

At Dalry and within Dalry: Trinity Church on Tuesday 6th September 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:

M S Cameron, N Cruikshank, I S Currie, A Falconer, D Granger,
D J H Harbison, D J Hebenton, M L K Howie, A D McCallum, A M McCance,
A F McGurk, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, F C Ross, S J Smith,
J Teasdale, M Thomson, V G C Watson, T Webster.

Elders:

J Aitken, J Cameron, M Cooper, G Cunningham, A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie,
J Laurie, R Lavalette , S Lavalette, A Lees, M McKay, S Marr, A Martin,
C Massie, R McLean, S McLellan, S McMahan, J M McSwan, K Milne,
A Pringle, R A Richardson, G Ross, E Sillars, A Turner, A Todd, C Welch,
K S Welch, R F Welch, J Welsh.

Corresponding Members:

R McCool, N Smith, M M B Ross, A Montgomerie, H Knight.

Apologies:

Ministers:

R A Adamson, J M M Lafferty, R I T Macdonald, I M Roy, E R L Watson,
J Whitecross.

Elders:

M Brown, S Brown, A K Butcher, A Campbell, A Cochrane, E Haliwell,
J C Q Hunter, R Kelso, V Macdonald, J T McGill, G K McConnell, T Muston,
E Taylor, K Tudor,.

Corresponding Members:

A Currie.

Roll of Presbytery

Miss May Kellock

The Revd James McNay, Minister at West Kilbride Parish Church made tribute to the life and Christian witness of Miss May Kellock for many years and an Equalizing member of Presbytery who had recently died. Miss Kellock's life and work had influenced not only life of the church and Presbytery but many in the local community.

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At the end of the Tribute the Moderator offered a Prayer of Thanksgiving for Miss Kellock's life.

Revd Dr Alan Falconer

Dr Falconer has retired as Minister at St Marcher's Cathedral in the Presbytery of Aberdeen and is now residing in Ardrossan.

After reaffirming his Ordination Vows and having signed the prescribed Formula Dr Falconer was welcomed with prayer and the right Hand of fellowship by the Moderator.

New Representative Elders

The Moderator then welcomed the following new Representative Elders and expressed her wish that they would enjoy a happy and fulfilled association with the Presbytery of Ardrossan.

- Mrs Margaret Brown (Kilwinning: Mansefield)
- Mrs Moira Cooper (Ardrossan: Barony: St John's)
- Mrs Roseanne McLean (Saltcoats: North)
- Mr Alistair Todd (Dalry: St Margaret's)

Minutes:

The minutes of the Meetings Tuesday 14th June 2011 (pages 26 – 31) and Thursday 30th June 2011 (Pages 32-33), which had been circulated were approved with the following amendment: *Page 29 vii – Note that the reduction in 2011 Ministries and Mission contributions for Stevenston: High Church should be £3,000 to be funded from the 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.*

Correspondence:

The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received:

(a) Lamlash Parish Church – Extract Minute regarding a Congregational Meeting at which it was agreed to adopt the Unitary Constitution.

(b) Safeguarding Services – information on major new pieces of work that have come to fruition ,all of which has also been sent to Congregations.

(c) Angus R Mathieson Ministries Council - Presbytery Staffing Fund. Invitation to Presbyteries to consider entering a Pilot Project. Applications for consideration to be submitted by 30th September 2011.

(d) General Trustees – Information on

- Fairlie Parish Church – Letting of Manse
- Kilbirnie: St Columba's - Upgrade of East Hall
- Lochranza & Pirmill – Installation of Disabled Toilet
- Beith Parish Church – Meeting with representatives of the General Trustees.

Trustees/

- (g) **Law Department “Bribery in the Church”** – This paper in relation to the Bribery Act 2010 has been circulated to all Session Clerk’s within the Bounds.
- (h) **OLM** – Various letters regarding Transfer Process from Readership to the Ordained Local Ministry.
- (i) **Revd Gillean P Maclean** – Letter intimating her resignation as Convener of the Church and Society Committee.
- (j) **National Stewardship Programme** – information regarding the Conference being held on 30th August 2011 at Saltoctas: New Trinity and Saturday 27th August 2011 in Arran.
- (m) **Presbytery of Ayr – Extract Minute** regarding Hospital lists and Chaplaincy.
- (n) **Presbytery of Aberdeen-** Extract Minute advising that the Revd Dr Alan Falconer had been granted permission to transfer his membership to Ardrossan Presbytery.
- (o) **Mrs Isobel Beck** – Letter from Mrs Beck advising that she will be serving her Probation Placement for the Diaconal Ministry at St Kentigen’s Church in the Presbytery of Irvine & Kilmarnock. Mrs Beck will become a corresponding member of Irvine & Kilmanock Presbytery during this period. Mrs Beck wishes to thank all in the Presbytery for support and assistance during her studies.
- (p) **Department of the General Assembly** – Notification of 4 Overtures under the Barrier Act to be considered and voted upon by Presbytery, before 31st December 2011.

Order of Business

The Order of Business was approved as in the print with the addition of the following:

Business Committee – An additional item 10 relating to Standing Order 9:1

Property Committee – An additional item 4 regarding the replacement of Lead of Church buildings and an item 5 regarding applications for expenditure on Church Buildings.

Installation of the Revd Martin Thomson as Moderator for 2011/12

The Revd Gillean P Maclean then proceeded to install the Moderator for 2011/12 the Reverend Martin Thomson, Minister of Dalry: Trinity Church and thereafter offered prayer.

Mr Thomson then thanked Mrs Maclean for the manner in which she had discharged her duties as Moderator during her term of office.

Guest Speaker:

The Moderator then introduced Mrs Susan Robertson, Administrator with the Glasgow City Mission Project. Mrs Robertson then proceeded to give an interesting presentation of the wide reaching and varied work of the project. At the conclusion of the presentation questions and answers followed. Mrs Roberson was thanked for her presentation.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Committee

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

- i. **Cumbrae: Parish Church** - Thank and discharge the Revd Martin Thomson as Interim Moderator and appoint the Revd A D McCallum as Interim Moderator.
- ii. **Largs: St John's Church** – Note that due to the imminent retiral of the Revd Andrew McGurk on 31st December 2011, that the Revd Dorothy Granger be appointed as Interim Moderator to deal with all matters relating to the impending vacancy.
- iii. **Kilwinning Mansefield Trinity** – Note that a period of six months having elapsed since the Electoral Register of the Congregation was Attested, that the Clerk has Attested a revised Electoral Register.
- iv. **Lamlash: Parish Church** – Note that an Extract Minute has been received from a Congregational Meeting held on 29th May 2011, where it had been unanimously agreed to adopt the Unitary Constitution and invite the Solicitor of the Church to issue the Constitution to the Congregation by Delegation of the Assembly.
- v. **National Stewardship Conference** – Thank those congregations that attended in Brodick on 27th August 2011 and in Saltcoats on 30th August 2011.
- vi. **Overtures Under the Barrier Act remitted from the General Assembly** – Note that four Overtures have been remitted to Presbyteries following the General Assembly in May.
 - Overture anent Discipline of Ministers, Licentiates, Graduate Candidates and Deacons.
 - Overture anent Bullying
 - Overture anent Discrimination
 - Overture anent Discipline of Elders, Readers and Office Bearers.

And remit to the Presbyterial Superintendence Committee to prepare a Report for the consideration of Presbytery at the meeting to be held on Tuesday 6th December 2011, where upon Presbyters will have an opportunity to vote.

- vii. **Presbytery Committees 2011/12** – Approve the Committees. (Reports Pages 49- 51)

- viii. **Congregational Accounts** – Note that all Congregational Accounts have been attested for the year ending 31st December 2010 and record thanks to Mrs Ann Turner.
- ix. **Patients Lists for Clergy visiting in Hospitals** – Note the Report (Pages 41-41)
- x. **Standing Order 9:1** – Note that the Committee gives Notice of Motion that at the October meeting, it will seek to suspend Standing Order 9:1 – to allow the Moderator more flexibility when making visits.

Property Committee

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

- i. Approve an application from **West Kilbride Parish Church** to carry out extensive repairs and alterations to the building. The Committee recommends that a meeting with the Office Bearers be convened to be attended by representatives of General Trustees and Presbytery. In the meantime, it is proposed that West Kilbride be granted permission to spend an additional £10,000 above the normal limit in order to keep the buildings wind and watertight.
- ii. **West Kilbride Parish Church** – Grant the Kirk Session to proceed with the sale of the former Overton Church Building.
- iii. **Fairlie Parish Church** –Homologate the decision of the Convener and Presbytery Clerk during the summer recess to allow essential work on mullions above the windows
- iv. Note that should any Congregations require to replace lead on Church Buildings, in the first instance the Congregation should contact the Presbytery property Convenor for advise and guidance.
- v. Note the requirements of Standing Order 55.4 in relation to all proposed works that Presbytery permission is required to be obtained.

Finance Committee

For the Committee Mrs Ann Turner moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

- i. Remind all congregations that the closing date for receipt of applications for the 2012 3% Ministry and Missions Reserve is 15th September 2011. Applications can be made to the Presbytery Clerk or Convener of the Finance Committee and should be accompanied by an Extract Minute from the relevant Court.

Mission & Discipleship Committee

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

- i. **ASFACT** – Note that the monitoring role of Presbytery in the initial set up had been concluded, that Miss J M McSwan be thanked and discharged from the monitoring position.
- ii. Note report on **Safeguarding Training** for Kirk Sessions from Mrs Marr. (Reports Pages 43 - 46)
- iii. Note the request from Mission & Discipleship Council – The Big Blether. (Reports Page 52)
- iv. Note Future Mission & Discipleship Events. (Reports Page 52)

World Mission Committee

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

- i. Note the arrangements for the World Mission Twinning Conference on 1st October 2011 (Reports Page 54)
- ii. Note the arrangements for the visit of Miss Helen Scott to the Presbytery 22nd – 31st October 2011. (Reports Page 54)

Ministries Committee

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

- i. Note the arrangements for the Work Shop to be lead by Carol Anne Frame Ministries Support Officer on Saturday 1st October 2011 at Saltcoats: New Trinity Church. (Reports Page 53)

- ii. Note that several members of Presbytery will shortly undertake training to offer practice placements for Students and Enquirers. (Reports Page 53)
- iii. Note that Mrs Isabel Beck Candidate for the Diaconate will be undertaking her Probationer Placement at St Kentigern's in the Presbytery of Irvine and Kilmarnock.
- iv. Note that Mrs Mandy Hickman a Candidate for the Ordained Local Ministry will undertake her Probationer placement at Castlehill Church, in the Presbytery of Ayr.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 4th October 2011, within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church for the Conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 21st September 2011 at 4.00 p.m.

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

_____ **Moderator**

_____ **Clerk**