

**At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 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:**

M S Cameron, D J H Harbieson, M Hickman, M L K Howie, M H Mackay, A M McCance, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, S J Smith, J Teasdale, M Thomson, E R L Watson, J Whitecross.

**Elders:**

K Anderson, M Brown, S Brown, J Cameron, A Campbell, M Cooper, G Cunningham, I Hackney, A C D Hamilton, R Jarvie, R Kelso, R Lavalette, W Mackay, A Martin, C Massie, G K McConnell, S McLean, S McMahan, J M McSwan, R A Richardson, A Turner, A Todd, K Tudor, A C Watt, K S Welch.

**Corresponding Members:**

R McCool, N Smith, H Knight

**Guild Presbyterian Council Committee Representatives:**

M Broster

**Apologies:**

**Ministers:**

R A Adamson, N Cruickshank, I S Currie, A Falconer, M Garrett, D Granger, R I T Macdonald, A D McCallum, I M Roy, A S Taylor.

**Elders:**

J Aitken, A K Butcher, A Cochrane, M Duff, G H Gregory, J C Q Hunter, A Lees, J T McGill, S Marr, R McLean, K Milne, A Pringle, E Sillars, J Welsh.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the meetings held, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012 (Pages 43-48), Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012 (Pages 49 -51) and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013 (Pages 52-53), having been circulated, were approved.

**Correspondence:**

- (a) **Extract Minute – Stevnston: Ardeer** – Regarding Application to General Trustees to undertake stonework repairs on the Church Buildings.

- (b) **Extract Minute - Stevenston: High** – Extract Minute and Application for Presbytery Dispensation to vary 2013 Ministries & Mission Contributions.
- (c) **Extract Minute - Lamlash Parish Church** - Extract Minute and Application for Presbytery Dispensation to vary 2013 Ministries & Mission Contributions.
- (d) **Ministries Council** – Terms and Conditions for PPW Contracts
- (e) **Office of the General Assembly** – Calculation of Commissioners for 2013. 6 Ministers and 6 Elders.
- (f) **Dalry: Trinity Church** – Notification that work on the Church refurbishment is due to begin on 11<sup>th</sup> February and as a result the Congregation will be worshipping in the Biggart Hall from Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2013 for 12 weeks.
- (g) **Pathway to Prayer** - Information has been received about the 2013 programme.
- (h) **Revd Judith Huggett** – Workshop at Crosshouse Hospital on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012 2.00 p.m. -4.00 p.m. – Liverpool Care Pathway
- (i) **Principal Clerks Office** – Certificate of Transference Books – information on new digital forms.
- (j) **Revd Neil Urquhart** – Football & Faith Dinner Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at the Park hotel, Kilmarnock.

### **Order of Business**

The Order of Business was moved as circulated with the addition of: two additional items on the Property Report Item 4 Cumbrae Parish Church and item 5 Presbytery Property Inspections.

### **Guest Speakers**

The Revd James McNay Convener of the World Mission Committee introduced Jennie Chinembiri, Africa and Caribbean Secretary and Rebecca Greenwood, Twinning Development Officer from the World Mission council of the Church of Scotland who spoke to Presbytery about twinning.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Appraisal Committee**

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

- i. **Presbytery Plan Revision** – Note that the Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group are in receipt of the Presbytery Plan Revision. This will be considered by the PPTG at the re-scheduled meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

- ii. **Plan Revision Appeal** – Note that an Extract Minute advising timeously of intention to Appeal the decision, of the Presbytery of Ardrossan, to approve the Presbytery Plan Revision, has been received from the Kirk Session of **Dalry: Trinity Church**

**Business Committee**

- i. **Revd Morag Garrett, Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity - Presbytery then took up consideration of the Call to Mrs Garret from the Congregation of Ayr: St Andrew's.**

**The Clerk advised the Court that the Congregation had been cited for its interest.**

**Parties were called**

Mr Ian (Session Clerk) appeared for the Congregation and stated that the Kirk Session had no objection to Mrs Garrett being Translated.

After an opportunity for comments and questions  
Parties were removed.

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

Note that Mrs Garrett has received a call from the Congregation of Ayr: St Andrew's and agree to release her, without having served 5 years in her first charge, owing to exceptional circumstances.

**Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery was communicated.**

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

- ii. **Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity** – Homologate the decision of the Committee to apply to the Ministries Council, Interim Ministry Task Group for the Congregation to be considered for an Interim Ministry.
- iii. **Kilwinning: Mansefield Trinity** – Note that subsequent to the application being made, the Interim Ministries Task Group considered the application on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2013 and has granted an Interim Ministry to the Congregation and that the Presbytery resolves to proceed.

- iv **Notice of Motion General Assembly 2013** – Note that the Committee at the March meeting of Presbytery will propose the names of six Ministers and six Elders to attend the forthcoming General Assembly.
- iv. **South Beach House** – Note that Mr Ron Lavalette has been appointed as Presbytery Representative to South Beach House.

### **Finance Committee**

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

- i. Approve a request made by the congregation of Ardrossan Barony St John's (120661) for a Presbytery Dispensation in payment of their 2013 Ministries & Mission Contributions by ten or twelve equal monthly instalments by monthly standing order.
- ii. Approve a request made by the congregation of Dalry St Margaret's (120657) for a Presbytery Dispensation in payment of their 2013 Ministries & Mission Contributions by ten or twelve equal monthly instalments by monthly standing order.
- iii. Approve a request made by the congregation of Kilbirnie St Columba's (120663) for a Presbytery Dispensation in payment of their 2013 Ministries & Mission Contributions by ten or twelve equal monthly instalments by monthly standing order.
- iv. Approve a request made by the congregation of Lamlash Church (120669) for a Presbytery Dispensation in payment of their 2013 Ministries & Mission Contributions by ten or twelve equal monthly instalments by monthly standing order.
- v. Approve a request made by the congregation of Stevenston High Kirk (120680) for a Presbytery Dispensation in payment of their 2013 Ministries & Mission Contributions by ten or twelve equal monthly instalments by monthly standing order.

### **Property Committee**

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

- i. **Beith: Parish Church** - Agree to allow the Kirk Session to market the former Trinity Manse which is no longer being used and grant permission to Local Trustees to sell the former Trinity Manse.
- ii. **Beith Parish Church** – Grant permission to purchase an electric organ from Allan Organs at a cost of £13,000 and seek approval to proceed. Funds are available and an Extract Minute has been received and the Convener of the Finance Committee has concurred.
- iii. **Church of Scotland Insurance Co.** – Note that as outlined at the conference held in September by Kevin Roberts, Chief Executive, certain significant enhancements have now been made to the cover under the Scheme.  
These change will become effective as each policy is renewed which will commence on 28<sup>th</sup> February, this year. Accidental Damage will now be included as part of the standard package.  
The contents of the Church or Church Hall will be covered away from the premises up to £15,000 on any one item or £30,000 in total.  
Loss of money, Personal Accident and Glass Sections will automatically be included in each policy.  
The policy document has also been simplified to make them easier to read and further good news is that most congregations should find that their premiums have reduced. All this information will be sent to congregations at the time of their policy renewal.
- iv. **Cumbræ Parish Church** – Approve an application by Cumbræ Parish Church, to the General Trustees for a grant of £10,800 to meet the cost of a feasibility study.
- v. **Property Inspections 2012/13** – Note that the following congregations are due to be visited this year by members of the Property Committee and we ask Presbytery to agree the list., Saltcoats North, Stevenston High, Kilbirnie St Columba's, Largs St Columba's, Stevenston Ardeer, Kilmory.

### **Mission & Discipleship Committee**

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

- i. **National Youth Assembly 2013** – Note the report that is being circulated to all Kirk Session regarding the National Youth Assembly of 2013.

**Ministries Committee**

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

- i. **Readership: “The way Forward.”** Note that a morning conference on Saturday 9th March 2013 ..9.45 to 12noon [times to fit in with the Arran Boat} at Saltcoats New Trinity . Ron Clarke Ministries Support Officer with responsibilities for Readers will lead the Conference. The event is open to all Readers , Readers in Training and any Enquirers and indeed anyone wishing to find out more, Please sign up NOW with Ron Lavalette or any Member of the Ministries Committee who are promoting the event. {Only £2 to cover Tea and Coffee}

**Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 7.30 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.**

**Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 3.00 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church.**

**The meeting was closed with prayer.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Moderator**

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