

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's Church on Tuesday 2nd October 2012, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted by the Moderator, the Reverend Fiona C Ross BD Cert Min.

Sederunt:

Revd F C Ross (Moderator) Mr A K Saunderson (Clerk)

Ministers:

M S Cameron, I S Currie, D Granger, D J H Harbison, M L K Howie,
M H Mackay, A D McCallum A M McCance, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, A
B Noble, S J Smith, J Teasdale, M Thomson, E R L Watson, T Webster,
J Whitecross.

Elders:

K Andreson, J Aitken, M Brown, S Brown, A K Butcher, J Cameron,
A Campbell, A Cochrane, M Cooper, G Cunningham, M Duff, A C D Hamilton,
J C Q Hunter, R Kelso, R Lavalette, A Lees, J T McGill, W Mackay, S Marr,
A Martin, C Massie, G K McConnell, R McLean, S McLellan, J M McSwan,
K Milne, A Pringle, R A Richardson, E Sillars, A Turner, A Todd, K Tudor,
A C Watt, J Welsh.

Corresponding Members:

N Smith, H Knight.

Guild Presbyterian Committee Representatives:

M Broster.

Apologies

Ministers:

R A Adamson, N Cruickshank, A Falconer, M Garrett, D J Heberton,
R I T Macdonald, G P Maclean, I M Roy, A S Taylor.

Elders:

G H Gregory, I Hackney, R Jarvie, S McMahon, E Taylor, K S Welch.

Corresponding Members:

A Currie, R McCool, M Hickman.

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 4th September 2012 (Pages 28-33)

Correspondence

- (a) **Revd J R Teasdale** – Letter formally requesting Paternity Leave from 14th January 2013 for 14 days.
- (b) **Stewardship & Finance Department** – Notification of M & M Contributions for 2013.

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- (c) **Church of Scotland Church & Society Council** – Letter regarding assistance for Presbyteries, in fulfilling Remits from the 2012 General Assembly. This has been forwarded to Gordon McConnell Convener of the Church & Society Committee.
- (d) **Mission & Discipleship Council** – Training for Presbytery Elders and Interim Moderators.
- (e) **Church of Scotland I T Department** – Congregational Office Bearers Returns. These have been sent to all Session Clerks within the Bounds for completion by 30th September 2012.

Order of Business

The Order of Business was moved as circulated, with the addition of a new Item 3 in the Business Committee Report, relating to Kilwinning: Mansefield Church and a Property Committee Report item 1, relating to Beith Parish Church.

Tribute Revd Norman Bowman:

Mrs Ann Turner spoke regarding the life and Christian witness of the Late Revd Norman Bowman who died on 15th September 2012, 4 days before his 100th Birthday. At the conclusion of Mrs Turner's tribute, the Moderator offered a prayer of Thanksgiving for Mr Bowman's life.

Appraisal Committee

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

- i. **Presbytery Plan Revision** – Note that the Committee has held a meeting with the Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group (PPTG) As a result of the meeting authorise the Committee to re-visit the following Kirk Sessions, with a view to bringing a Revised Plan Revision to be considered by Presbytery at an *in hunc effectum* meeting, at which all Congregations will be cited for their interest, to be held on **Tuesday 11th December 2012:**

Steventon: Ardeer Parish Church
Steventon: Livingstone Parish Church
Ardrossan: Barony St John's
Largs: Clark Memorial
Largs: St John's
Cumbrae Parish Church

Standing Committee Reports

Reports/

Business Committee

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

- i. **Revd J R Teasdale** – Approve application for Paternity Leave from 14th January 2013 for 14 days.
- ii. **Training for Elder Interim Moderators** – Note that training is being offered. Invite recommendations, in confidence, from Parish Ministers in respect of Presbytery Elders from their congregations.
- iii. **Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity** – Note that the Revd Morag Garret has been off sick for a period of six weeks and approve the appointment of the Revd Stephen Smith as Interim Moderator, until Mrs Garret returns to work.

Finance Committee

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

- i. In terms of Standing Order 34, Note that the Convener gives Notice of Motion that at the November meeting of Presbytery, the Committee will move the approval of the Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2013 (Presbytery Reports 23-25)
- ii. Note that The Financial Regulations 2009, section 2 stipulate:

“Each congregation shall transmit its required contribution in ten or twelve equal monthly payments during the financial year by bank standing order, unless permission is granted annually by Presbytery to allow payments to be made under some other arrangement. Each Presbytery shall advise the Stewardship and Finance Department annually by Extract Minute of any such individual arrangements.”

It is therefore a requirement of Presbytery that approval is sought by any Congregation wishing to vary either the frequency of payments (from the allowed ten or twelve equal monthly instalments), or the means by which such payments are made (from a standing order). In order to facilitate such an application, the form is included again with the Presbytery reports for this month. This should be completed and sent with an extract minute to the Clerk.

Clerk/

- iii. Note that only 14 of the 28 Congregational Treasurers have so far completed the Initial Feedback Form required by 121 for the National Stewardship Campaign, and invite the remaining 14 to now do so by sending the completed form to the Clerk;
- iv. Approve that £9,000 of the 2014 Presbytery Ministries and Missions Reserve be used to write off an Ministries and Missions shortfall for Ardrossan Barony St John's that was previously justified by Ardrossan Presbytery, and that the Convener should apply to the Council of Assembly that they may write off the balance.

Ministries Committee

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

- i. Note that Mrs Nicky Smith Candidate for the Ordained Local Ministry will serve her Probationary period in Cumbrae, under the supervision of Rev. Gillian MacLean minister at Lamblash L.W. Kilmory. And to instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to the Ministries Council.

Property Committee

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

- i. **Beith Parish Church** - Having previously agreed to the sale of Beith: Trinity Church, the Property Committee now asks Presbytery to agree to the marketing of the property.

**Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 6th November 2012 at 7.30 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church for the conduct of ordinary business.
Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 24th October 2012 at 3.00 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church**

The meeting was closed with prayer.

_____ **Moderator**

_____ **Clerk**