

**At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 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,  
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, J Teasdale, M Thomson,  
A S Taylor, E R L Watson, J Whyte, J Whitecross, T Webster.

**Elders:**

S Brown, A Buick, A T Butcher, J Cameron, I Hackney, E Halliwell,  
A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, R Kelso, J Laurie, R Lavalette, S Lavalette, A Lees,  
V Macdonald, W McKay, S McMahan, J M McSwan, S Marr, N Martin,  
C Massie, K Milne, R A Richardson, G Ross, E Sillars, K Tudor, C Welch,  
K S Welch, R F Welch, J Welsh.

**Corresponding Members:**

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

**Apologies:**

**Ministers:**

N Cruickshank, J M M Lafferty, A D McCallum, I M Roy, S J Smith,  
V G C Watson.

**Elders:**

J Aitken, L Borwick, A Campbell, A Cochrane, G Cunningham, J C Q Hunter, M G  
Kellock, G K McConnell, J T McGill, S McClellan, T Muston, J Porter, A Pringle,  
A Turner.

**Corresponding Members:**

E Barclay, M A Broster, A Currie.

- **The Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011 (Pages 21-25) having been circulated, were approved.**
- **Order of Business** – An amended Order of Business was approved.
- **Correspondence has been received from:**
- **Farlie Parish Church** – Extract Minute seeking permission to let the Manse during the impending Vacancy.
- **General Trustees Department** – Ardrossan Barony St Johns – re proposed Feasibility Study.
- **General Trustees Department** – Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's – re Letting of Manse.

- **Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group** – Notification that the PPTG have concurred with the decision of Presbytery to approve the Basis and Plan of Union between Beith High Church and Beith Trinity Church.
- **Mrs S Marr** – Safeguarding Report.
- **Revd A F McGurk** – Letter from Mr McGurk intimating his retirement date as 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011.
- **Ministries Council Study Leave Applications** – Mrs J Hunter & Revd G P Maclean.
- In addition the Clerk advised that a letter had been received from
- **The Session Clerk on Saltcoats:** New Trinity Church advising that the church would be closed on Sundays 31<sup>st</sup> July & 14<sup>th</sup> August, as joint services were being held with Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's.

**Business:**

**General Assembly – Commissioners Diligence Report –**

The Revd D Granger reported on the diligence of the Commissioners from the Presbytery of Ardrossan that had attended the recent General Assembly.

**Valedictory – Reverend James Whyte – Fairlie Parish Church**

Mr Mike Dench Session Clerk spoke warmly regarding Mr Whyte's Ministry at Fairlie Parish Church during the past 5 years.

The Revd J Whyte suitably replied and thanked all at Fairlie Parish Church and within the Presbytery of Ardrossan for the fellowship and support that he had received during the past five years.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Business Committee**

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

- i. **Fairlie Parish Church** – Appoint Miss J M McSwan as Interim Moderator and Mr R McCool as Locum on the basis of one day plus Sunday, during the vacancy on the retirement of the Revd J Whyte, from the Charge on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011.
- ii. **Standing Order 17.1** : An amendment to Standing Order 17.1 was approved. The new Standing Order 17.1 to read : "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"

iii. **Beith High/ Beith Trinity** - Note that the General Assembly Presbytery Planning Task Group has concurred with the decision of Presbytery to approve the Basis and Plan of Union . Accordingly appoint Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 as the date for the Service of Union to be held in Beith High Church. Presbytery to meet at 7.00 p.m. and the Service of Union to start at 7.15 p.m. The Moderator to preside, the Revd's R Macdonald and V G C Watson to lead the devotions and the Very Revd John Christie to preach the Sermon.

### **Property Committee**

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

i. **Kilmory Parish Church:** Approve a request to carry out repairs to the stonework at a cost of £22,270 plus vat, plus replacement of stones £200 per indent, by Contrator John Thomson.

ii. **Kilbirnie St Columba's Parish Church**

Grant permission for the removal of stage and installation of cupboards in the Church Hall, at a cost of £11,606.57 by C K Contracts.

iii. **Fairlie Parish Church**

Grant permission for the Installation of Stained Glass Window in East Transept to replace existing clear glass, at a cost of £ 16,922 by Rainbow Glass of Prestwick.

iv. **Fairlie Parish Church**

Grant permission to let the Manse during the impending vacancy, subject to the approval of the General Trustees.

v. **West Kilbride Parish Church**

Note that the replacement of windows has now been approved by General Trustees.

vii. **Kilwinning Old Parish Church**

Grant permission to proceed with the installation of a Disable Toilet at a cost of £ 5022.00 by Ardoch Joinery.

viii. Grant powers to the Convener and Clerk to deal with any urgent property matters that are submitted during the summer recess.

## **Finance Committee**

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

- i. Approve an application made by the congregation of Saltcoats St Cuthbert's Church (120677) for a reduction in 2011 Ministries and Mission contributions of £3,500, to be funded from the 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
- ii. Approve an application made by the congregation of Ardrossan Park Church (120650) for a reduction in 2011 Ministries and Mission contributions of £1,000, to be funded from the 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
- iii. Do not approve an application made by the congregation of Largs St John's Church (120672) for a reduction in 2011 Ministries and Mission contributions of £9,000, to be funded from the 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.  
**At this point Mr J Welsh asked that his Dissent be recorded**
- iv. Approve an application made by the congregation of Kilwinning Old Church (120664) for a reduction in 2011 Ministries and Mission contributions of £1,200, to be funded from the 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
- v. Approve an application made by the congregation of Stevenston Ardeer Church (120679) for a reduction in 2011 Ministries and Mission contributions of £1,000 to be funded from the 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
- vi. Approve an application made by the congregation of Stevenston Livingstone Church (120681) for a reduction in 2011 Ministries and Mission contributions of £1,000 to be funded from the 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
- vii. Approve an application made by the congregation of Stevenston High Church (120680) for a reduction in 2011 Ministries and Mission contributions of £3,000 to be funded from the 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
- viii. Approve an application made by the congregation of Brodick St. Brides Church (120654) for a reduction in 2011 Ministries and Mission contributions of £2,446, to be funded from the 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
- ix. Do not approve an application made by the congregation of Cumbrae Parish Church (120656) for a reduction in 2011 Ministries and Mission contributions of £5,000, to be funded from the 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
- x. Resolve to hold over the 2012 3% Ministries and Mission Reserve to facilitate Mission initiatives to be approved by Presbytery during the 2011-2012 session.

It was moved and seconded as a Counter Motion “That Presbytery resolves to return the 3% Ministry and Mission sums to the local congregations and encourage them to use the money, for mission purposes within their own parishes”

**A vote was taken which resulted in 18 votes for the Counter Motion and 24 for the Deliverance in the name of the Committee.**

- x. Approve the closing date of 15<sup>th</sup> September for applications to the 2012 Presbytery 3% Ministries and Mission Reserve.
- xi. Approve the application process to the 2012 Presbytery 3% Ministries and Mission Reserve contained within the Presbytery Reports for June 2012.
- xii. Invite all congregations to consider supplementing the 2012 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 – details in the Presbytery Reports enclosed.

### **Mission & Discipleship**

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

- i. Note the circular in relation to Back to Church Sunday
- ii. Note the proposed course for “Leading Worship” that will be provided if there is a sufficient notice of interest.
- iii. Note Future Mission & Discipleship Events (1) Love Life & (2) EQUIP.
- iv. Note the Safeguarding Trainers Report.

### **Ministries Committee**

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

- i. Grant the Revd Andrew F McGurk, minister at Largs: St John’s permission to retire on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011.
- ii. Approve an application for Study Leave has been received from Mrs Jean Hunter, Parish Assistant, Arran for the period 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011.
- iii. Note that at the General Assembly an Act was passed anent The Ordained Local Ministry.

**Presbytery to meet at 7.00 p.m. *in hunc effectum*, on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 within Beith High Church for the Service of Union between Beith: High Church L/w Beith: Trinity Church.**

**Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011, within Dalry: Trinity Church for the Installation of the Moderator and thereafter, for the Conduct of Ordinary Business.**

**Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at Noon. 12**

**The meeting was closed with prayer.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Moderator**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Clerk**