

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday 1st May 2012, 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, N Cruickshank, M Garrett, D Granger, D J H Harbison, D J Heberton, M L K Howie, R I T Macdonald, M H Mackay, G P Maclean, A D McCallum, A M McCance, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, F C Ross, A S Taylor, J Teasdale, E R L Watson, T Webster, J Whitecross.

Elders:

J Aitken, S Brown, A K Butcher, J Cameron, A Campbell, A Cochrane, M Cooper, I Hackney, E Halliwell, A C D Hamilton, J C Q Hunter, R Jarvie, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A Lees, V Macdonald, J T McGill, W Mackay, S Marr, A Martin, R McLean, S McLellan, S McMahan, J M McSwan, K Milne, A Pringle, R A Richardson, E Sillars, A Turner, A Todd, K Tudor, A C Watt, C Welch, R F Welch, J Welsh.

Corresponding Members:

N Smith, H Knight.

Guild Presbyterian Committee Representatives:

M Buchanan, M Broster.

Apologies:

Ministers:

M S Cameron, I S Currie, A Falconer, A F McGurk, I M Roy, S J Smith.

Elders:

M Brown, G Cunningham, R Kelso, C Massie, G K McConnell, T Muston, E Taylor, K S Welch.

Corresponding Members:

A Currie.

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 10th April 2012 (Pages 10-13) – The minutes having been circulated, were approved.

Correspondence

(a) **Solicitor of the Church** – Information regarding the discontinuation of zero VAT rating for Church Building Works.

(b) **Principal Clerk** – Regarding Minute Keeping of Presbytery Committees.

Committees/

(c) **Why Believe Conference** – Information of Conference, which has been sent to Session Clerks

Order of Business – **The Order of Business was approved.**

Reception of members of the Guild Presbyterial Council and Annual Report - The Revd G P Maclean, Immediate Past Moderator, then introduced Mrs Helen Knight, Convener of the Ardrossan Presbyterial Council together with other members of the Council.

Mrs Knight then gave the annual report on the working of the council for the year and thanked Mrs Maclean and Presbytery for continued support. At the conclusion the Moderator thanked Mrs Knight and offered prayer for the ongoing work of the Council and Church of Scotland Guild.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Committee

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

i. **Revd Marjory H Mackay** – Note that Mrs Mackay has intimated her intention to resign as Interim Moderator and Locum in the current Vacancy at Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on 30th June 2012.

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

ii. **Revd Dr Johnston R McKay** - Note that Dr McKay has intimated his intention to resign as Interim Moderator and Locum in the current Vacancy at Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's Church on 30th June 2012

iii. Agree to a request from the Revd Dr Johnston R McKay that he resign his seat in the Presbytery of Ardrossan on 30th June 2012 and forward his Presbyterial Certificate to the Clerk to the Presbytery of Glasgow.

iv. **Moderator of Presbytery 2012/13** – Nominate the Revd Fiona C Ross, Minister at Kilbirnie: St Columba's Church to be Moderator of the Presbytery for Session 2012/13

v. **Assesor Elders Stevenston: Ardeer** – Thank and discharge Miss J M McSwan , Mr G K McConnell and Mr R A Richardson.

vi. **Presbytery Plan Revision** – Note that the Plan Revision Final Draft has now been completed and that a special meeting of Presbytery will be held on **Monday 18th June 2012** within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church at **7.00 p.m.** to consider the Revised Plan, noting that Congregations will be cited to appear for their interest.

Interests/

- vii. Note that three copies of the Plan Revision Report will be available for each Congregation within the Bounds and that these can be collected by Presbytery Elders or Ministers at the meeting held on 1st May 2012.

Property Committee

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

- i. Note that the zero rating of VAT on alterations to Church Buildings has been revoked by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the recent Budget. And encourage all Kirk Sessions/Congregational Boards to write stating their objection to this decision to <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/32229>
- ii. **Largs St John's** – Note that confirmation of the Payment of the Heritage Lottery Fund Grant in respect of the Restoration Project has been lodged with the Presbytery Clerk.

**Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 12th June 2012, at 7.30 p.m. within Dalry: Trinity Church for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and thereafter the Conduct of Ordinary Business.
Monday 18th June 2012 at 7.00 p.m. *in hunc effectum*, to consider the Presbytery Plan Revision.
Business Committee to meet on, Wednesday 30th May 2012 at 3.00 p.m.**

The meeting was closed with prayer.

_____ MODERATOR

_____ CLERK