

**At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 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:**

M S Cameron, D J H Harbison, M L K Howie, R I T Macdonald, A M McCance, J J McNay, M H Mackay, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, F C Ross, S J Smith, A S Taylor, J Teasdale, E R L Watson, V G C Watson, J Whitecross.

**Elders:**

M Brown, S Brown, J Cameron, A Cochrane, M Cooper, G Cunningham, E Haliwell, A D C Hamilton, R Jarvie, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A Lees, J T McGill, W McKay, S Marr, N Martin, C Massie, G K McConnell, R McLean, S McLellan, S McMahan, J M McSwan, A Pringle, R A Richardson, E Taylor, A Turner, A Todd, K Tudor, A C Watt, K S Welch, J Welsh.

**Corresponding Members:**

E Barclay, A Currie, B H McKay, R McCool, N Smith, M M B Ross, H Knight, M Hickman.

**Apologies**

**Ministers:**

I S Currie, A Falconer, M Garrett, D Granger, G P Maclean, A D McCallum, A F McGurk, I M Roy.

**Elders:**

A Campbell, I Hackney, V Macdonald, K Milne, T Muston, E Sillars, C Welch, R F Welch.

**Corresponding Members:**

M Buchannan, M A Broster.

- **Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011 (Pages 1-5 ) The minutes having been circulated, were approved.**
- **Correspondence**
  - (1) **Dalry: St Margaret's** – Extract Minute Property issues.
  - (2) **Study Leave Revd E R L Watson** – Agreement from Ministries Council
  - (3) **Safeguarding** – Mrs S Marr Introductory Safeguarding Course for New Volunteers – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2012 – New Trinity Hall Saltcoats.

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- (4) **Circular for the Solicitor of the Church re Charity Governance** – This has been sent to all Session Clerks within the Bounds.
- (5) **Circular for the Solicitor of the Church re Bribery Act 2010** – This has been sent to all Session Clerks within the Bounds.
- (6) **Principal Clerk** – Regarding the Deliverance of the Assembly Arrangements Committee to the 2012 General Assembly regarding voting and diligence.

**Order of Business – The Order of Business was agreed as circulated** - with the addition of the Revd S J Smith being added to the list of Ministers to be nominated as Commissioners to the General Assembly under Business Committee item iv.

**TRIBUTE – Mrs Sheila Lavalette.** The Revd Tanya Webster made tribute to the life and Christian Witness of Mrs Sheila Lavalette. At this time the thoughts and prayers of Presbytery are very much with Mr Lavalette and the family

#### **Annual Reception of Students & Readers**

The Revd S J Smith then introduced the Students and Readers who had attended the Dinner prior to the meeting of Presbytery. Mr Smith noted the important role played by all within the ever changing shape of the Church of Scotland at this time.

Mr Bert McCool a Reader now involved in his fourth Locum Appointment spoke on behalf of the Students and Readers.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Business Committee**

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

- i. **Presbytery Accounts** - Note the Presbytery Accounts for the Year ending 2011 have been approved by the Committee and extend thanks to Mrs Ann Turner for preparing the accounts and for her work throughout the year as Presbytery Treasurer.
- ii. **Presbytery Dues** – Agree to set Presbytery Dues for Session 2012/13 at £3.00 and 70 Pence (Survey Dues)
- iii. **Congregational Statistics** – Note the Congregational Statistics (Reports Page 11 )
- iv. **General Assembly 2012** – Nominate the following Ministers and Elders as Commissioners to the General Assembly of 2012 –  
**Ministers : Revd D Granger, Revd M Garrett, Revd E R L Watson, Revd M H Mackay, Revd R I T Macdonald, Revd J Whitecross, Revd S J Smith**

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**Elders: Mr A K Saunderson, Mrs A Pringle, Mrs N Martin, Mr S Brown, Miss J M McSwan, Mr B Anderson, Mrs B McDowell.**

- v. **Pensions Meeting** – Remind all Ministers and PPW's that Mr Steve Kaney, from the Church of Scotland Pensions Department will be attending a meeting at the Howard Centre, Kilmarnock on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012, at 12.30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss Church of Scotland Pensions.

### **Property Committee**

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

- i. **Dalry St Margaret's Parish Church** – Note that the Congregation require to spend in excess of £100,000 to carry out repairs to the Steeple, Gable wall of the hall, kitchen roof, electrical upgrades, a new church boiler and some repainting. Grant permission in principle to proceed to getting estimates and request assistance from the General Trustees. It is also hoped that the General Trustees will agree to the marketing of the old Manse which would help with the cost of this project.

### **Finance Committee**

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

- i. Approve a request made by the congregation of **Kilbirnie St. Columba's** Church (120663) for a Presbytery Dispensation to vary the payment of their 2012 Ministries & Mission Contributions from the ten or twelve equal monthly instalments by standing order as required by the 2009 Regulations for Ministries and Mission Contributions, Section 2.
- ii. Approve the reduction of the 2013 Ministries and Mission Contributions required of all congregations within the bounds during 2013, by 3% to be taken from the 2013 Presbytery Ministries and Missions Reserve (Reports Page 10)
- iii. Acknowledge with thanks the additional voluntary payments made to central church Ministries and Mission funds by the following congregations: **Brodict** (120654) £4,000, **Corrie** (120655) £500, **Lochranza and Pirnmill** (120673) £2,645 and **Shiskine** (120678) £3,709, making a grand total of £10,854.

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### **Church & Society Committee**

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

- i. Receive the Education Report of the Convener Mr G K McConnell.

### **Mission & Discipleship Committee**

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

- i. EQUIP – Note the Report (Page 12)

### **Ministries Committee**

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

- i. Note that Mrs Liz Clarke Reader in Training having completed further academic study now requires to undertake her second practical placement. Agree that she should do this on Arran under the supervision of Rev Angus Adamson and to instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to the Ministries Council confirming this.
- ii. **Mrs Brenda Mackay** – Note that Mrs Mackay has intimated a desire to retire from active Readership and thank her for her many years dedicated service to Presbytery.

### **Presbyterial Superintendence Committee**

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

- i. **Rolls & Records** – Note that Rolls & Records for all Congregations within the Bounds have now been inspected.

**Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2012, at 7.30 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church for the Conduct of Ordinary Business. Business Committee to meet on, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 3.00 p.m.**