

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday 7th February 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:

N Cruickshank, I S Currie, M Garrett, D Granger, D J H Harbison, D J Heberton, M L K Howie, A D McCallum, A M McCance, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, S J Smith, A S Taylor, J Teasdale, E R L Watson, T Webster, J Whitecross.

Elders:

J Aitken, S Brown, J Cameron, A Campbell, M Cooper, G Cunningham, E Halliwell, A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, R Kelso, J Laurie, A Lees, V Macdonald, J T McGill, W McKay, S Marr, C Massie, S McLellan, S McMahan, J M McSwan, K Milne, A Pringle, R A Richardson, E Sillars, A Turner, K Tudor, A C Watt, K S Welch, R F Welch, J Welsh.

Corresponding Members:

R McCool, M M B Ross, A Montgomerie, H Knight, M Hickman.

Apologies

Ministers:

R A Adamson, M S Cameron, A Falconer, R I T Macdonald, M H Mackay, G P Maclean, A F McGurk, I M Roy, F C Ross, V G C Watson.

Elders:

M Brown, A K Butcher, A Cochrane, I Hackney, J C Q Hunter, R Lavalette, A Martin, G K McConnell, R McLean, T Muston, G Ross, E Taylor, A Todd, C Welch.

Corresponding Members:

M Broster, N Smith.

- **Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2011 (Pages 57-62) having been circulated, were approved.**
- **Correspondence**
 - (a) **General Trustees** – Kilbirnie: St Columba's regarding the extension to Church Halls.
 - (b) **General Trustees** – West Kilbride Parish Church, intimating that the Trustees have agreed to release £46, 236 from the Congregations Consolidated Fabric Fund, in respect of Architects Fees.

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- (c) **Ministries Council** – Notification of in-Service Conferences for Leading Worship on 12 & 22 April 2012.
 - (d) **Irvine & Kilmarnock Presbytery** – Extract Minute regarding meeting for Ministers with Mr Steve Kaney, in connection with Church of Scotland Pensions. It is anticipated that the meeting will take place at the Howard Centre Kilmarnock in the afternoon of Tuesday 13th March 2012.
 - (e) **ICO** – Data Protection Renewal.
 - (f) **Ardrossan: Barony St John's** – Extract Minute regarding application to vary Ministry & Mission Contributions.
 - (g) **Lamlash Parish Church** - Extract Minute regarding application to vary Ministry & Mission Contributions.
 - (h) **Ministries Council** – Notification that Mrs Nicola Smith recently attended a Local Assessment conference for the Ordained Local Ministry and was accepted.
 - (i) **Cumbrae Parish Church** – Extract Minute regarding the proposed Sale of the Manse.
 - (j) **Cumbrae Parish Church** – Extract Minute regarding the appointment of Architects to undertake a Feasibility Study of a preferred site for a new church Build.
 - (k) **Revd V G C Watson** – Letter from Miss Watson seeking permission to retire as Associate Minister at Beith Parish Church on 30th April 2012.
 - (l) **Solicitor of the Church** – Regarding Church Websites – which must from March 2012 have the Church Charity Number noted on the Home Page.
 - (m) **Lamlash Parish Church** – intimation from the Session Clerk that owing to Storm Damage to the Church building the Service of Christian Unity on 22nd January was re-located to Brodick Parish Church. Further intimation has been given that until the building had been made safe and inspected that the Congregation will worship in the Church Hall.
- **Order of Business** – The Order of Business was moved as circulated with the addition of:
 - (a) **Property Committee** – New Item 3 relating to the Building share Agreement between Ardrossan: Barony St John's and St Andrew's Episcopal Church.
 - (b) **Presbyterial Superintendence** – Ministers Log Books.
 - **Guest Speaker – Revd Judith Huggett Chaplain to Crosshouse Hospital.** The Revd Judith Huggett then addressed members regarding recent developments in the Chaplaincy Service.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports/

Business Committee

For the Committee the Revd Stephen Smith moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery:

- i. **April Meeting of Presbytery** – Note that the date noted in the Year Book is 3rd April 2011 as this falls within Holy Week – the date of the April Meeting will be Tuesday 10th April 2012 at 7.30 p.m.
- ii. **Moderator Designate** – Note that the Revd Albert Bogle will make an official visit to the Presbytery of Ardrossan from 20th – 29th April 2013 and that a sub committee of Business Committee has been appointed to organise the visit. The Committee to comprise, The Business Convener, Clerk, Miss J M McSwan, Revd D Granger, Revd J Teasdale and Mr I Hackney.
- iii. **Pensions Meeting** – Note that Mr Steve Kaney, from the Church of Scotland Pensions Department will be attending a meeting at the Howard Centre, Kilmarnock in the afternoon of Tuesday 20th March 2012. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss Church of Scotland Pensions. All Ministers and PPW's from the Presbytery of Irvine & Kilmarnock, Ardrossan and Ayr are invited to attend.
- iv. **Church Websites** – Note the communication from the Solicitor of the Church advising that Church Websites must from March 2012 have the Church Charity Number noted on the Home Page.
- v. **Notice of Motion General Assembly 2012** – Note that the Committee at the March meeting of Presbytery will propose the names of seven Ministers and seven Elders to attend the forthcoming General Assembly.
- vi. **Presbytery Plan Revision** – Note that the sub committee of the Appraisal Committee will meet Representatives of the Presbytery Planning Task Group on Wednesday 29th February 2012, to discuss the Plan Revision. Further note that there will be a regrettable but unavoidable delay in the proposed Draft Time Table for circulating the Final Draft of the Revision to Kirk Sessions. Presbytery will be advised following the meeting with the PPTG of the revised schedule for issuing the Final Draft to Congregations.
- vii. **Mission Groups** – Approve the Mission Groupings Report (Reports Pages 1-2)

Property Committee

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

- i. **Largs: St John's** – Grant permission to let the Manse during the vacancy, subject to the approval of the General Trustees.

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- ii. **Ardrossan: Barony St John's** – Grant permission to the Congregation to dispose of the Sanctuary and invite the General Trustees to assist the Congregation in the request. Noting that Extract Minutes have been received from both Kirk Session and Congregational Meetings confirming agreement to the disposal.
- iii. **Cumbræ Parish Church** – Grant permission to engage McLean Architects Ltd & Messrs R Davies and D McLean to undertake a Feasibility Study of a preferred site for a potential New Church Build at a cost of £8,500. And invite the General Trustees to consider assistance with the funding of the Study.

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 **Ardrossan Barony St John's Church** (120661) for a Presbytery Dispensation to vary the payment of their 2012 Ministries & Mission Contributions from the ten or twelve equal monthly instalments required by the 2009 Regulations for Ministries and Mission Contributions, Section 2;
- ii. Approve a request made by the congregation of **Lamlash Church** (120669) for a Presbytery Dispensation to vary the payment of their 2012 Ministries & Mission Contributions from the ten or twelve equal monthly instalments required by the 2009 Regulations for Ministries and Mission Contributions, Section 2;

Mission & Discipleship Committee

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

- i. **Youth Representative to the General Assembly 2012** – Note that nominations are invited from Congregations within the bounds for a Youth Representative aged 18-25 years of age. Nominations should be with the Convener no later than 1st March 2012. More information is available from the Convener.

Ministries Committee

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

- i. Note that Mrs Nicky Smith, Reader, having applied to transfer to OLM and having been recommended by a Presbytery Panel that she should proceed to a Local Assessment Centre, and having been successful at the L.A.C. Presbytery is now asked to nominate Mrs Smith as a Candidate for the Ordained Local Ministry and instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute confirming the same to Ministries Council.
- ii. **Revd Valerie G C Watson** – Grant permission for Miss Watson to retire as Associate Minister at Beith Parish Church on 30th April 2012.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 6th March , 2012, at 7.30 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church for the Conduct of Ordinary Business. Business Committee to meet on, 22nd February 2012 at 3.00 p.m

The meeting was closed with Prayer

_____ **MODERATOR**

_____ **CLERK**

