adamson, M S Cameron, D Granger, A D McCallum, R I T Macdonald, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, S J Smith, J Teasdale, M Thomson, J Whitecross.

Elders:

L Borwick, J Cameron, A Campbell, A Cochrane, G Cunningham, E Halliwell, J C Q Hunter, M G Kellock, J T McGill, S Marr, C Massie, T Muston, J Porter, A Pringle, E Taylor,

Corresponding Members:

A Currie.

Roll of Presbytery

The Moderator welcomed the Revd Tanya Webster, who was attending her first Presbytery meeting following her Ordination and Induction to Ardrossan: Park Church.

Minutes

The Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 1st March 2011 (Pages 10-14) and Wednesday 23rd March 2011 (Pages 15-16) having been circulated, were approved.

Order of Business

The Order of Business was approved as circulated.

Correspondence had been received from:

(1) Correspondence

(a) Voluntary Agencies Civil Contingencies Awareness – Letter advising that a meeting will take place on Wednesday 20th April 2011 and asking Presbytery to appoint a representative to attend.

(b) Church of Scotland Year book (Red Book) Amendments

- (c) **Whiting Bay & Kildonan Parish Church** – Letter from Gill Gregory Session Clerk in respect of the Rota for attendance at the General Assembly and also suggesting what the Kirk Session of Whiting Bay and Kildonan considered might be economies that could be made in Presbytery Administration and postage costs.
- (d) **Largs: St John's Church** – Extract Minute from the Clerk to the Board advising that Heritage Lottery Fund have agreed to a First Round Pass approving a maximum grant of £125.000.
- (e) **Revd Gordon Jamieson** – Proposed National Stewardship Campaign

In addition the Clerk reported that information from the Solicitor of the Church in connection with legislation regarding Public Entertainment Licences. This would be sent to all Session Clerks within the Bounds.

Reception of Guest from Largs: St John's Church

The Moderator then welcomed Mr Sam Cheeseman for Largs: St John's who was part of a group that had received a grant from the 3% Ministries and Mission allocation in year 2010, to help fund a trip to visit St John's Church in the Presbytery of Milala in Malawi. Mr Cheeseman was introduced by the Reverend Andrew McGurk, Vice Convener of the Presbytery World Mission Committee.

Business Committee

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

- i. Agree to a request from the Revd J M Coogan to demit his seat in the Presbytery of Ardrossan and issue him with a Practising Certificate.
- ii. Note the Draft Timetable for the Revision of the Presbytery Plan. (Reports Page 23)
- iii. **Note that the Committee gives Notice of Motion in respect of the suspension of Standing Order 3.** Notice of Motion is given that at the May Presbytery meeting the Committee will seek to Suspend Standing Order 3.
Suspend Standing Order number 3 –That owing to logistical reasons :Note the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday 14th June 2011 and that Elders from the Churches of Kilmory linked with Lamish will be present to serve the Elements and assist the Moderator.

Property Committee

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

- i. **Kilwinning Old** - Grant permission to alter existing toilet and provide a new toilet within the vestry at an estimated cost of £7,500/£8,000. The Committee agree to grant permission in principle, subject to competitive estimates being submitted.
- ii. **Largs St. John's** - Note that funding is now in place for the repairs previously approved in principle and that competitive estimates will require to be submitted in due course.
- iii. **Property Reports** – Note that CRGP have now provided copies of the Reports on Brodick (Halls & Manse), Corrie (Church), Lamblash (Church & Halls), Beith High (Halls & Manse), Saltcoats New Trinity (Halls, Manse and Caretaker's House), Kilbirnie Auld (Church, Halls & Manse) and Fairlie (Church & Manse). Copies will be forwarded to the appropriate congregations.

Mission & Discipleship Committee

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

- i. Note the Report on the Moderator's tour of Ardrossan and extend thanks to those involved in the organisation. (Reports Pages 24-26)
- ii. Note the response from Safeguarding Services, regarding the position of Congregational Board Members and those associated with Kirk Sessions, in respect of Safeguarding Training. Only Elders are subject to Training.

Finance Committee

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

- i. Note that the closing dates for applications to be considered for Grants from the 3% Ministries and Mission Allocation is 20th April 2011.

Ministries Committee

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

- i. **Note that Mrs Liz Clark (Arran)** – a Candidate for the Readership has successfully completed her period of Co-ordinated Field Assessment in Lamlash and the first part of her academic studies. And to approve her first Practical Placement with the Revd Elizabeth R L Watson in Whiting Bay & Kildonan. And to instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to Ministries Council, the Revd Elizabeth R L Watson and Mrs Clark.
- ii. **Study Leave** – Approve an application received from the Revd Gillean Maclean, Minister at Kilmory linked with Lamlash, from 15th – 29th August 2011. Note that Pastoral Cover has been arranged and instruct the clerk to send an Extract Minute to Ministries Council.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 3rd May 2011 at 7.30 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church for the Conduct of Ordinary Business. Business Committee to meet on Tuesday 26th April 2011 at 3.00 p.m.

The meeting was closed with Prayer

_____ **Moderator**

_____ **Clerk**