

**903. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**, given in by Mr A Shuttleworth, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:

**SAFEGUARDING.**

The Presbytery remind Congregations who are in need of Safeguarding Training to contact the Presbytery Safeguarding Adviser to discuss arrangements for Training Sessions. (*Bill Mackie – Tel: 01292 281163 or e-mail: bilayr@aol.com*)

**904. CORRESPONDENCE:** All correspondence had been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

**The Business being concluded, the Presbytery adjourned at 9.50pm.**

**The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Alloway Church Halls on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2010, at 7pm.**

**The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2010, at 7pm .**

**MODERATOR**

**PRESBYTERY CLERK**

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

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

**890. SEDERUNT.** Dr D Lewis, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 37; Elders, 46; Corresponding Members 5; Total, 88. Apologies were received from 4 Ministers, 1 Deacon and 7 Elders.

**891. WELCOME.** The Moderator welcomed Miss Helen Cuthbert, Minister at New Cumnock; Mrs Evelyn Brodie, the retiring Presbytery Secretary; and Dr David Geddes, Additional Elder.

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

The Presbytery approve the appointment of Miss Dorothy McPherson as the new Presbytery Secretary.

The Moderator then welcomed Miss McPherson.

**893. MINISTERIAL ANNIVERSARY. 25 Years: Mr Harry Mealyea, Minister at Ayr: St Andrews.**

Mr Alan Telfer, Minister at Mauchline Parish Church, paid fitting tribute to the Christian life and work of Mr Harry Mealyea, making mention of his heart for Mission both overseas and in Scotland. Mr Mealyea had exercised a very faithful ministry in Glasgow, Paisley and Ayr where he had been acknowledged as a gifted teacher and preacher. The Moderator expressed the thanks and good wishes of the Presbytery.

**894. MINUTES.** The Minutes of the Meetings of 3<sup>rd</sup> November and 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009, being in the hands of Members, were taken as read and approved.

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

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**896. INTIMATIONS.**

1. Retirement Dinner. Tuesday 19th January at Savoy Park Hotel.
2. Fasti Records.
3. Tony Anthony. Ayr Citadel on 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm.
4. Candlelight Christmas Service at Masonhill. (*Posters on Table*)
5. Chaplaincy Training Dates.
6. Annual Statistical Return.

**897. ASSEMBLY PAPERS.**

**1. Overture Under the Barrier Act.**

Overture anent Discipline of Elders, Readers, and Office-Bearers, given in by Mrs I Montgomerie, Convener of Business Committee, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-

The Presbytery approve the Overture simpliciter.

There voted, FOR APPROVAL 73.  
There voted, FOR DISAPPROVAL NIL.

The Presbytery resolved accordingly.

**2. Instruction. Church and Society Council. Climate Change,** given in by Mr C Cameron, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-

The Presbytery note that of the 50 letters sent out to the various charges only 25 have been returned. It is proposed that we return these figures to the Church and Society Council with a suitable letter of explanation.

There voted, FOR APPROVAL 77.  
There voted, FOR DISAPPROVAL NIL.

The Presbytery resolved accordingly.

The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to write to Jennifer Hamilton of the Law Department accordingly.

**4. PRESBYTERY BUDGET,** given in by Mr G Kitcheman, Treasurer, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-

The Presbytery approve the budget for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 and the proposed assessment of £50 per Congregation plus 0.7828 per £100 of Christian Liberty, a copy of the Budget to be held in retentis.

**5. PROPERTY LEVY,** given in by Mr G Kitcheman, Treasurer, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-

The Presbytery approve the Property Levy for 2010 at £124 per Charge (£62 for each Congregation in the case of a linked Charge) and £41 for each Congregation in a triple link.

**902. COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS COMMITTEE,** given in by Mr AD Wilkinson, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:

The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to write in the following terms to Fiona Hyslop MSP, the Minister responsible for Malawi, and to Jack McConnell MSP, expressing our concern both at the duty imposed by the Malawian Authorities on items donated, such as clothing and tools, and also at the charges made by the UK banks for transactions to Malawi.

**Report** on 'Souper Sunday' by Mr AD Wilkinson.  
The Presbytery received the report.

**1. MAYBOLE PARISH CHURCH.**

The Presbytery welcome and approve the application from Maybole Parish Church to the Central Fabric Fund relative to the commencement of building works to Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the project.

The actual amount of financial assistance requested will be quantified when the final details of the designs have been completed, but will be in the region of £250,000.

Form C has been completed, but the amount of financial assistance has been omitted on the instruction of The General Trustees.

**2. VOLUNTARY ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS**, given in by Mr I Gemmell, Vice-Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-

The Presbytery note that Voluntary Additional Payments for 2010 have been agreed by the Congregations concerned, namely Alloway, Prestwick: Kingcase, Troon: St Meddan's, Ayr: The Auld Kirk and Ayr: St Columba. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to inform the General Treasurer accordingly.

**3. COUNCIL OF ASSEMBLY**, given in by Mr I Gemmell, Vice-Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-

The Presbytery are mindful that the Council of Assembly is responsible to the Church. The Presbytery accept the wish to improve accountability, increase transparency, improve effectiveness, live within the Church's means, fund agreed priorities and remove perceived barriers between areas of work. The Presbytery, however, do not believe that the proposal for the voting members of the Council of Assembly to be the Charity Trustees will achieve these improvements. The Presbytery do not believe the proposed change to be necessary or desirable.

On a vote being requested:

**898. ORDER OF THE DAY – 8.15pm.**

**1. VACANCY BUSINESS.**

**a. Appointment of Interim Moderator at Dalrymple Parish Church.**

The Presbytery appoint Mr Lawrie Lennox, Minister emeritus Cromar, to serve as Interim Moderator at Dalrymple Parish Church from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 until 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010.

**b. Appointment of Interim Moderator at Crosshill Parish Church.**

The Presbytery appoint Mr Jim Skinner, Ruling Elder, to serve as Interim Moderator at Crosshill Parish Church from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010. From the 9<sup>th</sup> February Mr Skinner will serve as Interim Moderator at the linked charge of Crosshill and Maybole.

**c. Service of Linking. Crosshill and Maybole.**

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for a Service of Linking at 6.45pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, within Crosshill Church: Miss Helen Cuthbert to conduct Worship and preach, the Moderator to give the charges.

The Presbytery also note Mr Morrison will be Locum for both Crosshill and Maybole from the 1<sup>st</sup> February.

**d. Service of Linking and Introduction. Ayr: St Leonard's and Dalrymple.**

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for a Service of Linking and Introduction at 6.45pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2010, within Dalrymple Church: Mr Alistair Morrison to conduct Worship and preach, the Moderator to introduce Mr Lynn and give the charges.

**e. Vacancy Schedules.** Mr Kitcheman reported on behalf of the Vacancy Procedure Committee regarding Crosshill in deferred linking with Maybole and Ayr St Leonard's in deferred linking with Dalrymple.

The Presbytery approve the Vacancy Schedules, for the above as agreed by the Interim Moderators, and instruct the Clerk to forward these to Miss Elizabeth Dailly, Finance Supervisor, Ministries Council, along with an Extract Minute.

**f. Destruction of Vacancy Papers.**

In terms of Act VIII, 2003 the Clerk reported that the Vacancy papers for New Cumnock have been destroyed.

**2. KIRKMICHAEL linked with STRAITON.**

The Presbytery note that the Unitary Deed of Constitution has been issued by the Delegation of Assembly to both Kirkmichael Parish Church and Straiton Parish Church.

**3. MATHIESON HOUSE.** Report by Mr Iain Gemmell.

In light of concerns raised it was agreed that a Deliverance would be brought before the February meeting of Presbytery.

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

**1. E-MAILING PRESBYTERY PAPERS.**

The Presbytery note the intention to give all members the choice of receiving Papers either by e-mail or post.

**2. STANDING ORDERS.**

The Presbytery appoint the Clerk and Standing Committee Conveners to examine and update Standing Orders, to examine the Committee

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structure, and other related matters regarding the good ordering of Presbytery business.

**3. HOMECOMING to 2010: AN ADVENT CELEBRATION.**

The Presbytery nominate Mr AD Wilkinson, Minister at Kirkoswald linked with Fisherton, to represent the Presbytery at Homecoming to 2010: An Advent Celebration. This will be held in the Scottish Storytelling Centre in Edinburgh on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

**4. RESPONSE TO CHAPLAINCY QUESTIONNAIRE.**

The Presbytery note the response to the Chaplaincy Questionnaire.

**5. REPORT ON CONFERENCE** on 'CHRISTIANITY, CONFLICT AND THE SOUL OF THE NATIONS' by Mr D Watson, Minister at Prestwick: Kingcase.

The Presbytery received the Report.

**900. MISSION COMMITTEE,** given in by Mr NA McNaught, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-

**1. PRESBYTERY PRAYER CO-ORDINATOR.**

**a.** The Presbytery express their thanks to Mrs Pat Guthrie, Ayr Presbytery Prayer Co-ordinator, for her work together with the prayer promoters within the bounds.

**b.** The Presbytery encourage all Kirk Sessions to appoint a Parish Prayer Promoter.

**901. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE,** given in by Mr C Cameron, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-

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