

The Business being concluded, the Presbytery adjourned at 9.07pm

The Presbytery of Ayr will meet hunc effectum for Ordination within Old Cumnock: Old Church on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2009 at 6.45pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Alloway Church on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2009, at 7pm.

**MODERATOR**

**PRESBYTERY CLERK**

**ALLOWAY, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009.**

At Alloway Church Hall, on the First Day of September, Two Thousand and Nine Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted with prayer.

**843. SEDERUNT.** Mr JW Paterson, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 33; Elders 53; Deacons, 1; Corresponding Members 4; Total, 91. Apologies were received from 8 Ministers and 8 Elders.

**844. ROLL OF PRESBYTERY.** 58 Ministers; 61 Elders; 2 Deacons; 13 Corresponding Members. Total 134.

**845. TRIBUTES**

**Mr Peter Conway, Ruling Elder.**

Mr KB Yorke, Minister emeritus Dalmellington linked with Patna Waterside paid fitting tribute to the Christian life and work of Mr Peter Conway, particular mention being made of Mr Conway's 24 years as Presbytery Elder for Dalmellington. Sympathy was expressed to the family and the Moderator led in prayer.

**Mr John Banks. Former Chaplain Ailsa Hospital.**

Mr RMH Boyd, Minister at Troon: Portland paid fitting tribute to the Christian life and work of Mr John Banks, particular mention being made of his services as Chaplain at the Ailsa Hospital and the many duties faithfully discharged in the service of the Presbytery. Sympathy was expressed to the family and the Moderator led in prayer.

**846. WELCOME.** The Moderator welcome one new Elder. It was also intimated that Mr John Banks had returned to the Presbytery of Ayr during the summer when he had taken the Oath and signed the Formula.

**847. MINUTES.** The Minutes of the Meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2009, being in the hands of Members, were taken as read and approved.

**848. ORDER OF BUSINESS.** The Order of Business was approved.

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**849.      INTIMATIONS.**

1. The Presbytery Yearbook. Thanks were expressed to , Mrs Evelyn Brodie and Mrs Monica Clark and to all those who had forwarded the relevant information.
2. Christian Aid Training Day ( *in Mailing*).
3. Scottish Church Theology Society (*in Mailing*).
4. Car Parking at Alloway. Members are warned that, due to construction work at the Burns' Centre, car parking at Alloway has been greatly reduced. Members are asked to share cars wherever possible and advised that they may have to park at some distance from the Church Hall (*possibly in Murdoch's Loan*).

**850.      RECEPTION OF READERS, ELDER TRAINERS, ADVISERS.** Introduced by Mr A Shuttleworth, Convener of the Education Committee.

The Presbytery noted with regret that the 3 Candidates for the Ministry could not be present as they were currently in St. Andrews on a course. The Moderator welcomed the Readers, Elder Trainers and Advisers and gave them the Right Hand of Fellowship.

**851.      ORDER OF THE DAY – 8pm.**

**1. VACANCY BUSINESS.**

**a. Ayr: Wallacetown. Termination of Tenure ( Minute 804.1.c)**

Parties having been cited, appeared and were welcomed.

Compared Mrs Barbour who paid fitting tribute to the ministry of Mrs McLauchlan.

Mrs McLauchlan replied.

The Moderator expressed the thanks and good wishes of the Court and a Practising Certificate was issued to Mrs McLauchlan ( Act II, 2000).

**b. Appointment of Interim Moderator at Ayr: Wallacetown.**

The Visiting Team at Maybole in Deferred Linking with Crosshill: Mrs E Crumlish and Mr GS Birse, Ministers, with two Ruling Elders.

It is anticipated that the reports will be in the hands of the Convener by 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2010, and fully discussed by all interested parties at a meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, in the Session House at Alloway Church.

**855.      ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE,** given in by Mr C Cameron, Convener:-

**1. POST OF VICE- CONVENER ( BENEFICE AND FABRIC).**

The Administration Committee appeal to the Presbytery for a volunteer to fill the vacant post of Vice- Convener ( Benefice and Fabric). Applicants should contact the Convener of the Administration Committee, Mr Colin Cameron.

**2. AYR:ST.QUIVOX.**

**MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONTRIBUTION.**

The Convener moved an amended Deliverance in the following terms: The Presbytery agree to make use of the 3% allowance for 2009 to reduce the Ministries and Mission Contribution in 2009 of Ayr: St Quivox by £900.00 as full and final compensation for the three years 2009, 2010 and 2011 in respect of the loss of Congregational Liberality consequent upon the transfer of the Lochside area of the parish to Ayr: St. Columba. (*Minute 757*)

It was moved and seconded as an addendum:

The Presbytery Instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to the Stewardship and Finance Department of the Church of Scotland.

The Convener accepted the addendum and the Deliverance, as amended, was adopted.

**856.      CORRESPONDENCE:** All Correspondence had been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

**6. BANDAWE PRESBYTERY PARTNERSHIP AD HOC COMMITTEE.**

The Presbytery agree to the following appointments:

- a. Mr AA Christie, Minister at Monkton and Prestwick: North, to be Convener of the Bandawe Presbytery Partnership Ad Hoc Committee.
- b. Mr AA Christie to be Presbytery Liaison Officer for the Partnership Ad Hoc Committee.
- c. Mrs M Peacock, Mrs A Beedie, Mrs A McNaughton, Members of Presbytery, Mrs I Ironside, Presbyterial Council, Dr G Powell, Dr D Geddes, Mrs E Geddes, Mrs S Searle, Mrs N Boyle and two others to be appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee.

**853. EDUCATION COMMITTEE.**

Mrs Margaret Maule, Adviser, spoke on Adult Training.

**854. MISSION COMMITTEE,** given in by Mr NA McNaught, Convener:-

An Addendum was proposed and seconded that details of Discipleship Liaison Person should also be sent to the Presbytery Web Master. The Convener accepted the addendum and the Presbytery resolved accordingly.

- 1. The Presbytery encourage every Congregation within the bounds to appoint a Mission and Discipleship Liaison Person. Details should be sent to [eelder@cofscotland.org.uk](mailto:eelder@cofscotland.org.uk) and to the Presbytery Web Master.

**2. QUINQUENNIAL VISITS.**

The Presbytery note that the Congregations of Fisherton linked with Kirkoswald and Maybole in Deferred Linking with Crosshill will receive a Quinquennial Visit.

The Visiting Team at Fisherton linked with Kirkoswald: Mr DR Gemmell and Mrs G Keating, Ministers, with two Ruling Elders.

The Presbytery appoint Mr Robert McCrum, Minister at Ayr: St James, to serve as Interim Moderator.

**c. Appointment of Interim Moderator at Muirkirk linked with Sorn.**

The Presbytery appoint Mr Scott Rae, Minister at Old Cumnock: Trinity, to serve as Interim Moderator.

The Moderator thanked Mr AB Telfer, Minister at Mauchline, for his past services. Thanks was also expressed to Mr IU MacDonald for all his assistance.

**2. ORDINATION OF Mrs NANCY JACKSON, AUXILIARY MINISTER. Change of Date.**

The Presbytery resolve to meet in hunc effectum on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2009, at 6.45pm within Old Cumnock: Old Church, to ordain Mrs Nancy Jackson to the Auxiliary Ministry; Mrs RM Young, Minister at Ayr: St Quivox, to conduct Worship and preach and the Moderator to ordain and give the Charges.

**3. ASSEMBLY PAPERS. ALLOCATION OF REMITS.**

- a. Overture Under the Barrier Act.  
Overture anent Discipline of Elders, Readers and Office-Bearers.  
Business Committee. Report: December Meeting.

- b. Instructions.  
Church and Society Council.  
Climate Change.  
Administration Committee. Report: November.

- c. Review of Tenure.  
Ad hoc Committee: Mr AB Telfer (Convener), Mr NA McNaught, Mr J W Paterson, Ministers, Mr J Skinner, Ruling Elder.

**4. BANDAWE PRESBYTERY PARTNERSHIP SUB COMMITTEE.** Report by Mr AD Wilkinson, Convener of Community and World Concerns Committee.

An Amendment was moved and seconded that the proposed 'Sub Committee' be replaced by an 'Ad Hoc Committee'. The Convener accepted the amendment and the Presbytery Resolved accordingly.

The Presbytery approve the establishment of a Bandawe Presbytery Partnership Ad Hoc Committee in the following terms:

- a. The Community and World Concerns Committee appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to oversee the Bandawe Presbytery Partnership. The Ad Hoc Committee will report to the Presbytery through the Community and World Concerns Committee.
- b. A Presbytery Liaison Officer will be appointed by the Presbytery and may be the Convener of the Ad Hoc Committee.
- c. The Moderator, the Clerk, the Convener and Vice- Convener of the Community and World Concerns Committee shall be ex-officio members of the Ad Hoc Committee.
- d. The Ad Hoc Committee shall comprise, in addition to ex-officio members, a maximum of 15 members, of whom at least 5 shall be full members of the Presbytery.

An Amendment was moved and seconded that 'Presbytery Annual Trustees Report' be changed to read 'Presbytery Annual Accounts'. The Convener accepted the amendment and the Presbytery resolved accordingly.

e. The Annual Statement of Accounts of the Bandawe Presbytery Partnership shall be incorporated into the Presbytery Annual Accounts.

**5. SICK LEAVE.** The Presbytery homologate the action of the Clerk in granting Sick Leave to Mr DR Gemmell from 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

**852. BUSINESS COMMITTEE,** given in by Mrs I Montgomerie, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-

**1. ARRANGEMENTS FOR OCTOBER MEETING.**

The Presbytery will meet at 7pm within Alloway Church. The Moderator designate, Dr DF Lewis, will be installed. The Presbytery Communion Service will be conducted by Mr NA McNaught, Minister at Alloway. After refreshments, the Business will begin at 8pm.

**2. THE PRESBYTERIAL PANEL.**

The Presbytery nominate Mr DR Gemmell, Minister at Ayr: the Auld Kirk, in terms of Act III, 2001.

**3. AVIEMORE CONFERENCE.**

**'CHRISTIANITY, CONFLICT AND THE SOUL OF THE NATION.'**

The Presbytery nominate Mr Scott Rae, Minister at Old Cumnock: Trinity, and Mr David Watson, Minister at Prestwick: Kingcase, to represent the Presbytery.

**4. APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY.**

**AYR PRESBYTERY AND PRESTWICK: SOUTH.**

The Presbytery invite applications for the joint post of Secretary to Ayr Presbytery and to Prestwick: South. Such applications, with references, to be sent to Mr KC Elliott, Associate Clerk, by 30th September, 2009.

The Presbytery appoint the following to serve as a selection committee: The Clerk, the Associate Clerk, the Treasurer, and a representative of the Kirk Session of Prestwick: South.

**5. "WESTSOUND" UPDATE.**

Mr KC Elliott gave an update with regards to Religious Broadcasting on West Sound. The Sunday night programme was now entitled 'Sunday Night At Nine' and Posters advertising this change would shortly be available for all Churches.