

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's Church on Tuesday 6th November 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:

R A Adamson, I S Currie, A Falconer, D J H Harbison, M L K Howie,
R I T Macdonald, M H Mackay, G P Maclean, A D McCallum, A M McCance, D
R Mitchell, A B Noble, S J Smith, J Teasdale, T Webster.

Elders:

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

Corresponding Members:

E Barclay, R McCool, N Smith, A Montgomerie, H Knight.

Guild Presbyterian Committee Representatives:

M Broster.

Apologies

Ministers:

M S Cameron, N Cruickshank, M Garrett, D Granger, D J Heberton,
J J McNay, I M Roy, A S Taylor, M Thomson, E R L Watson, J Whitecross.

Elders:

G Cunningham, R Kelso, R McLean, K Milne, A Turner.

Corresponding Members:

A Currie, M M B Ross.

Minutes of meeting held on **Tuesday 2nd October 2012 (Pages 34-37)**
having been circulated, were approved.

Correspondence

- (a) **General Trustees** – West Kilbride Parish Church: Refurbishment Project.

Project/

- (b) **General Trustees** – Kilbirnie: St Columba’s Church: Regarding extension to the Church Hall
- (c) **General Trustees** – Dalry: Trinity Church: Regarding Restoration Project.
- (d) **Mr David Rodger & Others** – Noting receipt of what purports to be “Petition” regarding the closure of Ardeer Parish Church.
- (e) **Salcoats: St Cuthbert’s Parish Church** – Extract Minute regarding the ongoing vacancy at St Cuthbert’s. Business Committee appointed a Committee to visit the Kirk Session as a result.
- (f) **Dalry: Trinity** – Request for consideration to be given for a visit by the Moderator of the General Assembly in April 2013.
- (g) **Fairlie: Parish Church** - Request for consideration to be given for a visit by the Moderator of the General Assembly in April 2013.
- (h) **Beith Parish Church** - Request for consideration to be given for a visit by the Moderator of the General Assembly in April 2013.
- (i) **Largs: St John’s** - Request for consideration to be given for a visit by the Moderator of the General Assembly in April 2013.
- (j) **Largs: St John’s** – Extract Minute Congregational board, regarding Mission & Ministries Contributions for 2013.
- (k) **Ministries Council** – Letter regarding Pensions (all Ministers have been supplied with a copy of this letter by the Council.
- (l) **Ministries Council** – Letter regarding Terms & Conditions of Employment of PPW’s. All PPW’s that are employed by the Council have been sent a copy of this by the Council.
- (m) **General Trustees** – Manse Condition Schedule Folders – A supply of Folders has been ordered for use by Congregations within the Bounds.
- (n) **General Trustees Ecclesiastical Property Diligence Report** – This had been received and passed to the Presbytery Property Convener for completion.

Order of Business

Guest Speaker:

Mrs Edith Scott , Church of Scotland Stewardship Consultant, then addressed Presbytery about the current National Stewardship Programme. This was followed by a time of questions from Presbyters. Mrs Scott was thanked for her presentation.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Committee

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

Presbytery/

- i. **Revd G P Maclean** – Note that Mrs Maclean, Minister at Klimory L/w Lamlash, has preached as Sole Nominee and been elected by the Congregations of Udney and Pitmedden (unrestricted tenure) in the Presbytery of Gordon. Grant release to Mrs Maclean, subject to the Call being sustained by the Presbytery of Gordon on the date of her Induction to the Charge.
- ii. **Elder Interim Moderator Training** – Note that Mrs Jean Hunter and Mr Stephen Brown will be attending a training course at Glasgow on 5th November 2012.
- iii. **Presbytery Meeting Venue** – Note that for logistical reasons, in future meeting of Presbytery will be held within the Church at Saltcoats: New Trinity.
- iv. **Presbytery Moderator Visits** – Note in terms of Standing Order 9.1 the Moderator will visit the following Congregations during her term in Office: Cumbrae: Parish Church, Ardrossan: Barony St John's, Stevenston: Ardeer L/w Stevenston:Livingstone, Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity & Dalry: St Margaret's.

Finance Committee

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

- i. Approve the Ministries and Missions Contributions for 2013 (circulated), noting the tabled amendment for the Ministry and Mission Contributions due by Beith Parish Church as a result of a miscalculation by the Stewardship and Finance Department of 121.
- ii. Approve a request made by the congregation of Lochranza & Pirnmill Church (120673) for a Presbytery Dispensation to pay their 2013 Ministries & Mission Contributions by ten or twelve equal monthly instalments;
- iii. Remind all congregations that the 2012 Regulations for Congregational Finance in the Council of Assembly Report to the General Assembly (Blue Book Page 1/16) stipulates:

3. Borrowing of funds

*No congregation is permitted to borrow funds, whether by way of overdraft or otherwise and whether from a bank or elsewhere without **first** obtaining the agreement of Presbytery.*

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- iv. Instruct all congregations to include a paragraph in their annual Trustees Report on how they have implemented the instruction of the GA 2011 to participate in the National Stewardship Programme, and what the effects of such activities have been.
- v. Instruct the Presbytery Treasurer to check for the existence of such a paragraph during the attestation process and to report to the Convener any issues that may arise as a result of such a check.
- vi. Note that the church website has resources for the preparation of accounts under its resources section –

http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/subjects/finance_resources

Ministries Committee

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

- i. Note the report (Pages 26/27) and agree that it fulfills the instruction of the General Assembly to respond to the Consultation Document on The future of continuing Ministerial development and instruct the Clerk to send the report to the Ministries Council by 30th November 2012.
- ii. **Vocations Sunday:** Note that in the light of the continuing need for Parish Ministers the committee concur with Ministries Council in encouraging Congregations to observe such a Sunday annually and suggest that this could be done in terms of the Stewardship Campaign when looking Talents.
- iii. **Prisoners Week** Note that the Moderator Right Rev. Albert Bogle intends highlighting the work of Chaplains and others who work in prisons during Prisoners Week ..18-25 Nov. 2012. The committee would draw attention to resources available at WWW.prisonersweekscotland.org.uk for those who might wish to recognise this work.
- iv. **Candidate for the Readership:** Note that Mrs Liz Clarke Arran successfully completed her second practical placement with Rev . Angus Adamson on 30th Sept,2012 having passed her final preaching assessment at Corrie on 23 Sept,2012 with a representative of the Ministries Council present . Offer congratulations to Mrs Clarke and to thank the Revd Angus Adamson and to look forward to being able to set Mrs Clarke apart in due course.

**Course/
Mission & Discipleship Committee**

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

- i. **Mission & Discipleship Council – Year Book.** Note that copies of relevant pages from within the document will be available for each Session Clerk.
- ii. Note request from Crossreach Children’s Services.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 4th December 2012 at 7.00 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church for the conduct of ordinary business.

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.

Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 21st November 2012 at 3.00 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church

The meeting was closed with prayer.

_____ **Moderator**

_____ **Clerk**