

At Kilbirnie and within Kilbirnie: St Columba's Church on Tuesday 4th September 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, I S Currie, D Granger, D J H Harbison, 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, S J Smith, A S Taylor, J Teesdale, J Whitecross.

Elders:

K Anderson, J Aitken, M Brown, S Brown, J Cameron, A Campbell, A Cochrane, M Cooper, I Hackney, J C Q Hunter, R Jarvie, R Lavalette, A Lees, J T McGill, W Mackay, S Marr, A Martin, C Massie, G K McConnell, R McLean, S McMahon, J M McSwan, A Pringle, R A Richardson, E Sillars, A Turner, K Tudor, A C Watt, K S Welch, J Welsh.

Corresponding Members:

R McCool, N Smith, A Montgomerie.

Guild Presbyterian Council Representatives:

M Broster.

Apologies:

Ministers:

M S Cameron, N Cruickshank, A Falconer, M Garrett, M L K Howie, E R L Watson.

Elders:

A K Butcher, G Cunningham, M Duff, G H Gregory, A C D Hamilton, R Kelso, S McLellan, K Milne, E Taylor, A Todd.

Corresponding Members:

A Currie, M M B Ross, H Knight, M Hickman.

The Minutes of meetings held on Tuesday 12th June 2012 (Pages 17-22) & Monday 18th June 2012 (Pages 24 – 27), having been circulated, were approved.

Approved/

Correspondence

- (a) **Dalry: St Margaret's** – Extract Minute regarding Recourses Report re application for Grants to fund repairs on Church Building.
- (b) **General Trustees** – Regarding purchase of new Manse for Stevenston Ardeer/Lw Stevenston Livingstone.
- (c) **Mrs K Aspenwall** – Letter intimating that Mrs Aspenwall has been appointed to the Church of Scotland's Church & Society Council and noting that if Presbytery wishes any topics raised between the Council she will be happy to assist.
- (d) **Ministries Council** – Notification that Mr Andrew Bruce has been approved to train as a Candidate for the Readership of the Church of Scotland.
- (e) **George Ross** – Letter intimating his resignation as an Equalising Member of Presbytery.
- (f) **Cross Reach** – Invitation to attend celebration on Sunday 26th August 2012 at Motherwell.
- (g) **Jane B Marr** – Safeguarding Training schedule for 2012/13.
- (h) **Largs: St John's** - Extract Minute, Intimation of Appeal against the Presbytery of Ardrossan's decision to approve the Presbytery Plan Revision.
- (i) **Cumbrae Parish Church** - Extract Minute, Intimation of Appeal against the Presbytery of Ardrossan's decision to approve the Presbytery Plan Revision.
- (j) **Stevenston: Ardeer** - Extract Minute, Intimation of Appeal against the Presbytery of Ardrossan's decision to approve the Presbytery Plan Revision.
- (k) **Dalry: Trinity** - Extract Minute, Intimation of Appeal against the Presbytery of Ardrossan's decision to approve the Presbytery Plan Revision.
- (l) **Church of Scotland British Gas Business Gas & Electrical services** – Circular received which has been sent to all Congregations within the Bounds of Presbytery.
- (j) **Solicitor of the Church** – Health & Safety Circular. This has been sent to all Congregations within the Bounds of Presbytery.
- (k) **Stevenston: Ardeer Parish Church** – Extract Minute seeking to establish the cost of works required to refurbish the Church Halls and asking the General trustees to conduct an appropriate Survey/Inspection.

Order of Business – The Order of Business was approved as circulated with the addition of a new **item 7** in the Property Committee Report, regarding Kilbirnie: Auld Kirk.

Kirk/

Installation of Moderator

The retiring Moderator the Revd Martin Thomson, then installed the Revd Fiona C Ross BD Cert Min as Moderator of the Presbytery of Ardrossan for 2012/13 and offered prayer. Miss Ross thanked Mr Thomson for all of the work undertaken by him during his term as Moderator.

Revd Norman Bowman – Mr Bowman, now resident at Abbotsford Nursing Home will celebrate his 100th Birthday on 19th September 2012. The Clerk was instructed to send the greeting of Presbytery to Mr Bowman on this special occasion.

Standing Committee Reports:

Appraisal Committee

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

- i. **Presbytery Plan Revision** – Note that an Extract Minute has been received from Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group advising the Presbytery Plan Revision has not received concurrence. The Presbytery Planning task Group seek further consultation with the Appraisal Committee on the areas outlined in the Extract. The Committee has been further advised by PPTG - ***“What we would wish to reach in our further discussions is an understanding and surety that all avenues have been explored by the Presbytery, given the uncertainties that still remain with some of the charges. If we attain that position there should be no reason why the PPTG cannot concur with the plan at its next meeting on 25 September 2012.”***
- ii. **Plan Revision Appeals** – Note that Extract Minutes advising timeously intention to Appeal the decision of the Presbytery of Ardrossan to approve the Presbytery Plan Revision, have been received from the following Kirk Sessions:
 - (a) **Largs: St Johns**
 - (b) **Cumbræ Parish Church**
 - (c) **Stevenston: Ardeer Parish Church**
 - (d) **Dalry: Trinity Church**

Business Committee

Committee/

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

- i. **Committees 2012/13** – Approve Presbytery Committees for session 2012/13 (Reports Pages 22-23)
- ii. **Property Register/Manse Condition Schedule and Church of Scotland Insurance Company** – Note a reminder of meeting on Tuesday 11th September 2012:
Arran – 11.30 a.m. Brodick Church Hall
Saltcoats:New Trinity – 7.00 p.m.
- iii. **Presbytery Restructure** – Note that the Committee is conducting a review into the practice and procedure of Presbytery in an effort to make our workings more efficient and effective. A sub committee has been appointed to report back to Presbytery at a future date the committee: Revd I S Currie, Revd A A Adamson, Revd D Granger, Mr S Brown, Mrs M Hickman, Mr A K Saunderson.
- iv. **Moderator's Visit to Ardrossan Presbytery 20th – 28th April 2013-** Note that arrangements for the visit are ongoing. Very helpful visits have been made to Cumbrae and Arran with a view to organising part of the visit to the Islands of Presbytery. Letters have now been sent to Session Clerks within the Bounds asking for possible places of interest or landmarks in Congregational Life that might be suitable for the Moderator to visit.

Property Committee

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

Homologate the decision of the Convener and Depute Convener during the recess to approve:

- i. **Kilbrinie Auld Parish Church** - Permission granted to repair the church roof at a cost of £710.00 including vat, the Congregation having exceeded the Fabric Limit.

And Convener and Clerk during the recess to approve:

- ii. **Whiting Bay & Kildonan Parish Church** - Consent being given to exceed the Presbytery limit on expenditure due to urgent repairs of around £6,000 to the church roof. £6,000 already had been spent on upgrading the manse.

Manse/

- iii. **West Kilbride Parish Church** – Approve and application to the General Trustees for a Grant from the Central Fabric Fund.
- iv. **Kilbirnie St Columba's** - Note that estimates have been received for the proposed work on the new hall accommodation. 5 tenders were sought for the extension to the halls at Kilbirnie St Columba's but only 3 were received. Cairney Joinery £143,996, CK Contracts £145,950 and Smith Bros. £158,890. The Session wishes to accept the offer of CK Contracts, an extract minute has been received and funds are available. The Finance Convener is satisfied with the financial arrangements and the Property Committee recommends approval.
- v. **Kilbirnie: St Columba's** – Grant permission to the Congregation to apply to the Central Fabric Fund for a grant of £30,000 to assist with the Church Hall upgrade.
- vi. **CARTA** - Note receipt of a letter from the Secretary reminding congregations that no alterations should be carried out to the interior of church buildings without the consent of the Committee on Church Art and Architecture. Failure to get such authorisation could have very serious consequences.
- vii. **Stevenston: Ardeer Parish Church** – Request that the General Trustees finance the cost of a survey of the Ardeer Church Halls to establish the extent and cost of upgrading the halls for continued use.
- viii **Kilbirnie Auld Kirk** – Grant permission to the Congregation to proceed with emergency repairs to radiators in the Church Hall at a cost of £573.60 (Inc VAT) the Congregation having exceeded the Fabric Limit.

Ministries Committee

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

- i. **Mrs Jean Hunter** - Note the receipt of the Team Report submitted by the Revd Angus Adamson for Mrs Jean Hunter Parish Assistant in the Parishes of Arran North and instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the Council of Ministries.
- ii. **Mr Andrew Bruce** – Note that Mr Bruce has been approved to train as a Candidate for the Readership of the Church of Scotland.

Scotland/

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 2nd October 2012 at 7.30 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church for the conduct of ordinary business. Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 19th September 2012 at 3.00 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church

The meeting was closed with prayer.

_____ MODERATOR

_____ CLERK