

**At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 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:**

R A Adamson, M S Cameron, N Cruickshank, I S Currie, M Garrett, D Granger, D J H Harbison, M L K Howie, R I T Macdonald, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, S J Smith, J Teasdale, T Webster, J Whitecross.

**Elders:**

J Aitken, M Brown, S Brown, J Cameron, M Cooper, I Hackney, A C D Hamilton, J C Q Hunter, R Jarvie, R K Lavalette, S Lavatette, V Macdonald, MW McKay, S Marr, C Massie, R McLean, S McLellan, S McMahan, J M McSwan, K Milne, A Pringle, R A Richardson, E Sillars, A Turner, A Todd, K Tudor, K S Welch.

**Corresponding Members:**

R McCool, N Smith, M M B Ross, A Montgomerie, M Hickman.

**Apologies**

**Ministers:**

A Falconer, M H Mackay, G P Maclean, A D McCallum, A M McCance, A F McGurk, F C Ross, I M Roy, A S Taylor, E R L Watson, V G C Watson.

**Elders:**

A K Butcher, A Campbell, A Cochrane, G Cunningham, E Haliwell, R Kelso, A Lees, J T McGill, A Martin, G K McConnell, T Muston, E Taylor, A C Watt, C Welch, R F Welch, J Welsh.

**Corresponding Members:**

M Broster

- **Minutes of meetings held on**

- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011 (Pages 47-52)
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 (Pages 53-54)
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011 (Pages 55 -56)

Having been circulated, were approved.

- **Roll of Presbytery** – The Moderator welcomed the Revd Morag Garrett who was Ordained and Inducted into the Charge of Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011.

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- Correspondence

- (a) **Mission & Discipleship Council** – Notification that Mrs Jean Hunter (St Molio's) and Mr Gordon McConnell (Kilwinning: Old) have successfully attended the "Being an Elder Moderator of a Kirk Session" course that was organised by the Council on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2011.
- (b) **Kilbirnie: St Columba's** – Papers & Drawings in relation to the Alterations and Extension to the Church Halls.
- (c) **Revd Elizabeth Watson** – Study Leave Application.
- (d) **Revd Dorothy Granger** – Letter asking to be released from her duties as Interim Moderator at Largs: St John's Church.
- (e) **Mr Lex Thomson Session Clerk Ardrossan: Barony St John's Church** – Extract Minute advising that owing to Health & Safety concerns the decision had been taken to close the Church Buildings.
- (f) **Statistics for Mission** – Information Request for materials relating to Parish Boundaries that is held by Presbytery.
- (g) **Mrs Kay Tudor – Session Clerk Stevenston: Ardeer** – Notice that Stevenston: Ardeer and Stevenston: Livingstone will be holding a joint Service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 at 11.00 a.m. in Stevenston: Livingstone Church and as a result Stevenston: Ardeer will be closed on that date.
- (h) **Lochranza & Pirnmill** – Application to be granted permission to pay Mission & Ministries Contributions manually on a quarterly basis.
- (i) **Graeme Cruickshank** – Notification that Mr Cruickshank is taking a 12 month sabbatical from the duties of Session Clerk and that all correspondence etc should be directed to Carol Fulton.
- (j) **Saltcoats: New Trinity Church** – intimation that a joint Service will be taking place on Christmas Day with Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's, in St Cuthbert's Church and as a result New Trinity will be closed on Christmas Day.

**In addition the Clerk reported that Correspondence had been received from:**

- (k) - **Ardrossan: Barony St John's** - indicating that owing to the present situation with the Church Buildings it is proposed to hold a Joint Christmas Day Service with St Andrew's Episcopal Church at 10.30 a.m.

- **Order of Business**

The Order of Business was approved with deletion of item 5 on the Business Committee Report.

- **OVERURES UNDER THE BARRIER ACT** (Reports Page 65)

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**Mr Allan Richardson, Convener of the Presbyterial Superintendence Committee, gave a Report. Following an opportunity for questions & Comments Presbytery voted to Approve or Disapprove as follows**

- Overture anent Discipline of Ministers, Licentiatees, Graduate Candidates and Deacons.

**Approve: 0 Disapprove: 37**

- Overture anent Bullying

**Approve: 0 Disapprove: 38**

- Overture anent Discrimination

**Approve: 0 Disapprove: 39**

- Overture anent Discipline of Elders, Readers and Office Bearers.

**Approve: 0 Disapprove: 39**

It was also agreed that comment should be made to the Office of the General Assembly regarding the miss-prints and mistake that had been in the Remits Booklet in connection with the Overtures,

- **Valedictory – Revd Andrew McGurk-** Largs: St John’s Church who will retire on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011. Unfortunately Mr McGurk had intimated that he was unable to attend the meeting. He however had submitted a letter regarding his association with the Presbytery of Ardrossan and his service as minister at Largs: St John’s which was read to the Court by the Clerk. At the conclusion the Moderator made tribute to Mr McGurk’s Ministry and offered prayer.

## **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 due to Health & Safety concerns the Minister and Kirk Session have taken the decision to close the Church Buildings. In the short term the Congregation will be worshipping in the Hall of St Peter in Chains RC Church, whilst discussions are ongoing with a view to finding an alternative place of worship and discussions are progressed with the General Trustees regarding the future of the Church Buildings.

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- ii. **Ardrossan: Barony St John's** – Affirm to the Minister, Kirk Session and Congregation the ongoing support of Presbytery at this time and note the appointment of a Committee of Revd Jim Teasdale, Mr Ken Welch and Mr Allan Richardson to support and liaise between the Minister, Office Bearers, Congregation and Business Committee.
- iii. **Largs: St John's** – Note that due to the ongoing situation within Ardrossan: Barony St John's the Committee has agreed to a request from the Revd Dorothy Granger to be released from her duties as Interim Moderator. Thank and discharge Mrs Granger and appoint the Revd D Ross Mitchell as Interim Moderator in the vacancy.
- iv. **Moderatorial Visits** – Note arrangements for visits in 2012. (Reports Page 66)

#### **Property Committee**

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

- i. **Beith Parish Church** – Note the Kirk Session of Beith Parish Church has confirmed in principle that it wishes to offer for sale The Manse Glebe. The General Trustees have confirmed in association with Ministries Council that a proportion of the sale may be transferred to the Consolidated Fabric Fund. On this basis, the Property Committee confirms its agreement in principle that the land should be sold at a time when the property market allows this so that the funds can be used for developing the Sanctuary.
- ii. **Kilbirnie St Columba's** – Note that a copy of the drawings for proposed development of hall accommodation has been submitted and the Property Committee is of the opinion that the suggestions appear to be reasonable and will support the mission of the church. Further information and costings to be supplied in due course.

#### **Mission & Discipleship Committee**

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

- i. Note the Report on the Leading Worship Course (Reports Page 67)
- ii. Note the Report on Equip (Reports Page 67)

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- iii. Note the Report on Back to Church Sunday (Reports Page 67)
- iv. Back to Church Sunday

### **Ministries Committee**

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

- i. **Study Leave Application** - Note and approve a period of study leave from 31st October 2012 to 28th November 2012 in respect of the Revd. Elizabeth R.L, Watson. Appropriate arrangements have been made for ministerial cover, and Kirk Session approval has been given. This is all in agreement with the study leave scheme for Ministers and the Presbytery and instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to the Ministries Council.
- ii. **Reader in Training** - Note that a very satisfactory report has been received in respect of Mrs Liz Clarke, Torbeg, Isle of Arran, who has completed her first six month placement with the Revd. Elizabeth R.L. Watson, Whiting Bay and Kildonan. Thank Miss Watson for her report, to offer congratulations to Mrs Clarke for her progress to date and to instruct the Presbytery Clerk to send a copy of the Report to the Ministries Council.
- iii. **Reader Retiring** - Note that Mrs Brenda Mackay, Ardrossan, has indicated that she wishes to retire from active service as a Reader with effect from the end of February 2012, Presbytery is asked to note her decision and instruct the Clerk to notify the Ministries Council of this . An opportunity will be given at a future Presbytery to thank Mrs Mackay for her service.

### **Stewardship & Finance Committee**

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

- i. Approve a request made by the congregation of Lochranza & Pirnmill Church (120673) for a Presbytery Dispensation to pay their 2012 Ministries & Mission Contributions by ten or twelve equal monthly instalments;
- ii. Approve a Ministries and Mission Contributions Giving Agreement between the congregation of **Dalry St Margaret's Church** (120657) and the Presbytery of Ardrossan, where that congregation has agreed to pay additional contributions of £1,000 per annum for each of the years 2013, 2014 and 2015.

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- iii. Acknowledge with thanks the additional voluntary 2011 Ministries and Mission payment of £2,446, made by the congregation of **Brodick St Bride's Church** (120654).

**Presbyterial Superintendence**

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

- i. Note that the Attestation of Rolls and Records will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012: Saltcoats: New Trinity at 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012: Largs: St Columba's 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012: Dalry: St Margaret's at 7.00pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012: Brodick at 11.00am

- ii. Remind Ministers that their Log Books should be presented for inspection no later than 11<sup>th</sup> February 2012

**Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February , 2012, at 7.30 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church for the Conduct of Ordinary Business. Business Committee to meet on, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 3.00 p.m.**

**The meeting was closed with Prayer.**

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**Moderator**

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**Clerk**