

**The Church of Scotland**

**The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy**

**Kirkcaldy**

**1 May 2012**

**Which place and date the Presbytery of Kirkcaldy met for the transaction of ordinary business and was constituted in prayer by the Moderator, Rev Wilma Cairns.**

**Sederunt:-**

19 Ministers, 37 Elders and 7 Corresponding Members as per the attendance sheets.

**Apologies:-**

Apologies for absence were received from 8 Ministers, 1 Deacon and 9 other Presbyters as recorded.

The Moderator welcomed representatives from the congregations of Innerleven: East and Methil who had been cited to attend for their interest.

**Minutes of Meetings**

The Minute of the meeting held on 6 March 2012 (pages 2461 – 2465) was approved.

**Agenda**

The Business Committee Convener, Rev Gilbert Nisbet, moved adoption of the Agenda as printed. This was agreed.

**Union of Methil Parish and Innerleven: East**

The Moderator called for the report of the Ministries Committee in relation to Section 1 of the deliverance which was given by the Convener, Rev John McLean.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

**1. Union of Methil Parish and Innerleven: East**

1. Presbytery notes that the Congregations of Methil Parish and Innerleven: East agreed to enter into a Deferred Union on 12th October 2003. This was approved by Presbytery on 2nd December 2003 and formal approval from the Parish Appraisal Committee was noted on 3rd. February 2004.

The Presbytery Plan specifies that the aim of Presbytery, as agreed with both congregations, is to move to a Union following the demission of the minister at Innerleven: East.

Presbytery notes for the avoidance of doubt, the setting aside temporarily the Basis of Deferred Union agreed by the Congregations of Methil on Sunday 11th March 2007 and in Innerleven: East on 25th March 2007 is now countermanded and the Basis of Deferred Union as originally drafted is now initiated.

2. As part of its new Ten Year Plan, Presbytery now resolves to progress the agreement of the previous Presbytery Plan of May 2011 to a Deferred Union of Methil Parish Church with Innerleven: East.
3. a) Presbytery agrees to the process of Union between Methil and Innerleven: East subject to a satisfactory outcome from the Finance Group of the Council of Assembly concerning the financial arrangements of the United Charge.

b) Presbytery notes the following Ministries and Mission contribution shortfalls of Innerleven: East for years up to and including 2011:

1993-1995	£12549.84
1999	12089.89
2000	22620.07
2001	11939.38
2002	13307.67
2003	2500.00
2004	1516.00
2009	1000.00
2010	4424.00
2011	6285.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£88231.85</b>

c) In view of the proposed union between Innerleven: East and Methil Parish Church, Presbytery agrees that:

i. shortfalls for years up to and including 2002 amounting to £72,506.85 are justified;

ii. shortfalls for the years 2003 to 2011 totalling £15,725.00 are not justified to the extent that they can be satisfied by the application of:

(1) the total cash and bank balances available to Innerleven: East immediately prior to the union after settling 2012 Ministries and Mission contributions for the relevant proportion of 2012, and

(2) a proportion of the free proceeds from the sale of the surplus church building to be agreed between Presbytery, the Finance Group of the Council of Assembly and the General Trustees;

iii. and the balance not covered by these payments is justified.

d) Presbytery refers the justified shortfalls to the Finance Group of the Council of Assembly and requests that these should be written off in the interests of readjustment.

e) Presbytery notes that the united congregation is likely to need additional support in the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 when Ministries and Mission allocations will be based partially on the combined income of the former congregations, and refers to its Fabric and Finance Committee consideration of this matter when allocating reductions under the 3% flexibility arrangements for the years in question.

4. Presbytery notes the retirement of the Reverend Jamie Templeton in March 2012 and concurs with the desire of the congregations of Methil and Innerleven: East to proceed to Union without delay.
5. Presbytery agrees that the Minister of the United Charge be the Reverend Gillian Paterson, currently Minister at Methil Parish Church.
6. Presbytery agrees that following the Union, the status of the United Charge will have Unrestricted Tenure and that the Manse of the United Charge shall be the current Manse of Methil Parish Church at 10 Vetriciano Vale, Leven KY8 4GD.
7. Presbytery instructs the congregations of Methil and Innerleven: East to draw up a Basis of Union to be completed no later than 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

8. Presbytery agrees to a Service of Union and Introduction to take place at a date agreed with the uniting congregations.

The Moderator then called for the report of the Business Committee in relation to section 1 of the deliverance which was given by the Convener, Rev Gilbert Nisbet.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

**1. Service of Union & Introduction**

Presbytery resolves to hold a Service of Union of the congregations of Innerleven: East and Methil on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 7.00pm., the service to be conducted by the Moderator and the preacher to be the Rev. Robin McAlpine. Presbytery should meet at 6.45pm.

The Moderator, on behalf of Presbytery, thanked the representatives of both congregations for their attendance, commented on the positive action being taken to ensure a successful union and wished the new congregation well in the future.

**Report of the Business Committee**

The Moderator called for the remaining part of the report of the Business Committee which was given by the Convener, Rev. Gilbert Nisbet.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

**2. Inspection and Attestation of Congregational Records**

Presbytery notes that the annual inspection of records was conducted on 18 April 2012 and thanks the Clerk and Depute-Clerk for their diligence. Presbytery commends congregations for the quality of their record keeping.

**3. Representative Elders and Additional Elders**

Presbytery notes that congregations are asked to submit names of representative elders and additional elders to serve on Presbytery for the year 2012/13 to the Clerk by 22 June

**4. Presbytery Meal – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

Presbytery receives details of the Fellowship Meal and Presbyters are asked to assist with the arrangements by returning their completed pro-forma to the Presbytery office timeously, by 14 June.

**5. Commission of Assembly**

Presbytery appoints the Rev. Robin McAlpine and Mr. Alex Redpath to serve on the Commission of Assembly for 2012/13.

**6. Committee to Nominate the Moderator**

Presbytery appoints the Rev. Robin McAlpine to serve as its representative on the Committee to Nominate the Moderator of the General Assembly.

**7. West Fife Trust Committee**

Presbytery reappoints the Rev. Richard Baxter as its representative on the West Fife Trust Committee.

**8. Unitary Constitution**

Presbytery approves the decision of the congregations of Kirkcaldy: St. Bryce and Markinch Parish to adopt the Unitary Constitution.

**Intimations**

Relevant intimations were made to Presbytery.

### Report of the Fabric and Finance Committee

The Moderator called for the report of the Fabric and Finance Committee which was given by the Convener, Mr Craig Caskie.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

#### 1 Fabric Matters

Presbytery notes that the Fabric and Finance Committee have approved under delegated authority the following items –

##### 1.1 Kirkcaldy: Bennochy

Approval to the release of £9,942.65 from the monies held by the General Trustees in the capital account of the Consolidated Fabric Fund to reimburse the cost of the maintenance works that have been carried out to the church buildings.

##### 1.2 Kirkcaldy St Bryce Kirk

Approval to alterations to the dais in the St Bryce Kirk building at a cost of £4,200, subject to the approval or otherwise of the General Trustees and the Church Art and Architecture Committee.

#### 2 Ministry and Mission allocations

Presbytery approves the following reductions in the Ministry and Mission Allocations for 2012

Church	Proposed Ministry and Mission Allocations	Reduction	Revised Ministry and Mission Allocations
Kirkcaldy: Bennochy	71 672	1 000	70 672
Burntisland	44 070	2 000	42 070
Glenrothes: Christ's Kirk	30 097	2 000	28 097
Glenrothes: St Columba's	36 184	2 000	34 184
Glenrothes: St Ninian's	41 530	3 800	37 730
Kinghorn	49 022	2 000	47 022
Leven	68 064	3 500	64 564
Markinch	54 573	1 000	53 573
Methil	17 843	1 725	16 118
Kirkcaldy: Pathhead	53 716	2 800	50 916
Kirkcaldy: Viewforth	18 705	1 300	17 405
Kirkcaldy: Abbotshall	50 821	2 500	48 321
Kirkcaldy: Templehall	29 108	3 800	25 308

### Report of the Ministries Committee

The Moderator called for the remaining part of the report of the Ministries Committee which was given by the Convener, Rev John McLean.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

#### 2. Candidate for the Ordained Local Ministry

Presbytery nominates Mr. Michael Allardice, Reader, as a candidate for the Ordained Local Ministry.

### Report of the Mission and Discipleship Committee

The Moderator called for the report of the Mission & Discipleship committee which was given by the convener the Rev. Robin McAlpine and included a final summary report by the

Rev Gillian Paterson in connection with the very successful Presbytery 'Celebrate & Discover' event. Thanks were expressed to all those who contributed and the question of a future similar event will be given consideration.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

**1. Celebrate and Discover**

(a) Presbytery notes the excellent feedback from the Celebrate and Discover Day on Saturday 24th March 2012 and encourages the Mission and Discipleship Committee to consider similar events in the future.

(b) Presbytery thanks Gillian Paterson and everyone who helped to plan and organise the Celebrate and Discover Day on Saturday 24th March 2012 at Kirkcaldy High School.

**Report of the Church and Society Committee**

The Moderator called for the report of the Church and Society Committee which was given by the Convener, Rev Marc Prowe.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

**1. Bike and Hike 2012**

Presbytery is encouraged to support Bike & Hike 2012 on Saturday, 1 September, by opening their churches and taking part in fundraising both for EMMS and a cause chosen by their own congregation; offering generous Christian hospitality to society, and meeting ecumenical neighbours.

**Correspondence**

**Forwarded**

- 6 Mar Invitation for Readers in Service (to Readers)
- 12 Mar Info re Leadership Development Programme (from Ministries Council)
- 13 Mar Info re SRT Conference – a child of our own: the meaning of kinship bonds
- 14 Mar E-mail from John McLean re Presbytery Assessor Training
- 16 Mar Church and Society Council news
- 27 Mar Info for Busy People in Ministry
- 28 Mar Info re SRT presentation – Trusting in Science or God?
- 20 Mar Info re Church Academy Forum (Christ's College, Aberdeen)
- 29 Mar Info re FE Chaplains Conference
- 3 Apr Broken Rites Annual Report (to Presbytery Chaplains)
- 4 Apr Mission and Discipleship Council e-news
- 4 Apr Letter from the Principal Clerk re Heart and Soul
- 4 Apr Letter from the Principal Clerk re minute keeping
- 9 Apr E-mail from Finlay Macdonald re book launch
- 17 Apr Info re Why Believe? Conferences
- 19 Apr E-mail from Jock Stein re Handsel Press publications

**Clerk / Business Committee**

- 13 Mar Letter of introduction from new C of S Yearbook editorial team.
- 28 Mar Request from Kirkcaldy: St Bryce to move to Unitary Constitution
- 28 Mar Request from Markinch Parish Church to move to Unitary Constitution
- 2 Apr Certificate of Employers' Liability Insurance
- 15 Apr Letter from Fife Council re appointment of third person interested in promotion of RE
- 15 Apr Letter from Fife Council re West Fife Trust Committee
- 16 Apr Request for KART to address Presbytery
- 20 Apr E-mail from Ministries Council re change in pulpit supply fees

**Church and Society**

- 9 Mar Ecumenical Relations newsletter
- 23 Mar WCC weekly
- 30 Mar SCPO Monthly Parliamentary Newsletter
- 20 Apr WCC weekly

**Fabric and Finance**

- 8 Mar Letter from Church of Scotland Insurance Company re visit to Presbytery
- 4 Apr Copies of letters sent to Session Clerks re M and M contributions
- 5 Apr E-mail from Graham Sinclair re quinquennial property surveys
- 11 Apr E-mail from Janette Wilson re listed buildings – removal of zero rating of alterations
- 13 Apr Request for Presb representation at a meeting with Michael Wemyss, Wemyss Castle

**Ministries**

- 23 Mar Letter re transfer from Reader to OLM
- 29 Mar E-mail re Enquiry and assessment process
- 29 Mar E-mail re National Assessor selection
- 3 Apr PPTG draft minute (March)
- 3 Apr Letter re applicant proceeding to Assessment Centre

**Mission and Discipleship**

- 23 Mar Invitation for Mission and Discipleship Committee Convener
- 3 Apr Info re Heart and Soul from the Principal Clerk

**Resources**

- 17 Apr Letter and information from Jack Martin re ‘puppetry’ talk and show for church groups.

**Adjournment**

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 26 June in the St Bryce Kirk Centre at 6 pm for the Fellowship Meal, followed at 7.30pm for the transaction of ordinary business

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

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