

CROSSHILL CHURCH, 9th February, 2010. At Crosshill Church on Tuesday the Ninth Day of February, Two Thousand and Ten Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted.

916. SEDERUNT. Dr D Lewis, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 15; Elders, 22; Corresponding Members 2; Total, 39. Apologies were received from 8 Ministers, 1 Deacon and 4 Elders.

917. LINKAGE OF CROSSHILL AND MAYBOLE.

All relevant matters being in order, the Presbytery proceeded to the Linkage of Crosshill and Maybole.

Public Worship was conducted by Miss Helen Cuthbert, Minister at New Cumnock, who preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion.

The Narrative and Preamble having been delivered, the Moderator, with prayer, did link the Congregations of Crosshill and Maybole.

The Moderator put to the Congregations the required Question which was answered satisfactorily and gave a Charge.

Public Worship being concluded, the Presbytery instructed the Clerk to inform all interested parties.

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

MODERATOR

PRESBYTERY CLERK

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ALLOWAY, 2nd February 2010.

At Alloway Church, on the Second Day of February, Two Thousand and Ten Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted with prayer.

905. SEDERUNT. Dr D Lewis, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 34; Elders, 50; Deacon, 1, Corresponding Members 3; Total, 88 . Apologies were received from 7 Ministers, and 6 Elders.

906. MINUTES. The Minutes of the Meeting of 1st December 2009, being in the hands of Members, were taken as read and approved.

907. ORDER OF BUSINESS. The Order of Business was approved.

908. INTIMATIONS.

1. Sounds of Praise. (*Posters on Table*)
2. Presbytery Office Hours - Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9.30am – 1.30pm. 50 Main Street, Prestwick KA9 1NX. Statistical Returns should now be returned to this address.
3. OSCR Newsletter given by Mr G Kitcheman. (*In Mailing*)
4. Holiday Club Get Together – Saturday 6th February 10am - 12noon in Mauchline Church Hall.
5. Worship Teams Meeting – Wednesday 24th February in Alloway Church exploring Multimedia Presentation.
6. Safeguarding Training. Under the auspices of The Boys' Brigade (Ayr Battalion) a Safeguarding Training for Volunteers will be held on Saturday 14th March at 2pm in Battalion HQ, Limekiln Road. Interested parties should contact Bill Mackie. Tel: 281163 or E-mail bilayr@aol.com
7. Guild Presbyterial Council. Reminder that the next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th February in Castlehill Church at 1.30pm. Guest speaker Mr Malcolm May, Iona Community Representative on Board of Scottish Churches Housing Action.
8. Hospital Conference - 18th February given by Mr Paul Russell.

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909. ORDER OF THE DAY – 7.15pm.

1. VACANCY BUSINESS.

- a. Retirement of Mr Jim Crichton**, Presbytery Clerk.
- b. Installation of Clerk.** Mr Kenneth C Elliott, Minister at Prestwick South. Mr Elliott took the Oath de fidei. The Moderator gave the right hand of fellowship and Mr Elliott took his place at the table.
- c. Retirement Of Mr Jim Crichton**, Minister at Crosshill linked with Dalrymple. Congregations invited. Compeared Mr Alistair McCormick, Crosshill and Mr Henry Murdoch, Dalrymple, who paid fitting tribute to the ministry of Mr Crichton. Mr Crichton made a suitable reply.
- d. Service of Linking.** Crosshill and Maybole.
- e. Service of Linking and Introduction.** Ayr: St Leonard's and Dalrymple.
- f. Call to Mr Alan Telfer**, Minister at Mauchline, from Avendale Old and Drumclog. Congregation invited. Mr G Kitcheman reported on behalf of the Vacancy Procedure Committee: In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery note that the Call from Avendale Old and Drumclog to Mr Alan Telfer, Minister at Mauchline, has been sustained and the translation agreed. Compeared Dr Keith Martin, Mauchline, who paid fitting tribute to the ministry of Mr Telfer. Mr Telfer made a suitable reply.
- g. Appointment of Interim Moderator.** The Presbytery appoint Mrs Liz Cumlish, Minister at Ayr: Castlehill, as Interim Moderator.
- h. Muirkirk and Sorn** In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery grant an Extension of Leave to Call to Muirkirk and Sorn for a further period of three months.

- c.** The Presbytery note that a number of congregations already have boxes collected in anticipation of another container being sent, and encourage the Ad-Hoc committee to explore ways of shipping these to Bandawe.

- 2. HAITI**, given in by Miss M Wilson, Vice Convener: The Presbytery express its concern for the situation following the recent earthquake in Haiti and recognise that the country will require support not only immediately but for weeks, months, or years to come, and encourage congregations both to remember Haiti and its people in prayer, and to support Christian Aid (the Church of Scotland's partner in such matters) and other charities over the years to come.

915. CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was received from Jim and Ada Crichton expressing their thanks to all concerned for the very happy evening at the Savoy Park. They greatly appreciated the wonderful kindness shown and the warm friendliness of everyone. They also wished to thank the speakers for their generous words and congratulate those whose skill in planning ensured a pleasant evening for everyone.

The Business being concluded, the Presbytery adjourned at 8.55pm. The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for a Service of Linking at 6.45pm on Tuesday 9th February, 2010, within Crosshill Church. The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for a Service of Linking and Introduction at 6.45pm on Tuesday 23rd February 2010, within Dalrymple Church. The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Alloway Church Halls on Tuesday 2nd March 2010, at 7pm. The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on Thursday 18th February 2010, at 7pm .

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It was moved and seconded as an Amendment that “2011 and 2012” be removed. The Amendment fell on a vote being taken.

A Counter Motion was moved and seconded. The Counter Motion fell on a vote being taken.

4. KIRKMICHAEL PARISH CHURCH

The Presbytery note the establishment by Kirkmichael Parish Church of the Heating, Ventilation and Environment Fund as a special project fund. The fund will include a donation of about £6000.

The Presbytery instruct the clerk to send an extract minute to the Stewardship and Finance Department of the Church of Scotland

5. FREEZING OF STIPENDS FOR 2010, given in by
Mr G Kitcheman, Treasurer:

The Presbytery note with concern that the announcement of the above was never intimated to the Presbytery. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to Dr Martin Scott, Secretary of the Ministries Council.

914. COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS COMMITTEE

1. MALAWI, given in by Dr D Geddes:

a. The Presbytery note the arrangement for inviting applications for places (self funded) on the next trip to Malawi. Essentially anyone who wishes to go is invited to apply. They must be physically fit and unlikely to require medical attention. It is intended that the party will consist of approximately 8 people, and they should be prepared not only to see Bandawe district but also to undertake tasks for which they are qualified, and to participate in worship.

b. The Presbytery welcome the fact that a number of churches are actively involved in "Twinning Links" with churches, schools, guilds and other organisations in Bandawe, and encourage those without such links to explore such links. The Presbytery also note the arrangements for those already involved to meet with the Ad-Hoc Bandawe Committee.

2. MATHIESON HOUSE, given in by Mr I Gemmell:

The Presbytery urge the Social Care Council to release the balance of the Jane Murray Bequest including accrued interest to Mathieson House to assist in the installation of a lift and upgrading of the facilities.

The Presbytery instruct the clerk to send an extract minute to the Social Care Council of the Church of Scotland.

3. TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BUILDING

The Presbytery note that during the recent cold weather, several churches were unable to use their sanctuaries and alternative accommodation was sought.

910. BUSINESS & NOMINATION COMMITTEE, given in by
Mrs I Montgomerie, Convener:

1. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2010.

Appointment of Commissioners.

The Presbytery invited applications for ministerial and elder commissions, such applications to be sent to the Presbytery Clerk before 18th February, 2010.

2. AUDIT OF GIFTS QUESTIONNAIRE

The Presbytery are reminded of the Audit of Gifts Questionnaire. Completed Questionnaires should be returned to the Presbytery Office as soon as possible.

911. EDUCATION & MISSION COMMITTEE, given in by
Mr A Shuttleworth, Education Convener:

1. 450th ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION.

(Joint Deliverance from Mission and Education Committee.)

The Presbytery note and encourage the plans of the Mission and Education Committee to mark the 450th Anniversary of the Reformation in Scotland with a tour of the Covenanter sites followed by a Conventicle during May, an invitation to a guest speaker at the June meeting of the Presbytery and a day conference on 30th October.

912. MISSION COMMITTEE, given in by Mr N A McNaught, Convener:

1. MINISTRIES COUNCIL REPORT 2020

The Presbytery note the briefing paper concerning the proposed Ministries Council Report 2020 Vision Building for the future through Presbytery Planning and are concerned that changes in the financial climate are driving the future of ministry.

However, if the financial projections presented by the Ministries Council are reliable, then the Presbytery can see that there is also the opportunity to explore new forms of Ministry and look forward to hearing how these considerations develop.

The Presbytery invite their Representatives at the Conference on 3rd February to report at the next appropriate Presbytery meeting.

913. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE,

1. DUNDONALD PARISH CHURCH GLEBE, given in Mr C Cameron, Convener:

The Presbytery homologate the actions of The Presbytery Clerk, The Convener of the Administration Committee and The Vice Convener, Benefice and Fabric, of the sale of a piece of glebe land to the current glebe tenant as a widening to the existing steading driveway. All funds from the sale shall be credited to the Minister's Stipend Fund.

2. MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS, given in by Mr I Gemmell, Vice Convener:

- a. The Presbytery approve the adjustments to the Ministries and Mission Contributions to be paid by congregations in 2010 as shown below.
- b. The Presbytery encourage congregations benefiting from these reductions to undertake a Stewardship Campaign in 2010 unless there has been a stewardship campaign since 01/01/2006.

- c. The Presbytery remind the financial courts of congregations that these contributions must be paid in equal monthly instalments.
- d. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to the Stewardship and Finance Department of the Church of Scotland and attach the amended list of Ministries and Mission contributions payable.

	Mission Project Reduction
St Quivox	5000
Auchinleck	3900
Catrine	2000
Dalmellington	4300
Muirkirk	1800
Fisherton	600
St Colmon	2400
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3. MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS, given in by Mr I Gemmell, Vice Convener:

The Presbytery approve the Presbytery Mission Projects Scheme whereby adjustments will be made to the Ministries and Mission Contributions to be paid by congregations in 2010, 2011 and 2012 when donations are made by congregations to the following :

Mathieson House	Annual aggregate maximum of £10,000
The Ayr Ark	Annual aggregate maximum of £5,000

The adjustments to the Ministries and Mission Contributions will be equal to the donations made by congregations. If congregations make donations which result in the annual aggregate maximum being exceeded, then the excess over the maximum will not be adjusted in that year. The excess may be adjusted in the following year. Organisations involved in the Presbytery Mission Projects Scheme will report annually to Presbytery.
