

**At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 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 Cruicshank, A Falconer, M Garrett, M L K Howie, D Hebenton, M H Mackay, R I T Macdonald, A D McCallum, A M McCance, J J McNay, S J Smith, A S Taylor, E R L Watson, V G C Watson, T Webster, J Whitecross.

**Elders:**

J Aitken, S Brown, M Brown, J Cameron, A Campbell, E Haliwell, R Jarvie, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A Lees, V Macdonald, J T McGill, C Massie, G K McConnell, S McMahan, J M McSwan, 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, H Knight.

**Guild Presbyterial Council Representatives:**

M Broster.

**Apologies:**

**Ministers:**

R A Adamson, M S Cameron, I S Currie, D Granger, D J H Harbison, G P Maclean, A F McGurk, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, F C Ross, I M Roy, J Teasdale.

**Elders:**

A K Butcher, A Cochrane, M Cooper, G Cunningham, A C D Hamilton, J C Q Hunter, R Kelso, W McKay, S Marr, A Martin, R McLean, S McLellan, K Milne, T Muston, E Taylor, C Welch.

**Corresponding Members:**

A Currie, N Smith.

**Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012 (Pages 6-9)** The minutes of the meeting having been circulated were approved.

- **Correspondence**

- (a) **Dalry Trinity Church** – Extract Minute regarding Feasibility Study.

- (b) **Beith Parish Church** – Extract Minute regarding proposed sale of Mansfield Glebe Beith.

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**(c) Church of Scotland Insurance Company** – Letter regarding proposed visits to Presbyteries.

**(d) Mrs J B Marr** – Safeguarding Update Training.

### **Order of Business**

**The Order of Business was approved as circulated.**

### **VALEDICTORY**

**Revd Valerie G C Watson Associate Minister Beith Parish Church.**

The Revd Roddy Macdonald spoke of the Ministry of the Revd Valerie Watson who had been Associate Minister in Beith for almost 5 years. Mr Macdonald paid tribute to Miss Watson's many gifts and in particular to her assistance in the recent Union in Beith together with her work within the wider church.

Miss Watson made a suitable response and thanked all within the Presbytery of Ardrossan for the friendship she had enjoyed during her association with the Presbytery.

The Moderator then thanked Miss Watson and wished her ever blessing in her retirement and future service.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Business Committee**

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

- i. **Revd Valerie G C Watson** - Agree to a request made by Miss Watson to resign her seat in the Presbytery of Ardrossan and arrange that her Presbyterial Certificate be sent to the Clerk to the Presbytery Greenock & Paisley.
- ii. **Revd Dorothy Granger** – Note that Mrs Granger has been signed off from work for a period of 6 weeks and agree to appoint the Revd James J McNay as Interim Moderator until Mrs Granger returns to work.
- iii. **Largs: St Columba's** – Thank and discharge the Revd James Teadsale as Interim Moderator and appoint the Revd Scott Cameron as Interim Moderator in the current vacancy.
- iv. **Payment of Expenses to Presbyters** - Note that as from 5 April 2012 expenses will only be repaid if accompanied by relevant receipts in accordance with Inland Revenue Guidelines.
- v. **Presbytery Clerk** – Note and approve the recommendation of the Committee that the Clerk's salary be increased to £9038 from 1 May 2012, which relates to two days per week.

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### **Property Committee**

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

- i. **Dalry Trinity** – Note and agree that the Congregation wishes to proceed with the Feasibility Study looking at alterations to the Church and Halls. An Extract Minute, has been received from the Congregational Meeting, Funds are available and General Trustees have previously given approval.
- ii. **Beith Parish Church** – Note that and approve that the Kirk Session of Beith Parish Church wish to proceed with the sale the Mansfield Glebe and ask Presbytery to invite the General Trustees to act on their behalf.
- iii. **Conference** – Note that the Clerk and Property Convener recently attended a conference regarding the introduction of the new Property Register and Insurance matters. It is proposed that a special meeting be convened and that invitations be extended to: Ministers, Congregational Treasurers, Property Conveners and Finance Conveners. The Conference would be addressed by representatives of the Church of Scotland Insurance Trust and would also contain information of the new Property register and Manse Condition Schedule Report. More information on this will be communicated in due course.

### **Finance Committee**

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

- i. Note that there is a small amount of funds in the 2012 Presbytery M&M Reserve remaining, and any congregation wishing to apply for a grant should inform the Clerk before 30th April to allow Presbytery to consider at the June meeting. Such applications may be for mission work, support with fabric proposals, or assistance to a congregation where they may have been affected by extraordinary or changed circumstances.

### **World Mission Committee**

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

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- i. Note that World Mission Committee seeks approval to ask a representative from the Twinning Committee of World Mission to address a future meeting of Presbytery about twinning and specifically the proposed twinning with Milala Presbytery, Malawi. A suitable time to be set in conjunction with the Business Convenor and Presbytery Clerk.

**Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 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. and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 12.30 p.m.**

The meeting was closed with Prayer

\_\_\_\_\_ MODERATOR

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