

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday 3rd December 2013 , which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted by the Moderator, the Reverend Alex B Noble MA BD ThM.

Sederunt:

Revd A N Noble (Moderator) Mr A K Saunderson (Clerk)

Ministers:

I S Currie, A Ford, D Granger, D J H Harbieson, M L K Howie,
R I T Macdonald, J J McNay, F C Ross, E R L Watson, T Webster, A Ward.

Elders:

K Anderson, J Aitken, M Brown, J Cameron, A Campbell, G Cunningham,
M Green, I Hackney, A C D Hamilton, R Head, J C Q Hunter, R Kelso,
R Lavalette, W Mackay, S Marr, A Martin, C Massie, D Murray,
G K McConnell, R McLean, S McMahan, J M McSwan, D A Oakes, F Page,
A Pringle, R A Richardson, A Turner, K Tudor, K S Welch, R Wilson.

Corresponding Members:

R McCool, N Smith, M M B Ross, A Montgonerie.

Guild Presbyterian Council Committee Representatives:

B Guthrie

Apologies:

Ministers:

R A Adamson, M S Cameron, N Cruickshank, A Falconer, D J Heberton,
M Hickman, M H Mackay, A D McCallum, A M McCance, D R Mitchell,
A S Taylor, J Tesdale, J Whitecross.

Elders:

S Brown, C Black, A Cochrane, M Cooper, M Duff, M Henderson, R Jarvie,
J Niven, E Taylor, A Todd.

Corresponding Members:

A Currie.

The Minutes of meetings held on, Tuesday 5th November 2013 (Pages 41-47) and Tuesday 19th November 2013 (Pages 48-49) having been circulated, were approved.

- Correspondence
- (a) **Solicitor of the Church** – Intimation that the Unitary Constitution deed has been issued by Delegation of Assembly to Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church.

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- (b) **Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group** – Extract Minute intimating that concurrence of PPTG had been received in relation to the decision of Presbytery to grant Largs: Clark Memorial permission to Call.
- (c) **Statistical Returns 2013** – These had been forwarded to Session Clerk's for completion.

Order of Business

The Order of Business was approved with the inclusion of an additional item 9 in the Business Committee Report relating to the Electoral Register of Largs: Clark Memorial Church.

Guest Speakers

- (1) **Mr Paul Gilroy** – Mr Allan Richardson then introduced Mr Paul Gilroy of Crossreach, who spoke regarding the restructuring of Services at Gielisland School in Beith.
- (2) **Mrs Isabel Beck** – Deaconess Castlemilk Parish Church. Mr Ron Lavalette introduced Mrs Beck who spoke about her experiences training for the Diaconate.

Overture Under the Barrier Act – The Appeals Act.
(General Assembly 2013 General Assembly Remits Booklet)

Presbytery then took up consideration of a Report submitted by the Superintendence Committee in relation to the Appeals Act. The Report was submitted Mr R Allan Richardson and after an opportunity for comments and questions Presbytery resolved to vote.

There voted to Approve 40 and to Disapprove 0

Roll of Presbytery

Lamlash Parish Church – Presbytery Noted that Mr Anthony Butcher has had to resign as Representative Elder for health reasons. It was agreed to thank Mr Butcher for his many years services to Presbytery and welcome Mr David Oakes as Lamlash Representative Elder.

Standing Committee Reports

Business Committee

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- i. **St Cuthbert's Parish Church – St Cuthbert's Parish Church – Call to The Revd Arthur Sherratt** - The Clerk reported that the Congregation had been cited for its interested and that appearing for the Congregation were: Mrs Evelyn Slater (Session Clerk), Mr John Aitken, Mrs Ann Turner Mr Simon Hales, Mrs Julie Fisher, Mrs Nan Smith, Mrs Shona Turner, Mr Robert Hunter.

Parties were called and Mrs Slater spoke on behalf of the Congregation.

After an opportunity for questions and comments, parties were removed.

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

Sustain a Call signed by 148 members of the Congregation to the Revd Arthur Sherratt BD, and set the date of **Wednesday 22nd January 2014** for the Service of Induction. The Moderator to Preside, the Revd F C Ross to conduct and the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland the Rt Revd E Lorna Hood to preach.

Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery communicated.

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

- ii. **Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church** – Note that the Solicitor of the Church has issued by Delegation of Assembly the Unitary Constitution Deed to the Kirk Session.
- iii. **Cumbræ Parish Church** – Note that the Clerk has attested the Revised Electoral Register containing the names of 257 Members.
- iv. **Largs: St John's Parish Church** – Note that the Clerk has attested the Electoral Register of the Congregation that contained 755 names.
- v. **Largs: St Columba's Parish Church** - Note that the Clerk has attested the Electoral Register of the Congregation.
- vi. **Kilbirnie: Auld Kirk** – Thank and discharge Mr Alan Saunderson as Interim Moderator from **31st January 2014** and appoint the Revd Fiona C Ross as Interim Moderator.
- vii. **Kilmory/Lw Lamlash** – Thank and discharge Mr Alan Saunderson as Interim Moderator from **31st January 2014** and appoint Mrs Jean C Q Hunter as Interim Moderator.

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- viii. **Presbytery Review** – Receive and update from the Convener of the sub committee the Revd Ian S Currie.
- ix. **Largs: Clark Memorial Church** - Note that the Clerk has attested the Electoral Register of the Congregation that contained the names of 808 members and 3 adherents.

World Mission Committee

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

- i. Note the arrangements for the visit of Miss Helen Scott to the Presbytery of Ardrossan.

Ministries Committee

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

- i. Receive a Report of the recent conference held on 9th November 2013, from the Ministries Convener.

Superintendence Committee

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

- i. Note the arrangements for the annual Examination and Attestation of Rolls and Records

Tuesday 11th February 2014 Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate at 7.00pm

Wednesday 12th February 2014 Largs: St Columba's at 2.00pm

Wednesday 12th February 2014 Dalry: St Margaret's at 7.00pm

Thursday 13th February 2014 Brodick Church Hall at 11.00am

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- ii. **Ministers Log Books** – Note that Log Books should be now be submitted to the Convener for inspection by 26th April 2014.

Presbytery to meet *in hunc effectum* on Wednesday 22nd January 2014 at 7.00 p.m. within Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's Church the Induction of the Reverend Arthur Sherratt BD.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 4th February 2014 at 7.30 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Church, for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 22nd January 2014 at 3.00 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Church.

The meeting was closed with prayer

_____Moderator

_____Clerk