

At Saltcoats and within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday 5th November 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:

R A Adamson, M S Cameron, A Falconer, D Granger, D K H Harbieson, M L K Howie, R I T Macdonald, A D McCallum, A M McCance, J J McNay, D R Mitchell, F C Ross, I M Roy, M Thomson, E R L Watson, T Webster, A Ward, J Whitecross.

Elders:

J Aitken, M Brown, S Brown, C Black, A Cochrane, I S Currie, G Cunningham, I Hackney, J C Q Hunter, R Head, M Henderson, R Jarvie, R Lavalette, W Mackay, S Marr, A Martin, C Massie, D Murray, J Niven, G K McConnell, S McLellan, J M McSwan, F Page, A Pringle, R A Richardson, E Taylor, A Turner, A Todd, K Tudor, K S Welch.

Corresponding Members:

R McCool, N Smith.

Guild Presbyterial Council Members:

B Guthrie.

Apologies:

Ministers:

N Cruickshank, A Ford, D J Heberton, M Hickman, M H Mackay, S J Smith, A S Taylor, J R Teasdale.

Elders:

K Anderson, A K Butcher, J Cameron, M Cooper, M Duff, M Green, A C D Hamilton, R Kelso, R McLean, S McMahon, R Wilson.

- The Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 3rd October 2013 (Pages 35-40) having been circulated, were approved.
- Correspondence
- (a) Solicitor of the Church** – Update of the Law Department Circular “Elders, liabilities and OSCR” This will be sent to all Kirk Sessions within the bounds with a request that it be passed to all Elders and other Church Trustees.
- (b) Ministries Council** – Notification that the Moratorium on External Recruitment of Mission Development Staff (MDS) formerly PPW’s, has been lifted with effect from 1st October 2013. All Congregations concerned have been notified by Ministries Council.

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- (c) **Cumbræ Parish Church** – Extract Minute from the Kirk Session seeking permission to sell the Manse.
- (d) **Beith Parish Church** – Extract Minute from the Kirk Session regarding alteration to the Chancel Area of the Church.
- (e) **Presbytery of Greenock & Paisley** – Extract Minute indicating that the Presbytery has sustained the call from Kilbarchan East in Deferred Union with Kilbarchan West, to the Revd Stephen J Smith.
- (f) **Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's** - Extract Minute regarding work to the Manse Heating System and the installation of an en suite bathroom.
- (g) **Parish Boundaries** – These have now been digitised by the Church of Scotland. Maps for the parishes in Ardrossan Presbytery are now available at: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/czvodpeoyeefqip/12%20-%20Ardrossan%20maps.zip>.

Order of Business – The Order of Business was approved with the inclusion of two additional items – **Business Committee** item iv regarding The Electoral Register of Fairlie Parish Church. **Property Committee** an additional item viii regarding letting the Manse of Stevenston Ardeer/Livingstone.

Roll of Presbytery

Tribute to Mrs Evelyn Sillars (Representative Elder Brodick Parish Church)

The Revd Angus Adamson gave a tribute to Mrs Sillars' life and Christian witness. Mrs Sillars had served as Representative Elder for 29 years and had Convened many Presbytery Committees.

At the conclusion of the tribute, the Moderator offered a prayer of Thanksgiving for Mrs Sillars' life.

Guest Speaker

Carol Boyd – Co-ordinator ASFACT

Miss J M McSwan introduced Mrs Carol Boyd, Co-ordinator for ASFACT who spoke about the work of the organisation within the Ardeer area. At the conclusion the Moderator thanked Mrs Boyd.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appraisal Committee

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

- i. **Largs: Clark Memorial** – Note that following the visit of the Consultative Committee to the Kirk Session, permission should be granted to Call a Minister on Unrestricted Tenure, as indicated in the approved Presbytery Plan and invite the Ministries Council

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Presbytery Planning Task Group to Concur. And appoint an Advisory Committee to visit the Kirk Session : Miss J M McSwan (Convener) Revd J Whitecross and Revd R I T Macdonald.

Business Committee

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

- i. **Ministries Council – Presbytery Conference 2014** – Appoint the Revd James R Teasdale and the Revd R I T Macdonald to represent the Presbytery of Ardrossan at the Conference to be held on Thursday 30th January 2014.
- ii. **Commission of Assembly** – Appoint the Revd Ian S Currie and Mr A K Saunderson to the Commission of Assembly for any cases that required to be disposed of during 2013/14.
- iii. **Presbytery Review** – Extend thanks to those who have completed the initial Questionnaire and receive an update from the Convener of the Review Committee, the Revd Ian Currie.
- iv. Note the Clerk has attested the Electoral Register of Fairlie parish Church

Property Committee

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

- i. **Kilbirnie Auld Kirk** – Note that the central heating boiler in the manse which is leased out had failed and had to be replaced at a cost of £2,300 Due to the urgency of the situation and the possibility of losing the tenant and funds being available, the convener gave permission for the work to go ahead and now asks Presbytery to homologate the action.
- ii. **West Kilbride Parish Church** – Grant permission to the Kirk Session in applying for Grant from the General Trustees to assist with the works which are currently under way.
- iii. **Stevenston Ardeer** – Note that the congregation has received a first round pass from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the sum of £133,200 and grant approval of Presbytery and the General Trustees to proceed with the drawing up of a tender document and to make the second round application.
- iv. **Cumrae Parish Church** – Noting that the Basis and Plan of Linkage between Largs: St John’s Parish Church and Cumrae Parish Church designated the Manse to be retained for the Linkage to be the St John’s Manse; grant permission to Cumrae Parish Church to sell the Manse, (17 Marine Parade, Millport KA28 0ED) subject to the approval of the General Trustees.

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- v. **Beith: Parish Church** – Note that the Kirk Session has applied for Permission to proceed with the removal of pews, re-siting the War Memorial from former Trinity Church and the creation of additional space for an electric organ by extending the raised chancel.

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

Grant permission subject to an additional quotation being sought and devolve powers to the Property Convener and Clerk to grant permission for the work to begin.

It was moved and seconded as a Counter Motion

That Standing Orders be suspended and that permission be granted for the works to be instituted.

A vote was taken which resulted in a majority for the proposal in the name of the Committee.

- vi. **Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's** – Note that the Kirk Session seeks to carry out improvements to the manse at a cost not exceeding £24,000. This to include upgrading the central heating system and fitting a new boiler, upgrading the bathroom and creating an en suite and re-decoration of the property. Grant permission to proceed and grant powers for the Property Convener and Clerk to make adjustments if necessary.
- vii. **Ardrossan Barony St John's Church** – Note for the avoidance of doubt, that following the Service of Union on 19th November 2013, to form the United Charge of Ardrossan & Saltcoats: Kirkgate, the former Barony St John's Church will be closed for Public Worship and to communicate the same to the General Trustees.
- viii. **Stevenston Ardeer/ Livingstone Manse** – Grant permission to let the Manse subject to the approval of the General Trustees.
- ix. **CARTA** – Note that owing to matters arising in the business regarding communication difficulties between Congregations and Presbytery, instruct the Clerk to write to the Secretary of CARTA, expressing those concerns.

Finance Committee

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

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- i. Approve the Ministries and Missions Contributions for 2013 (circulated)
- ii. Thank the congregations of Dalry St Margaret's, Largs St Columba's and West Kilbride Parish Church for their Giving Agreements in support of a Presbytery- wide mission programme. In the absence of a current mission plan having been agreed, cancel the three Giving Agreements totalling £2,600 per annum.
- iii. Note the report on the use of the Presbytery 3% Reserve (Reports Page 31).

Mission & Discipleship Committee

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

- i. Note the arrangements for Training & Accreditation of Worship Leaders.
Worship Leaders do not normally provide 'pulpit supply'. This task is provided by Readers, Retired ministers and others. Those training to be Worship Leaders should come with the support of their Minister and Kirk Session .
Recognising that there is a need at present to identify and train people to help in leading worship and that some Ministers might be prepared to train their own teams, we would suggest as follows.
 - a) That a resource pack covering the programme for the six topics is prepared using existing material.
 - b) That this is made available to Ministers who wish to, or are prepared to, train their own Worship Leaders. Information and advice would be available from the Elder Trainer.
 - c) That the Convener of M & D and the Elder Trainer undertake the accreditation of the candidates by observation at a suitable diet of worship.
 - d) The Elder Trainer, however, would continue to offer a Presbytery- wide course from time to time.
 - e) The proposal has been accepted by the Business Committee of Presbytery and Presbytery approval is now sought. It is suggested that the proposal procedure should be 'piloted' on Arran where there are volunteers seeking accreditation as Worship Leaders. The 'pilot' on Arran, if it goes ahead, should be subject to assessment and review.
- ii. **Elder Training** – Note that the Presbytery Elder Trainer, Mr Ian Hackney is very much aware that it has been some time since a variety of Training Courses for Elders has been on offer. The main reason - uptake on the last Elder Training Programme offered was very poor indeed.

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Mr Hackney is more than willing to assist Minister and Kirk Sessions to run a course or courses that would be of Interest and beneficial to the Elders.

- ii. **More than Gold** – Note that Session Clerks may already have been on the receiving end of publicity about the forthcoming Commonwealth Games in Glasgow 2014.
More than Gold aims to mobilise the church to serve their communities through
Mission – reaching beyond the church walls/Hospitality, a generous welcome in Jesus' name and finally Service – putting the love of Christ into action.
- iv. **The Penny Gospel**. Note that a special edition of Luke's Gospel with life stories of sports men and women who believe that faith in Jesus Christ is worth More than Gold, is now available. This affords a great Mission opportunity and one in which all churches, if they choose, could be involved.

Ministries Committee

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

- i. Note that the Committee has nominated Angus Adamson to go to the Presbytery Assessor Training Conference in Perth on 12 November 2013.
- ii. Note that the Convener has asked some Ministers to give comments re Diaconate Review which will be forwarded to the Revd Marjory Maclean who is conducting the Review.
- iii. Note the Conference on Sat, 9th November 2013 10.00 a.m. – 12 Noon at Saltcoats: New Trinity. **DISCERNING A CALL TO ONE OF OUR MINISTRIES.**
- iv. Grant permission for the Convener to speak at the December Presbytery Meeting regarding the Ministries Committee Conference that will be held on 9th November 2013.
- v. Note that Mrs Isabel Beck will speak at the December Presbytery Meeting regarding the Diaconate.

Presbytery to meet *in hunc effectum* on Tuesday 19th November 2013 at 7.00 p.m. within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church for Service of Union between Saltcoats: New Trinity and Ardrossan: Barony St John's to form the United Charge of Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Church and the Induction of the Reverend Dorothy A Granger.

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Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 3rd December 2013 at 7.30 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Church, for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 20th November 2013 at 3.00 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Church.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

_____ **Moderator**

_____ **Clerk**