

At Saltcoats and within North: Parish Church on Tuesday 3rd September 2013 , which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted by the Moderator, the Reverend Fiona C Ross BD Dip Min.

Sederunt:

Revd F C Ross (Moderator) Mr A K Saunderson (Clerk)

Ministers:

R A Adamson, M S Cameron, N Cruickshank, I S Currie, D Granger,
D J H Harbieson, M L K Howie, A D McCallum, A M McCance, J J McNay,
M H Mackay, D R Mitchell, I M Roy, S J Smith, A S Taylor, J Teasdale,
M Thomson, T Webster, A Ward.

Elders:

K Anderson, J Aitken, S Brown, C Black, A K Butcher, J Cameron,
A Campbell, A Cochrane, M Cooper, M Duff, A C D Hamilton, J C Q Hunter, R
Head, R Jarvie, R Kelso, R Lavalette, W Mackay, S Marr, A Martin,
C Massie, D Murray, G K McConnell, R McLean, S McLellan, S McMahan,
J M McSwan, F Page, A Pringle, R A Richardson, E Sillars, A Turner, K S
Welch, R Wilson.

Corresponding Members:

R McCool, N Smith, M M B Ross.

Apologies:

Ministers:

M Hickman, R I T Macdonald, E R L Watson, J Whitecross.

Elders:

M Brown, G Cunningham, M Greene, I Hackney, M Henderson, J Niven, A
Todd, K Tudor.

Corresponding Members:

A Currie.

- **Minutes of the meetings held on**
Tuesday 7th June 2013 (Pages 22-25)
Friday 28th June 2013 (Pages 26-27)
Having been circulated, were approved.
- **Correspondence**
 - (a) Ardeer: Parish Church – Extract of Congregational Meeting regarding vesting trust of the Church buildings with the General Trustees.
 - (b) Whiting Bay & Kildonan – Letter re Presbytery Re-structure.
 - (c) Dalry St Margaret's – Letter and Extract Minutes regarding Restoration Project.
- **Order of Business** – The Order of Business was agreed as circulated.

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New Presbytery Commissions 2013/14

The Moderator then welcomed the following new members of Presbytery for session 2013/14

Miss M Henderson (Kilbirnie; Auld Kirk), Mrs J Niven (Stevenston Ardeer), Miss C Black (Lochranza & Pirnmill), Mrs M T Green (Whiting Bay & Kildonan) Mrs R Head (Largs: St John's) Mrs F Page (Largs: Clark Memorial), Mrs D Murray (West Kilbride: Parish Church), Mr R Wilson (Cumbrae Parish Church)

Installation of the Revd Alex B Noble as Moderator of Presbytery for 2013/14.

The Revd Alex B Noble MA BD Th.M, Minister at Saltcoats: North Parish Church was then Installed as Moderator of the Presbytery of Ardrossan for 2013/14. Mr Noble then proceeded to thank the Revd Fiona Ross for the manner in which she had discharged her duties during her term of office.

Mr Noble then took the Chair

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appraisal Committee

- i. **Largs: St Columba's/ Fairlie Parish Church** – Approve the Basis and Plan of Linkage and remit to Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group for concurrence (Reports Page 19-20)

The Clerk intimated that both Congregations had been cited for their interest by Pulpit Intimation and that there appeared for:

Largs: St Columba's: Mr Millar Boyle, Mrs Gillean McEleny, Mrs Isa McManus, and Mr John Lewis (Session Clerk) who would speak on behalf of the Congregation.

Fairlie: Parish Church:

Parties were called

Mr Lewis and Mr Dench addressed Presbytery on behalf of the respective Congregations.

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There was then an opportunity for questions and comments, and thereafter, parties were removed.

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

Largs: St Columba's/ Fairlie Parish Church – Approve the Basis and Plan of Linkage and remit to Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group for concurrence (Reports Page 19-20)

Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery formally intimated.

- ii. **Largs: St John's/ Cumbrae Parish Church** - Approve the Basis and Plan of Linkage and remit to Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group for concurrence (Reports Page 21-22)

The Clerk intimated that both Congregations had been cited for their interest by Pulpit Intimation and that there appeared for:

Largs: St Johns': Mrs R Head and Mrs G Ross (Session Clerk) who would speak on behalf of the Congregation.

Cumbrae : Parish Church: Mr R Wilson, Mrs J Wilson and Mr J McCubbin (Session clerk)

Parties were called

Mr Ross and Mr McCubbin addressed Presbytery on behalf of the respective Congregations.

There was then an opportunity for questions, and comments, and thereafter, parties were removed.

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

Largs: St John's/ Cumbrae Parish Church - Approve the Basis and Plan of Linkage and remit to Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group for concurrence (Reports Page 21-22)

Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery formally intimated.

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- iii. **Ardrossan: Barony St John's/ Saltcoats: New Trinity** - Approve the Basis and Plan of Union and remit to Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group for concurrence (Reports Page 23-24)

The Clerk intimated that both Congregations had been cited for their interest by Pulpit Intimation and that there appeared for:

Ardrossan: Barony St Johns's: Mr A Dodds, Mr A McAlister, Mrs M Cooper and Mr S McMahan (Session Clerk) who would speak for the Congregation.
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Saltcoats : New Trinity Parish Church: Mrs M Boyd, Mrs A Rankin, Mrs C Coulter, Mrs C Baillie, Mrs M Cassidy, Mrs S McCulloch, Mr G McMahan, Mrs McInnes, Mrs M Forsyth, Mrs E Green, Mrs V Coombe, Mrs J Rainey, Mr A Colquhoun, Mr I Martin, Mr R McBrideand and Miss J M McSwan (Session Clerk) who would speak for the Congregation.

Parties were called

Mr McMahan and Miss McSwan addressed Presbytery on behalf of the respective Congregations.

There was then an opportunity for questions and comments, and thereafter, parties were removed.

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

Ardrossan: Barony St John's/ Saltcoats: New Trinity - Approve the Basis and Plan of Union and remit to Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group for concurrence (Reports Page 23-24)

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

- iv. **Kilmory/Lw Lamlash** – Note that the Consultative Committee has visited both Kirk Sessions and grant permission to Call a Minister on the basis of 5 years Reviewable Tenure and submit to Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task group for concurrence.

/Concurrence

- v. **Parish Boundaries** – Note the changes to Boundaries in the Saltcoats: Area. (Reports Page 25)

Business Committee

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

- i. **Overture Under the Barrier Act** – Note Overture regarding the Appeals Act, remit to the Superintendence Committee to bring a Report to the December 2013 Presbytery meeting.
- ii. **Equalising Elders** – Homologate the Committee's decision to invite Miss Mae Henderson (Kilbirnie: Auld Kirk) and Mrs Jean Niven (Steventon: Ardeer) to become Equalising members of Presbytery, for session 2013/14.
- iii. **Committees 2013/14** – Approve the Committees for 2013/14 (Reports Page 26-27)
- iv. **Revd Stephen J Smith** - Note that Mr Smith has preached as Sole Nominee and been elected as minister in the vacancy Charge of Kilbarchan: East in Deferred Union with Kilbarchan West. As yet no request has been received from the Presbytery of Greenock & Paisley for Mr Smith's release. Appoint the Revd Ian S Currie as Interim Moderator in the anticipated vacancy, to deal with all aspects of the vacancy, when a date has been agreed for Mr Smith's translation to Kilbarchan.
- v. **Moderator Visits 2013/14** – Note that in accordance with Standing Order 9:1, the Moderator will visit and conduct worship in the following Congregations during his term of office: Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity, West Kilbride: Parish Church, Dalry: Trinity Church, Whiting Bay & Kildonan Parish Church, Beith Parish Church.
- vi. **Presbytery Review Committee** – Note that the committee met on Wednesday 21st August 2013. Following this initial meeting it has been agreed to ask all members of Presbytery and all Kirk Sessions within the bounds, to complete a questionnaire with regard to the working of Presbytery. These should be returned to the Convener the Revd I S Currie.

Property Committee

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

- i. **Dalry: St Margaret's** – Grant permission to proceed with the second phase of the HLF application and replace the boiler at a cost of £23,240 plus VAT as soon as Landfill Tax Credits Grant is received.

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- ii. **Stevenston: Ardeer** – Note the receipt of an Extract Minute from a Congregational Meeting regarding vesting trust of the Church buildings with the General Trustees, which had formerly been vested in Local Trustees.
- iii. **Kilbirnie: Auld Kirk** – (Under Powers) Grant permission to proceed with outside painting of the Manse, despite the fact that, with this payment, the Congregation will slightly exceed the annual sum allowed by Presbytery.
- iv. **St Bride's Lochranza** – (Under Powers) Grant permission to alter the seating in the Church. This has previously been agreed by CARTA.

Mission & Discipleship Committee

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

- i. Note the arrangements for Back to Church Sunday (Reports Page 28)
- ii. Note the information regarding Equip - Invitation to a Regional Event (Reports Page 28)
- iii. Note the information regarding Fresh Expressions - An ecumenical exploration and celebration of fresh expressions of church. (Reports Page 28)

Finance Committee

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

- i. **Ardrossan: Barony St John's** - Note that the Council of Assembly has agreed to the earlier proposal made by the Presbytery of Ardrossan, regarding the historical accumulated and justified shortfalls of Ardrossan Barony St John's.

/St John's

Ministries Committee

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

- i. **Mr Andrew Bruce (Reader in Training)** – Note that Mr Bruce has completed his first practical placement at Dalry: Trinity Church. Congratulate Mr Bruce on this achievement and thank the Revd Martin Thomson for supervising the placement.
- ii. **Mr Andrew Bruce (Reader in Training)** – Note that Mr Bruce will undertake his second practical placement under the supervision of the Revd Jeanette Whitecross at Kilwinning: Old Parish Church.

Presbyterial Superintendance Committee

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

- i. Note the following Visiting Teams that will undertake Local Church review Meetings in 2013/14
Saltcoats: North Parish Church – Revd J J McNay (Convener)
Mrs E Sillars, Mr G K McConnell.
Stevenson High Church – Revd I S Currie (Convener)
Mr S Brown, Mr A K Butcher, Miss M G Henderson.
Dalry: Trinity Church – Revd M S Cameron (Convener),
Mr R A Richardson, Revd M Hickman.
Dalry: St Margaret's Parish Church – Revd F C Ross (Convener)
Revd I M Roy, Miss J M McSwan, Mr R Lavalette.
Ardrossan: Park Church – Revd M Thomson (Convener),
Mrs S Marr, Mr R Kelso.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 1st October 2013 at 7.30 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 21st September 2013 at 3.00 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church.