

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday 3rd October 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) Revd F C Ross (Acting Clerk)

Ministers:

M S Cameron, I S Currie, A Falconer, A Ford, D Granger, D J H Harbieson, D J Hebenton, M Hickman, M L K Howie, R I T Macdonald, M H Mackay, A D McCallum, A M McCance, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, S J Smith, A S Taylor, J Teasdale, M Thomson, E R L Watson, T Webster, J Whitecross.

Elders:

K Anderson, J Aitken, M Brown, S Brown, A K Butcher, J Cameorn, A Campbell, M Cooper, M Greene, I Hacknet, A C D Hamilton, J C Q Hunter, R Head, M Henderson, R Kelso, R Lavalette, W Mackay, S Marr, A Martin, C Massie, D Murray, S McLellan, S McMahan, J M McSwan,

Corresponding Members:

R McCool, N Smith, M M B Ross.

Guild Presbyterian Council Committee Representatives:

B Guthrie.

Apologies:

Ministers:

R A Adamson, N Criuckshank, A Ward.

Elders:

C Black, A Cochrane, G Cunningham, M Duff, R Jarvie, G K McConnell, A K Sanderson, E Taylor, K S Welch.

Presbytery Clerk – As the Clerk is currently signed off from duties it was agreed to appoint the Revd Fiona C Ross as Clerk for the meeting. The Moderator administered the oath to Miss Ross.

The Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 7th June 2013 (Pages 27 -33), having been circulated were approved.

Correspondence:

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- (a) **Ministries Council PPTG** – Extract Minute indicating concurrence in the decision of Presbytery to approve the Basis and Plan of Linkage negotiated between Largs: St Columba’s Parish Church and Fairlie Parish Church.
- (b) **Ministries Council PPTG** – Extract Minute indicating concurrence in the decision of Presbytery to approve the Basis and Plan of Linkage negotiated between Largs: St John’s Parish Church and Cumbrae Parish Church
- (c) **Ministries Council PPTG** – Extract Minute indicating concurrence in the decision of Presbytery to approve the Basis and Plan of Union negotiated between Ardrossan: Barony St John’s Parish Church and Saltcoats: New Trinity Parish Church.
- (d) **Ministries Council PPTG** – Extract Minute indicating concurrence in the decision of Presbytery grant permission to call for 5 years Reviewable tenure to the linked Congregations of Kilmory and Lamlash on the Isle of Arran.
- (e) **Treasurer’s Department** – Ministries and Mission Allocation for 2013/14.
- (f) **Presbytery Songs of Praise** – Kilwinning Old Parish Church, Sunday 20th October 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

Order of Business

The Order of Business was approved.

Roll of Presbytery

Revd Alan Ford – Minister Emeritus Glasgow: Springburn. Mr Ford was warmly welcomed by the Moderator. He then reaffirmed his Ordination Vows and signed the Formula.

Mrs Evelyn Sillars – Presbytery noted with sadness the death of Evelyn Sillars. The Revd Angus Adamson will make a full tribute to the life and Christian Witness of Evelyn at the November Presbytery Meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appraisal Committee

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

- i. **Largs St John’s / Cumbrae Parish Church** – Note that the Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group has concurred with the decision of the Presbytery to approve the Basis and Plan of Linkage negotiated between Largs: St John’s and Cumbrae Parish

Parish/

Church. Grant permission to call, as per the Presbytery Plan and appoint an Advisory Committee to visit both Kirk Sessions. Miss J M McSwan (Convener) Revd J Whitecross and Mr R A Richardson.

- ii. **Largs St Columba's/ Fairlie Parish Church** – Note that the Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group has concurred with the decision of the Presbytery to approve the Basis and Plan of Linkage negotiated between Largs: St Columba's and Fairlie Parish Church. Grant permission to call, as per the Presbytery Plan and appoint an Advisory Committee to visit both Kirk Sessions. Revd J Whitecross (Convener) Mr R Lavalette and Mr R A Richardson.
- iii. **Ardrossan: Barony St John's/ Saltcoats: New Trinity**- Note that the Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group has concurred with the decision of the Presbytery to approve the Basis and Plan of Union negotiated between Ardrossan: Barony St John's and Saltcoats: New Trinity. Appoint **Tuesday 19th November 2013** as the date for a Service of Union and the Induction of the Revd Dorothy Granger to the Charge of Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church. Presbytery to meet at 7.00 p.m. and the Service to commence at 7.30 p.m. The Moderator to preside, the Revd I Currie to conduct and the Revd J R Teasdale to preach.
- iv. **Kilmory/Lw Lamlash** - Note that the Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group has concurred with the decision of the Presbytery to grant permission to call to the Linked Charge for a 5 Year Reviewable Tenure. as per the Presbytery Appoint an Advisory Committee to visit both Kirk Sessions. Miss J M McSwan (Convener) Revd J Whitecross and Mr R A Richardson.

Business Committee

- i. **Largs: Clark Memorial/ Revd Stephen J Smith – Largs: Clark Memorial/ Revd Stephen J Smith** – Note that in view of an anticipated request from the Presbytery of Greenock and Paisley for the release of the Revd Stephen J Smith, who it is anticipated will be inducted to the charge of Kilbarchan: East in Deferred Union with Kilbarchan West on 13th November 2013.

Parties were called and Mr Gordon Spiers (Session Clerk) and Dr Nigel Lawrie spoke on behalf of the Congregation.

Thereafter Mr Smith replied.

Parties were then removed.

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

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Grant release to Mr Smith and appoint the following Consultative Committee to visit the Kirk Session: Revd M H Mackay (Convener) Revd D Granger, Mr R A Richardson & Mrs S Marr.

Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery communicated.

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

- ii. **Committee to Nominate the Moderator of the General Assembly** – Note that owing the Translation of the Revd S J Smith, there is now a vacancy on the Committee to Elect the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Appoint the Revd E R L Watson to represent the Presbytery of Ardrossan, noting the appointment will be for one year only.
- iii. **Business Committee Arran Representation** – In noting the death of Mrs Evelyn Sillars - Standing Order 17.1 notes that the committee shall include – in the absence of any other member from Arran – one Representative from Arran. Invite Mrs Jean Hunter (Representative Elder for Shiskine) to represent Arran on the Business Committee.
- iv. **Presbytery Review** – Remind all Presbyters and Kirk Session that completed Questionnaires should be returned to the Revd I S Currie by 31st December 2013.

World Mission Committee

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

- i. **Miss Helen Scott:** Note that Miss Scott our Mission Partner will be home on leave from Malawi and will be paying a deputation visit to the Presbytery from 24 January to 3 February.
- ii. **Note the World Mission Report** (Reports Page 29)

Ministries Committee

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

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- i. Note that an **INFORMATION GIVING CONFERENCE** has been arranged for the Morning of Saturday 9th November 2013 in New Trinity Church from 10 am to 12 noon. **DISCERNING A CALL TO ONE OF OUR MINISTRIES.**
The keynote speaker is Revd Marjory McPherson M.S.O. Ministries Council. Representative Elders are asked to ensure that each Congregation is represented. The conference is open to all and especially anyone sensing a call to one of our ministries [Parish Ministry, O.L.M. Readership, The Diaconate] Please advise R.Lavalette or Mima McSwan of numbers attending.

Finance Committee

- i. **Approve an additional payment to the Presbytery Clerk,** by means of the normal PAYE system, of 2,500 in payment for additional work undertaken in respect of Presbytery Planning and the Moderator's Visit (this amount having already been budgeted as a cost to be borne in 2013).
- ii. **In terms of Standing Order 34,** The Convener gives Notice of Motion that at the November meeting of Presbytery, the Committee will move the approval of the Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2014 (Presbytery Reports Pages 30/31).
- iii. Note that The Financial Regulations 2009, section 2 stipulate: "Each congregation shall transmit its required contribution in ten or twelve equal monthly payments during the financial year by bank standing order, unless permission is granted annually by Presbytery to allow payments to be made under some other arrangement. Each Presbytery shall advise the Stewardship and Finance Department annually by Extract Minute of any such individual arrangements." It is therefore a requirement of Presbytery that approval is sought by any Congregation wishing to vary either the frequency of payments (from the allowed ten or twelve equal monthly instalments), or the means by which such payments are made (from a standing order). In order to facilitate such an application, the form is included again with the Presbytery reports for this month. This should be completed and sent with an extract minute to the Presbytery Clerk.

Clerk/

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 5th November 2013 at 7.30 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 23rd October 2013 at 3.00 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with prayer.

_____ **Moderator**

_____ **Clerk**