

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's Church on Tuesday 4th December 2012, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted by the Moderator, the Reverend Fiona C Ross BD Dip Min.

Sederunt:

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

Ministers:

N Cruickshank, I S Currie, A Falconer, M L K Howie, A D McCallum, A M McCance, J J McNay, A B Noble, A S Taylor, J Teasdale, M Thomson, E R L Watson, T Webster, J Whitecross.

Elders:

A Brown, A K Butcher, J Cameron, A Campbell, A Cochrane, G Cunningham, I Hackeney, A C D Hamilton, J C Q Hunter, R Kelso, R Lavalette, J T McGill, W Mackay, S Marr, A Martin, C Massie, R McLean, S McMahan, J M McSwan, K Milne, A Pringle, R A Richardson, E Sillars, A Turner, A Todd, K Tudor, K S Welch, J Welsh.

Corresponding Members:

R McCool, N Smith, M M B Ross.

Guild Presbyterial Council:

M Broster.

Apologies:

Ministers:

R A Adamson, M Garrett, D granger, D J H Harbieson, D J Heberton, R I T Macdonald, M H Mackay, G P Maclean, D R Mitchell, I M Roy, S J Smith.

Elders:

K Anderson, J Aitken, M Brown, M Cooper, M Duff, G H Gregory, A Lees, G K McConnell, S McLellan, E Taylor, A C Watt.

Corresponding Members:

A Currie, M Hickman.

Guild Presbyterial Council:

M Brown.

The Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 6th November 2012 (Pages 38-42) having been circulated, were approved.

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Correspondence

- (a) **Dalry: St Margaret's** – Extract Minute regarding refurbishment works to the Church Hall.
- (b) **West Kilbride Parish Church** – Extract Minute and Papers regarding the Church Refurbishment Project.
- (c) **Gillean P Maclen** – Letter regarding “taking leave” from Presbytery on 4th December 2012.
- (d) **Clerk to the Presbytery of Moray** – Notification that the Call to Mrs Maclean has been sustained by Presbytery, but that no date for her Induction has been set owing to problems with the Manse.
- (e) **Mission & Discipleship Council** – Information regarding the appointment of Youth Representatives to the General Assembly of 2013.
- (f) **Office of the General Assembly** – Calculation of Commissioners entitled to attend the General Assembly of 2013.
- (g) **Kilbirnie: St Columba's** – Extract Minute and Application for Presbytery Dispensation to vary 2013 Ministries & Mission Contributions.
- (h) **Dalry: St Margaret's** – Extract Minute and Application for Presbytery Dispensation to vary 2013 Ministries & Mission Contributions
- (i) **Ardrossan: Barony St John's - Extract** Minute and Application for Presbytery Dispensation to vary 2013 Ministries & Mission Contribution.
- (j) **Ardrossan: Barony St John's** – Extract Minute regarding change of Session Clerk from Mr A Thomson to Mrs S McMahon.

In addition the Clerk reported that since the papers had been circulated the following items of correspondence had also been received:

- (k) **Annual Statistical Returns** – Will be sent to all Session Clerks for completion and return by 18th January 2013.
- (l) **Gift Aid** – New arrangements that will come into pave in April 2013 for claiming Gift Aid. This will be sent to all Session Clerks.

Order of Business

The Order of Business was approved as circulated, with the addition of a new Item 5 & 6 in the Business Committee Report – relating to the Interim Moderator Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's

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Guest Speaker:

The Moderator then welcomed Mr Chris McNaught, who would shortly retire after 30 years Service with Crossreach Services much of which time had been spent at. Geilsland School , Beith

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Committee

i. Call to the Revd G P Maclean from the Congregations of Undy & Pitmedden –

Parties were called

Mr A T Butcher, Session Clerk, Lamlash Parish Church, spoke on behalf of the Congregation and also read a letter from the Session Clerk of Kilmory Parish Church, Mrs M Duff, who was unable to be in attendance. Both Mr Butcher and Mrs Duff made warm comments regarding Mrs Maclean's Ministry on the Island.

The Vice Business Convener advised that Mrs Maclean was unable to be present at the meeting. The Vice Convener read a letter that Mrs Maclean had submitted, in which she thanked both Kilmory and Lamlash Churches for their support over the past 4 years.

Parties were removed

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

Note that the Call to Mrs Maclean from the Congregations of Undy and Pitmedden has been sustained by the Presbytery of Gordon and agree to grant release to Mrs Maclean from the date appointed by the Presbytery of Gordon for her Induction to the Charge.

Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery intimated.

- ii. **Kilmory L/w Lamlash** - Appoint Mr Stephen Brown as Interim Moderator from the date of Mrs Maclean's Induction to the Charge of Undy and Pitmedden. Noting that in the interim, Mr Brown will be responsible for all matters relating to the impending Vacancy.

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

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- iii. **Mrs Mandy Hickman (Candidate for the Ordained Local Ministry)** Note that Mrs Hickman has successfully completed her Final Review and has been granted her Exit Certificate. Appoint Wednesday 9th January 2013 for her Service of Ordination at Largs: St John's Church at 7.30 p.m. Presbytery to meet at 7.00 p.m. The Moderator to preside, the Mr R Lavalette to conduct and the Revd Jeanette Whitecross to Preach.
- iv. **Mrs Mandy Hickman** – Approve the appointment and Contract for Mrs Hickman as Ordained Local Minister attached to Ardrossan Park Church. (Reports Page 28)
- v. **Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's** – Thank and discharge the Revd R I T Macdonald as Interim Moderator on 31st December 2012.
- vi. **Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's** – Appoint Mrs J C Q Hunter as Interim Moderator from 1st January 2013.

Property Committee

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

- i. **Dalry Trinity:** Note and Approve that following a report on the tenders for the works at Dalry Trinity which have previously been approved in principle has been submitted. Five tenders were invited and four were received. The lowest tender is from Clark Contracts at a price of £149,628 plus vat. Funds are available, The Stewardship & Finance Convener has concurred and an Extract Minute has been received from the Congregational Board.
- ii. **Dalry St Margaret's** – Approve the request of the Kirk Session to proceed with repairs to the Hall so that at a future date the hall is suitable for use when major work is required on the Sanctuary. This work has been approved in principle. Three tenders were received and the most suitable is from Wm Murchland at a cost of £25,015 including vat. Funds are available and the Stewardship and Finance Convener concurs and an Extract Minute has been received.
- iii. **West Kilbride** - Extract Minutes have been received together with additional information on the request to proceed with repairs and alterations to the Sanctuary at a cost of £436,220. Following discussion with the Vice Convener of Stewardship & Finance it is believed that sufficient funds are not available to allow this work to proceed. The committee is supportive of this proposal and recommends that a meeting of representatives of West Kilbride Parish Church, Presbytery and Brian Waller from General Trustees is arranged in an effort to progress the Refurbishment Project.

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- iv. **New Property Register** - The new Property Register should now be used and if any congregation is having difficulty using the forms online or in any other way, please contact the Property Convener.
- v. **Let it Happen** - The committee is anxious that all congregations have a copy of this very helpful booklet and it appears that some have not received a copy. It can be downloaded online but as it stretches to 74 pages. Any congregation that wishes a copy should let the Convener know and an attempt to procure sufficient copies will be made.

Superintendence Committee

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

i. Note the dates for the annual inspection of Rolls and Records in February 2013

- Tuesday 12th February at Saltcoats: New Trinity at 7.00pm.
- Wednesday 13th February at Largs: St Columba's at 2.00pm.
- Wednesday 13th February at Dalry: St Margaret's at 7.00 pm.
- Thursday 14th February at Brodick Church Hall at 11.00am.

ii. Inspection of Ministers Log Books - Note Log Books should be submitted to the Superintendence Convener for inspection by Saturday 9th February 2013.

Mission & Discipleship Committee

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

- i. Note the forthcoming events and general information from the Mission & Discipleship Council. (Reports Pages 29-30)
- ii. Note the attached recommendations. (Reports Page 31)
- iii. Note that recommendations were being sought for the Youth Representative to the General Assembly of 2013 (Reports Page 32)

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Ministries Committee

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

- i. Note that Mr Andrew Bruce, a Candidate for the Readership will undertake his first practical placement with Rev. Martin Thomson at Dalry Trinity Church with effect from January 2013. Instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the Ministries Council confirming the same.
- ii. **Intimation.**..The Ministries Committee are planning a Morning Conference on the morning of Saturday 9th March 2013 in New Trinity Church Saltcoats. The focus is on Readership with input from a Ministries Council Support Officer. All Readers and Readers in Training will be invited to attend. The Conference will also be open to all members of Presbytery to attend. Further information at the February Meeting, but please note the date.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 11th December 2012 at 7.00 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church *in hunc effectum* to consider the Presbytery Plan Revision.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 5th February 2013 at 7.30 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 23rd January 2013 at 3.00 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church

The meeting was closed with prayer.

_____ **Moderator**

_____ **Clerk**