

At Dalry and within Dalry: Trinity Church on Tuesday 12th June 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, M S Cameron, I S Currie, A Falconer, D Granger,
D J H Harbison, M L K Howie, 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 Teasdale, E R L Watson, T Webster, J
Whitecross.

Elders:

J Aitken, S Brown, A K Butcher, J Cameron, A Campbell, A Cochrane,
M Cooper, I Hackney, E Halliwell, A C D Hamilton, J C Q Hunter, R Jarvie,
J Laurie, R Lavalette, A Lees, V Macdonald, J T McGill, W Mackay, S Marr,
A Martin, C Massie, G K McConnell, R McLean, S McMahan, J M McSwan,
K Milne, A Pringle, R A Richardson, E Sillars, A Turner, A Todd, K Tudor,
A C Watt, K S Welch, J Welsh.

Corresponding Members:

R McCool, N Smith, M M B Ross, H Knight, M Hickman.

Guild Presbyterian Council Committee Representatives:

M Broster

Apologies

Ministers:

N Cruickshank, M Garrett, D J Heberton, A F McGurk, I M Roy

Elders:

M Brown, G Cunningham, S McLellan, T Muston, E Taylor, C Welch,
R F Welch.

Corresponding Members:

A Currie.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Moderator was thanked for conducting the Annual Communion Service prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Meeting/

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 1st May 2012 (Pages 14-16)

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were approved.

Correspondence

- (a) **Mrs Christine Welch** – Intimation of her resignation as an Equalising Elder in the Presbytery

Order of Business

The Order of Business was approved as circulated.

General Assembly – Diligence Report (Reports Pages 13-16)

The Clerk moved the report of due Diligence at the General Assembly.

Petition Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's Church (Reports page 20)

Presbytery then took up consideration of the Petition received in the name of the Kirk Session of Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's Church. Revised copies of the petition had been circulated.

Parties were called:

There appeared at the Bar of Presbytery for the Congregation, Mrs Ann Turner, Mr John Aitken and Mrs Evelyn Slater.

Presbytery resolved that

The Petition should be taken as read
That the Petition should be received.

Mrs Turner then, on behalf of the Kirk Session addressed Presbytery and thereafter there followed an opportunity for questions to be asked of the Party at the Bar.

Parties were removed.

For the Appraisal Committee the Revd Stephen Smith moved and it was seconded, that the crave of the Petition be not granted and the Deliverance of the Committee be approved:

Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's – Authorise the committee to visit the Kirk Session to discuss granting the Congregation permission to Call a minister and on what terms such a Call may be considered.

A Counter Motion was moved and seconded

Seconded/

Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's – Authorise the Committee to visit the Kirk Session to discuss alternative forms of Appraisal.

A vote was taken resulting in 30 votes for the motion in the name of the Appraisal Committee and 14 voted for the Counter Motion.

It was then moved and seconded

Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's : Presbytery grant the Crave to the extent of implementing the proposal contained in the Appraisal Committee Report paragraph 2.

Presbytery then agreed that the Motion in the name of the committee be withdrawn.

On a vote being taken 30 voted in favour of the Motion and 0 against.

Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery was communicated:

Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's : Presbytery grant the Crave to the extent of implementing the proposal contained in the Appraisal Committee Report paragraph 2.

Appraisal Committee

Saltcoats: New Trinity & Saltcoats: St Cuthberts

The Congregations of Saltcoats: New Trinity and Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's had been cited for their interest.

Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's were represented by Mrs Ann Turner, Mr John Aitken and Mrs Evelyn Slater.

Saltcoats: New Trinity were represented by Miss Jemima McSwan and Mrs Elizabeth McMahan.

For Saltcoats: New Trinity Miss McSwan and Mrs McMahan addressed Presbytery.

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

Presbytery/

Saltcoats: New Trinity & Saltcoats: St Cuthberts

- i. Note that following Congregational Meetings at which the Basis and Plan of Union was voted upon on 27th May 2012, the committee is unwilling to pursue the Basis and Plan of Union. (Reports Pages 17-18)
- ii. **Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's** – Authorise the committee to visit the Kirk Session to discuss granting the Congregation permission to Call a minister and on what terms such a Call may be considered.
- iii. **Saltcoats: New Trinity** – Authorise the committee to visit the Kirk Session to discuss alternative forms of Appraisal.
- iv. **Presbytery Plan Revision** - Note that at the meeting to consider the Revised Presbytery Plan on 18th June 2012 the Committee will present the Final Draft Plan for consideration with the exception of that part relating to a United Charge of Saltcoats.

Business Committee

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

- i. **Saltcoats: New Trinity** - Thank and discharge the Revd Marjory Mackay from her duties as Interim Moderator and Locum.
- ii. **Saltcoats: New Trinity** – Appoint the Revd Marion L K Howie as Interim Moderator in the current vacancy.

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

- iii. **Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's** – Thank and discharge the Revd Dr Johnston McKay from his duties as Interim Moderator.
- iv. **Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's** – Appoint the Revd Roderick Macdonald as Interim Moderator in the current vacancy.
- v. **Revd Andrew F McGurk** – Agree to a request from Mr McGurk to resign his seat in the Presbytery of Ardrossan and grant that a Practising Certificate be issued to him.

Him/

- vi. **Property Register/ Manse Condition Schedule/ CSIC** – Note that arrangements have been made to hold Conferences in Arran at **Brodick Church Hall on 11th September 2012 at 11.15 a.m. and Saltcoats: New Trinity on 11th September 2012 at 7.00 p.m.** These will be of interest to Ministers, Board Clerks, Session Clerks, Property and Finance Conveners. Notification will be sent to all Congregations within the Bounds.
- vii. **Presbyterial Superintendence Visits 2012/13** – Note that the Committee has decided to suspend visits until Presbytery has had an opportunity to consider the Presbytery Plan Revision.

Property Committee

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

- i. **Dalry Trinity:** Note that the Kirk Session have submitted the forms to be sent to General Trustees via Presbytery for the proposed repairs that we have already approved in principle. The estimated cost of the work including fees and vat is £256,750. The Congregation have around £100,000, and are adding £12,000 per year from tax recovered and are making a fresh appeal to the members. The committee recommends approval to support the application and forward the forms to General Trustees.
- ii. **Stevenston High:** Note that the Congregation seek permission in principle to proceed with work in the Sanctuary. They wish to remove the pews, remove all the old heating pipes and install new heating, repair the flooring where necessary, fit a carpet and replace the pews with seats. The Congregation wishes to investigate the costs and arrange funding. The committee recommends approval.
- iii. **Largs St John's :**Note that approval has been received from Heritage Lottery and the scaffolding is now in place.
- iv. **Beith Parish Church:** Note that the Kirk Session seeks permission to let the former Trinity Manse at 16 Speirs Road, Beith. The Committee recommend approval subject to agreement from the General Trustees.
- v. **Dalry: St Margarets:** Note that an Extract Minute with update on previous decision to proceed with a study of costing for repairs, has been received. The Kirk Session has agreed to instruct Mathew Holloway, architect, to conduct relevant work to enable an application for Heritage Lottery Funding. The estimated cost is £6,000 plus VAT and Presbytery is asked to agree in case the final total exceeds the limit of £7,000.

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

Presbytery /

- vi. **Stevenston: Livingstone linked with Stevenston: Ardeer.** Note that Extract Minutes have been received from both Kirk Sessions requesting consent to sell the existing manse at 32 High Road, Stevenston and purchase a new manse at Plot 46 Mayfield Manor, Stevenston.
- vii. **Powers during Summer Recess** - Presbytery is asked to grant power to the Presbytery Clerk and Convener of the Property Committee to act on any applications received during the summer months.

Mission & Discipleship Committee

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

- i. Note that due to a very low uptake for the proposed course 'Training in Conducting Funerals', it is not planned to hold any training sessions in the near future. If an appropriate training course is available centrally your attention will be drawn to it.
- ii. Note the Annual Communion Service for Elders will be held in Dalry: Trinity Church on **Saturday, 1 September** at 11.00am - all welcome. Service conducted by the Moderator of Ardrossan Presbytery - Revd Martin Thomson.
- iii. Note that Sunday, 30 September has been designated as Back to Church Sunday 2012.
- iv. Note the Safeguarding Trainer's Report for session 2011/12 (Reports Page 19) and extend the thanks of Presbytery to Mrs Sheena Marr for all the work undertaken by her in the past year.

Ministries Committee

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

- i. **Reader in Training: Sharon MacLeod** – Note that Mrs Sharon MacLeod has satisfactorily completed her 1st practical placement in Lamlash L.W.Kilmory and offer congratulations to her and to thank the Rev. Gillean Maclean . Approve that Mrs MacLeod should proceed to her 2nd placement with Rev Angus Adamson in the Parishes of Arran North commencing on Monday 13th August 2012. And to instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to the Ministries Council.

Council/

Finance Committee

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

- i. Approve a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £3,350 to be made by the congregation of **Cumbræ Parish Church** (120656) in support of a new mission project, to be funded from the 2012 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve;
- ii. Approve a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £3,350 to be made by the congregation of **Saltcoats St Cuthbert's Parish Church** (120677) in support of extraordinary fabric repair costs, to be funded from the 2012 3% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.

Presbytery to meet on Monday 18th June 2012, *in hunc effectum* at 7.00 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church to consider the Presbytery Plan Revision.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 4th September 2012 at 7.30 p.m. within Kilbirnie: St Columba's Church for the Installation of the Moderator the Revd Fiona C Ross BD Cert Min, and thereafter for the conduct of ordinary business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 22nd August 2012 at 3.00 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church.

The meeting was closed with Prayer.

Moderator

Clerk