

At Kilbirnie and within Kilbirnie: St Columba's Church on Tuesday 7th June 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:

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, A S Taylor, E R L Watson, T Webster, A Ward.

Elders:

K Anderson, J Aitken, M Brown, J Cameron, A Campbell, A Cochrane, G Cunningham, I Hackney, A C D Hamilton J C Q Hunter, R Jarvie, R Kelso, R Lavalette, A Lees, S Marr, A Martin, R McLean, S McMahan, J M McSwan, A Pringle, E Sillars, A Turner, A Todd, K Tudor, A C Watt, K S Welch, J Welsh.

Corresponding Members:

R McCool, N Smith

Guild Presbyterian Council Representatives:

M Broster.

Ministers:

R A Adamson, M S Cameron, N Cruickshank, I S Currie, D Granger, D J Heberton,

The Minutes of the meeting held on: Tuesday 7th May 2013 (Pages 19-21) having been circulated, were approved.

Correspondence:

- (a) **Largs: St John's Church** – Extract Minute regarding application to remove two pews at the front of the Church.
- (b) **Cumbræ Parish Church** – Extract Minute regarding application to the General Trustees for funding a Feasibility Study for the existing Church building at a cost of £5,490.00
- (c) **Stevenston: Ardeer Parish Church** - Extract Minute seeking assistance from the General Trustees to repair guttering on the Church building at a cost of £8,200.00

Order of Business – The Order of Business was moved as in the print.

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General Assembly 2013

Diligence Report - The Clerk on behalf of the Revd James Teasdale reported diligence at the General Assembly.

Youth Representative – Mr Peter McEleny, Presbytery Youth Representative then addressed Presbyters regarding his attendance at the General Assembly.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Committee:

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

- i. Note that the Clerk has attested the Electoral register of Klbirnie: Auld Kirk that contained the names of 350 members.
- ii. **Note that in terms of Act II 2000 (Practising Certificates)** applications have been received from the following members of Presbytery who retired after 31st May 2006: Revd A Falconer, Rev I S Currie, Revd M H Mackay, Revd D R Mitchell. Revd N Cruickshank and that the Committee recommends that certificates are granted, which will be effective until 30th June 2014.
- iii. **Parish Boundaries Mission Group Central** – Appoint the following Committee to consider the Parish Boundaries: Mr K S Welch, Revd D Granger, Revd M L K Howie, Revd T Webster, Revd A B Noble, Mrs J C Q Hunter, Revd M S Cameron.

Property Committee

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

- i. **Largs: St John's** – Note the receipt of an Extract Minute requesting permission to remove the second pew and re-adjusting the front pew to create more space. The committee recommends approval subject to the agreement of CARTA.
- ii. **Cumbræ Parish Church** – Note the receipt of an Extract Minute seeking a grant for a feasibility study from General Trustees, for the sum of £5,490.00. The Committee recommends approval.

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- iii. **West Kilbride: Parish Church** - The Kirk Session now seeks approval to proceed with the repairs and alterations previously given approval in principle. The cost is £427,138. An Extract Minute noting agreement of the Business Plan has been received together with details of funding. It was agreed to approve that the works should proceed.

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

- iv. **Stevenston: Ardeer Parish Church** - Note that according to the Presbytery Plan, Ardeer Parish Church is to be retained as a place of worship. The General Trustees have taken a keen interest in the repairs and have indicated their willingness to meet the cost of stone repairs and replacement of guttering. Consequently, the Kirk Session is now actively seeking funding to restore the internal condition of the building and has retained McMillan & Cronin, architects, to advise on costs. An appeal to members has been launched and applications are being made to various funding bodies. Competitive estimates will be presented to Presbytery if funding becomes available. In the meantime, General Trustees have requested that the two side gutters be replaced following an estimate from Pat Breen, Builder. An Extract Minute has been received with a request to the General Trustees for a Grant of £8,200 to cover the cost of this work. The Committee recommends approval.

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

- v. **Powers during Summer Recess** – Grant powers to the Convener and Presbytery Clerk to deal with urgent property matters that might arise during the summer recess.

World Mission Committee

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

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- i. **Presbytery Twinning** - Proceed with plans to twin the Presbytery of Ardrossan with Milala Presbytery in Malawi.
- ii. **World Mission Council** - Note the information from the World Mission Council Newsletter about the Stamp Appeal, Enough Food for Everyone IF campaign and Souper Sunday. (Reports Page 18)

Presbyterial Superintendence Committee

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

- i. Note that the following Congregations will be visited in 2014 as part of the Local Church Review Process (formerly Qunquennial Visitations) Saltcoats: North, Stevenston: High, Dalry: Trinity, Dalry: St Margaret's and Largs: Clark Memorial.

Ministries Committee

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

- i. **i. Mrs Elizabeth Clarke & Mrs Sharon Macleod** – Note that Mrs Clarke and Mrs Macleod have now completed all Studies for the Readership and have been granted Exit Certificates. A setting Apart Service will take place on Friday 28th June 2013, within Brodick: Parish Church at 7.30 p.m.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 3rd September 2013 at 7.30 p.m. within Saltcoats: North Parish Church for the Installation of the Moderator, the Revd Alex B Noble, MA BD ThM followed by the conduct of Ordinary Business.

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

The meeting was closed with Prayer

_____ **Moderator**

_____ **Clerk**