

**2. SAFEGUARDING.**

a. The Presbytery note that the Church of Scotland Disclosure Procedure requires that new organists being added to the Presbytery supply list must go through the safeguarding checks provided that person has not already fulfilled the procedure with a congregation.

b. Presbytery remind congregations when appointing a new organist the Church of Scotland Disclosure Procedure must be implemented.

**3. BURSARY AWARDS**

a. After consultation with the minister of Girvan North the Presbytery resolve to award £400 from the Girvan Bursary to Mrs Morag Garrett and £200 to Mr Scott McCrum.

b. The Presbytery note the award by the Trustees of the Mackie-Knockgerran Bursary amounting to £200 to Mr Scott McCrum and £400 to Mrs Margaret Shuttleworth.

**873.      CORRESPONDENCE: A letter of thanks was received from Mr Ross McNab thanking the Presbytery for the opportunity of attending the National Youth Assembly 2009.**

**The Business being concluded, Standing Order 3d being reinstated, the Presbytery adjourned at 10.10pm**

**The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Alloway Church Halls on Tuesday 3rd November, 2009, at 7pm.**

**The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on Thursday 22nd October, 2009, at 7pm.**

**MODERATOR**

**PRESBYTERY CLERK**

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**OLD CUMNOCK: OLD CHURCH, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2009.** At Old Cumnock: Old Church , on the Twenty Second Day of September, Two Thousand and Nine Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met, and was constituted with prayer.

**857.      SEDERUNT.** Mr JW Paterson, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retentis. Ministers,17; Elders,22; Corresponding Members,2; Total, 41. Apologies were received from 6 Ministers, and 3 Elders and were similarly recorded. 4 others were associated with the Presbytery.

**858.      ORDINATION OF Mrs NANCY JACKSON TO THE AUXILIARY MINISTRY AND HER INTRODUCTION TO LUGAR LINKED WITH OLD CUMNOCK: OLD AS AUXILIARY MINISTER.**

All relevant matters being in order and the Clerk having laid on the Table the prescribed Edict duly executed, no one having appeared to object to the life or doctrine of the said Mrs Jackson, the Presbytery resolved to proceed to the Ordination of Mrs Jackson and to introduce her as Auxiliary Minister at Lugar linked with Old Cumnock: Old. Public Worship was conducted by Mrs RM Young, Minister at Ayr: St Quivox, who preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion. The Narrative and Preamble having been delivered and the prescribed Questions asked and answered satisfactorily, Mrs Jackson signed the Formula.

The Moderator, with prayer and the laying on of hands by the Presbyters, did ordain Mrs Jackson and did introduce her as Auxiliary Minister at Lugar linked with Old Cumnock: Old. With the other Presbyters, the Moderator gave her the Right Hand of Fellowship. Thereafter the Moderator put to the Congregations the required Questions which were answered satisfactorily and gave the Charges. Public Worship being concluded, the Presbytery instructed the Clerk to confirm Mrs Jackson's name on the Roll of the Presbytery and inform all interested parties.

Those taking part were thanked and the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

**MODERATOR**

**PRESBYTERY CLERK**

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**ALLOWAY, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009.**

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

**859.      WELCOME.** The Moderator welcomed Mrs Nancy Jackson, Auxiliary Minister, Mr Stuart Kilpatrick, Additional Elder and Dr David Geddes, Additional Elder.

**860.      MINUTES.** The Minutes of the Meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009, being in the hands of Members, were taken as read and approved.

**861.      RETIRING MODERATOR.** The Moderator's term of office being completed, the Clerk, on behalf of the Court, thanked Mr Paterson for his thoughtful meditations and his firm grasp of Presbytery business. Mr Paterson made a suitable reply, acknowledging the support and encouragement he had received from the Clerk, from the Congregations of Lugar and Old Cumnock Old, his wife Marge and members of Presbytery.

**862.      INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR ELECT.** The Clerk laid on the Table Minute 793.1 appointing Dr David Lewis. The Presbytery reaffirmed the appointment. Dr Lewis was summoned into the Court. The Moderator put the prescribed Question which Dr Lewis answered.

The Moderator installed Dr Lewis with prayer, handed him the Ordinal and a Bible donated by Words of Wisdom, and put on his shoulders the Moderator Scarf and declared him duly installed as Moderator of the Presbytery of Ayr for year ending 5<sup>th</sup> October, next, and then gave him the Right Hand of Fellowship.

Dr Lewis took his place and acknowledged Court. The Meeting was adjourned.

**PRESBYTERY COMMUNION SERVICE**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated. This Service was conducted by Mr NA McNaught, Minister at Alloway . Following Refreshments, the Presbytery met for Business in Alloway Church Hall.

**4. NEW CUMNOCK PARISH CHURCH: MANSE**

Presbytery approve the expenditure of £29,320.00 (inc VAT) for renovations to the manse as per the recommendations of the Presbytery report of 28<sup>th</sup> June 2009. Funds are available.

**5. AYR ST.COLUMBA PARISH CHURCH: MANSE**

Presbytery approve the purchase by St. Columba Parish Church of premises at 3, Uppercrofts, Alloway, Ayr. as a replacement manse. The property has been inspected and although located outwith its parish, meets all the criteria of 'Guidelines on Manses' Circular BM4.3, as published by the General Trustees. Funds are available.

**6. GIRVAN SOUTH linked with BARR and DAILLY: MANSE**

Presbytery approve the application to the General Trustees from the congregations of Girvan South. Barr and Dailly for a grant towards the cost of renovations and remodelling works to be carried out in the kitchen and bathroom of the manse, in the sum of £6,000. Completed forms and supporting documentation are included.

**871.      COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS COMMITTEE,** given in by MR AD Wilkinson, Convener. Mr Wilkinson reported that details of the 'Consultation on Health' and 'Souper Sunday' would be brought to the November meeting of the Presbytery.

**It was agreed by the requisite majority to suspend Standing Order 3d to allow the agreed Business to be concluded.**

**872.      EDUCATION COMMITTEE,** given in by Mr A Shuttleworth, Convener with a report from Mr D Gemmell. (*Written report included in Mailing*).

**1. SCHOOL CHAPLAINS.**

The Presbytery encourage all school chaplains to offer support and pastoral care to all staff in their schools, due to the increased work loads resulting from cuts in resources and increased expectations.

**2. AUCHINLECK PARISH CHURCH**

The Presbytery approve the full reimbursement of the costs of the Stewardship Campaign undertaken by Auchinleck Parish Church by reducing their Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2009 as permitted by the use of the 3% allowance of total contributions. These costs amounted to £ 455.

The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to the Stewardship and Finance Department.

**3. DALMELLINGTON PARISH CHURCH**

The Presbytery note the commitment of the Kirk Session of Dalmellington Parish Church to carry out a stewardship campaign and instruct the Kirk Session to commence the campaign prior to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009. The Presbytery also note that Dalmellington Parish Church has a shortfall in Ministries and Mission Contributions for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008. On the understanding that a Stewardship Campaign will be carried out expeditiously, the Presbytery approve the use of the 3% allowance to write off the shortfall at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008 of £7,328 of Dalmellington Parish Church.

The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to the Stewardship and Finance Department.

It was moved and seconded as an Amendment that the figure of £7,328 be reduced to £2,168. The Amendment fell on the vote being taken.

Mr Frank Potter asked that his dissent be recorded.

It was moved and seconded as an Amendment that “The Presbytery instruct the Committee to review the position in light of the Stewardship Campaign.”

Mr Gemmell accepted the Amendment and the Presbytery resolved accordingly.

**863. SEDERUNT.** Dr D Lewis, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 35; Elders, 48; Deacons, 1; Corresponding Members 6; Total, 90. Apologies were received from 6 Ministers and 9 Elders.

**864. WELCOME.** The Moderator welcomed Mr David Slater, Probationer Minister at Alloway Parish Church.

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

**866. ORDER OF THE DAY – 8.15pm.**

**1. VACANCY BUSINESS.**

**a.** Call to Mr Arthur Christie, Minister at Monkton and Prestwick: North, from Anstruther Cellardyke and Kilrenny.

Congregational Representatives were welcomed and Mr James Riach, Session Clerk, paid tribute to the ministry of Mr Arthur Christie.

Mr Christie made a suitable reply.

The Clerk reported on behalf of the Vacancy Procedure Committee:

In terms of the Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery note that the Call from Anstruther, Cellardyke and Kilrenny to Mr Arthur Christie, Minister at Monkton and Prestwick: North, has been sustained and the translation agreed.

**b.** The Presbytery appoint Mr Alec Shuttleworth, Minister at Tarbolton linked with Annbank to serve as Interim Moderator.

**c.** The Presbytery note that the Congregation of New Cumnock are calling Miss Helen Cuthbert, Probationer. Details will be announced at the November Presbytery.

**d.** Services of Linking in February.

Crosshill and Maybole, Ayr: St Leonard’s and Dalrymple (This will also be a Service of Introduction). Details to follow.

e. The Presbytery approve the Vacancy Schedule, as agreed by the Interim Moderator, and instruct the Clerk to forward this with the appropriate Parish Profile to Miss Elizabeth Dailly, Finance Supervisor, Ministries, along with an Extract Minute.

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

**1. NOMINATIONS**

a. The Presbytery agree to the following appointment of additional elders, Mr Stuart Kilpatrick and Dr David Geddes.

b. The Presbytery agree to the following appointment: Mr Stuart Kilpatrick, to the post of Vice-Convener of the Administration Committee. (Fabric).

c. The Presbytery agree to the following appointment: Dr David Geddes to be Convener of the Bandawe Presbytery Partnership ad hoc Committee and to be Presbytery Liaison Officer of the Partnership ad hoc Committee.

d. The Presbytery appoint Mr R Mayes and Mr S Clipston to the Bandawe Presbytery Partnership ad hoc Committee.

e. The Presbytery appoint Mrs M McMahon to replace Mrs S Searle on the Bandawe Presbytery Partnership ad hoc Committee.

f. The Presbytery nominate Dr D Lewis and Mr P Russell to be their representatives at a Conference entitled '2020 Vision: Building for the future through Presbytery Planning' which will be held 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November at Crieff Hydro.

g. The Presbytery appoint Mr N McNaught , Minister at Alloway, to replace Mr A Christie on the Vacancy Procedure Committee.

**2. TRIBUTES**

The Presbytery agree that in future during a Tribute members will initially stand and then sit upon the instruction of the Presenter of the Tribute. Members will stand for Prayer.

**868. INTIMATIONS.**

1. University of Aberdeen – Christian and Religious Studies.
2. Barnabas Fund given by Mrs Morag Hannah.
3. B.F.P.O. given by Mr Bill Hannah.
4. 'Huge Impact' – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Summer Mission.
5. Special Commission on Same-sex relationships and the Ministry.
6. Late Returns. Should be returned direct to Edinburgh.

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

**1. 450<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

The Presbytery note that 2010 is the 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Scottish Reformation. Presbytery commend the paper of Donald Smith as a resource to aid congregations in their reflections on this anniversary.

**2. MINISTRY SUPPORT FUND**

The Presbytery agree to pay pulpit supply from the Ministry Support Fund on a monthly basis for six months at Bellsbank.

**870. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**, given in by Mr Iain Gemmell, Vice-Convener:

**1. TROON OLD**

The Presbytery approve the full reimbursement of the costs of the Stewardship Campaign undertaken by Troon Old Parish Church by reducing their Ministries and Mission Contributions for 2009 as permitted by the use of the 3% allowance of total contributions. These costs amounted to £1132.48.

The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to the Stewardship and Finance Department.