

necessary, the General Trustees or the General Assembly. The free proceeds of any such sale or let shall (a) if falling within the scope of Act VII 1995, be credited to the benefit of the congregation in the Consolidated Fabric Fund or (b) if not falling within the scope of the said Act, be held and applied for fabric purposes in connection with the properties of the congregation.

4.      **Territorial Responsibility:** The bounds to be served by the united charge shall be the present area of the parishes of **Ayr: Wallacetown** and **Ayr: Newton on Ayr** or as the Presbytery shall determine.

5.      **Kirk Session:** The elders of both Kirk Sessions shall form with the minister or ministers the Kirk Session of the united congregation.

6.      **Congregational Management:** The temporal affairs of the united congregation shall be administered by the Kirk Session in terms of the Unitary Constitution, the Delegation of Assembly being authorised to issue the appropriate Deed of Constitution to the said congregation.

7.      **Minister:** The Rev. Stewart Birse, presently Minister of **Ayr: Newton on Ayr Parish Church** shall be the Minister of the united charge in terms of Section 11 (1) (b) of Act VII, 2003.

8.      **Manse:** The manse of the **Ayr: Newton-on-Ayr** congregation shall be the manse of the united congregation. The manse of the **Ayr: Wallacetown** congregation shall be sold, let or otherwise disposed of, subject to the titles on which it is held, and subject to the approval of the Presbytery, and, if necessary, of the General Trustees or the General Assembly. The free proceeds of any such sale or let shall (a) if falling within the scope of Act VII 1995, be credited to the benefit of the congregation in the Consolidated Fabric Fund or (b) if not falling within the scope of the said Act, be held and applied for fabric purposes in connection with the properties of the congregation.

9.      **Ministerial Support:** The stipend shall be such as is sanctioned by the Ministries Council.

10.     **Power to Readjust:** While the articles and terms shall form the Basis of Union for the two congregations now uniting, the united congregation shall be free like other congregations; to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery as need may arise.

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**DALRMPLE CHURCH, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2010.** At Dalrymple Church on Tuesday the Twenty Third Day of February, Two Thousand and Ten Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted.

**918. SEDERUNT.** Dr D Lewis, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 16; Elders, 18; Deacon 1; Corresponding Members 1; Total 36. Apologies were received from 8 Ministers and 5 Elders. 1 other was associated with the Presbytery.

**919. LINKAGE OF DALRYMPLE AND AYR: ST LEONARD AND INTRODUCTION OF MR R LYNN AS THE MINISTER OF THE LINKED CHARGE.**

All relevant matters being in order, the Presbytery proceeded to the Linkage of Dalrymple and Ayr: St Leonard and the Introduction of Mr R Lynn.

Public Worship was conducted by Mr A Morrison, Minister emeritus Paisley: St Mark’s Oldhall, who preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion.

The prescribed Question being asked and answered satisfactorily, Mr Lynn signed the Formula. The Moderator with prayer introduced him to the Linked Charge.

With the Presbyters, the Moderator gave Mr Lynn the Right Hand of Fellowship.

Thereafter 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 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.

**920. SEDERUNT.** Dr D Lewis, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 32; Elders, 43; Deacon 1; Corresponding Members 2; Total 78. Apologies were received from 5 Ministers and 11 Elders.

**921. MINUTES.** The Minutes of the Meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010, being in the hands of Members, were taken as read and approved.

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

**923. INTIMATIONS.**

1. Presbytery Office contact details including E-mail. (*In mailing*)
2. Banking on Justice Conference – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010.
3. Pathway to Prayer 2010 – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2010.
4. Healing in Ministry – 19<sup>th</sup> April to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2010.
5. The Ark. (*On seats*)
6. Amount raised on Souper Sunday. Report to Arrick Wilkinson.
7. Community and World Concerns Update. (*On Seats*)
8. Depute Principal Clerk Vacancy.
9. Presbytery Newslines.
10. New Cumnock Envelopes.

**924. RECEPTION OF PROBATIONER AND CANDIDATES.**

Introduced by Mr A Shuttleworth, Convener of the Education Committee, the above were received by the Moderator and welcomed by the Presbytery.

The Moderator encouraged them in their various labours and gave them the right hand of fellowship.

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The Business being concluded, the Presbytery adjourned at **9.47pm**.

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum to discuss 'Same-sex Relationships and the Ministry, on **Tuesday 20th April, at 7pm**, within Alloway Church Halls.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Alloway Church Halls on **Tuesday 4th May, 2010, at 7pm**.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on **Thursday 22nd April, 2010, at 7pm**.

**MODERATOR**

**PRESBYTERY CLERK**

**APPENDIX 1  
BASIS OF UNION  
AYR: NEWTON-ON-AYR AND WALLACETOWN**

The congregation of **Ayr: Wallacetown** and the congregation of **Ayr: Newton on Ayr** shall be united as of 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010, on the following terms and conditions:

1. **Name:** The name of the united congregation shall be **AYR: NEWTON WALLACETOWN**.

2. **Transference of Property and Funds:** The property and funds belonging to, or held on behalf of each congregation shall belong to or be held on behalf of the united congregation and any transference necessary shall be duly effected.

3. **Places of Worship:** The church at present used and occupied by the **Ayr: Newton-on-Ayr** congregation shall be the place of worship of the united congregation. The church at present used by the **Ayr: Wallacetown Parish Church** congregation shall be used, sold, let or otherwise disposed of, subject to the titles on which it is held, subject to the approval of the Presbytery, and, if

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- 7. ATTESTATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTE BOOKS.**  
The Presbytery note that all Committee Minute Books will be attested by members of the Administration Committee prior to the next Committee Meetings in Ayr: Auld Kirk Halls on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2010, from 6.30pm.
- 8. WATER CHARGES.**  
The Presbytery note that Scottish Water has had problems with their records. Consequently some congregations have received bills for water charges.  
However, the Water Charges Exemption Scheme remains in place. Hence, if congregations receive a bill, Scottish Water should be contacted to resolve the situation.
- 9. PRESBYTERY MISSION PROJECTS SCHEME.**  
The Presbytery note that congregations wishing to obtain relief from Ministries and Mission Contributions, by contributing to the scheme, should contact the Vice Convener Finance before making a contribution.
- 10. TROON: PORTLAND PARISH CHURCH** given in by Mr Iain Gemmell, Vice Convener:
- a) The Presbytery approve that, due to increasing unreliability of the electrical control system of the pipe organ, the expenditure of approximately £39,000 (inclusive of VAT and contingencies) is required.  
Restoration has been recommended by the Report of the Committee on Art and Architecture and all necessary paperwork has been completed. Fund are available.
- b) The Presbytery adopt the Option Review and instruct the Area Convener to make an interim report to the Presbytery concerning talks with the Troon Churches within six months.
- 934. CORRESPONDENCE .**  
All Correspondence has been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

**925. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2010.  
APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS.**

It being betwixt the hours of eleven o'clock in the forenoon and eight o'clock in the evening the Presbytery did and hereby do nominate and appoint the following Ministers and Ruling Elders their Commissioners to the ensuing General Assembly convened to meet in Edinburgh on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010:

**REVERENDS**

<b>Stewart Birse</b>	Newton-On-Ayr
<b>Fraser Aitken</b>	St Columba
<b>Stephen Ogston</b>	Ballantrae / St Colmon
<b>Arrick Wilkinson</b>	Kirkoswald / Fisherton
<b>Scott Rae</b>	Old Cumnock Trinity
<b>Kenneth Elliott</b>	Prestwick South
<b>David Harper</b>	St Meddans
<b>Douglas Moore</b>	Auxiliary Minister
<b>Nancy Jackson</b>	Auxiliary Minister
<b>Bob Mayes</b>	Dundonald
<b>Jim Crichton</b>	Retired

**ELDERS**

<b>Maida Cairns</b>	Newton-On-Ayr
<b>John Forsyth</b>	St Columba
<b>Meg Peacock</b>	Ballantrae
<b>Ann Cashman</b>	St Colmon
<b>Elizabeth Veitch</b>	Kirkoswald
<b>Scott Riddex</b>	Old Cumnock Trinity
<b>Bill Elphinstone</b>	Prestwick South
<b>Robert Macdonald</b>	St Meddans
<b>John Faulds</b>	Sorn
<b>Harry Jackson</b>	Catrine
<b>David Lewis</b>	Alloway

**926. COMMISSION OF ASSEMBLY.**  
The Presbytery nominate the following Commissioners to be members of the Commission of Assembly: Mrs Nancy Jackson, Auxiliary Minister at Lugar Parish Church linked with Old Cumnock: Old and Mr Harry Jackson, Elder.

**927. REPORT OF DILIGENCE.**  
The Presbytery appoint Mr Stephen Ogston, Minister at Ballantrae linked with St Colmon, to report Diligence.

**928. ORDER OF THE DAY – 8pm.**

**1. READJUSTMENT.** Report given in by Mr NA McNaught on behalf of Mission Committee:

Parties, having been cited, appeared, and were welcomed.

- a) The Presbytery note that at the vote on the Basis of Union between Ayr Newton on Ayr and Ayr Wallacetown held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2010

There voted at Ayr Newton on Ayr:	For the Basis of Union	138
	Against the Basis of union	3

At Ayr Wallacetown:	For the Basis of Union	49
	Against the Basis of union	12
	For the ministry of Mr GS Birse	49
	Against the ministry of Mr G S Birse	11

- b) The Presbytery note the congregations approval of the Basis of Union.
- c) The Presbytery approve the Basis of Union. (For Basis of Appendix 1).
- d) The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to the ministries Council.

**2. VACANCY BUSINESS.**

**Mauchline Parish Church**

The Presbytery note the appointment of Mr T Wilkinson, retired Methodist Minister, as locum at Mauchline Parish Church.

**3. NOMINATION OF PRESBYTERY MODERATOR.**

The Presbytery appoints Mr R Mayes, Minister at Dundonald Parish Church, to be Moderator of the Presbytery of Ayr for the year beginning 1<sup>st</sup> October next.

**929. BUSINESS AND NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE,** given in by Mr J Paterson:

**1. COMMISSIONING OF COMMISSIONERS.**

The Presbytery agree to hold the act of Commissioning for the Commissioners to the 2010 General Assembly under the Order of the Day at the May meeting.

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**1. CONGREGATIONAL ACCOUNTS 2008.**

The Presbytery note that all Congregational Accounts for 2008 have been attested and comply with the Regulations anent Congregational Finance 2007.

The Presbytery instructs the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to Gordon Jamieson, Head of Stewardship at 121 George Street.

**2. APPLICATION FOR STUDY LEAVE.**

The Presbytery note that application for Study Leave to Mr G Fiddes has been received and approved by the Administration Committee. The Committee instruct the Clerk to send a extract minute to the Ministries Council (*Malawi Trip*).

**3. MAYBOLE MANSE, 3 BARNS TERRACE.**

The Presbytery note that the Manse at the above address was inspected on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February by the Vice Convener (*Benefice and Fabric*) and the Interim Moderator. Some minor recommendations were recorded and the report has been passed to the Interim Moderator for attention.

**4. DRONGAN PARISH CHURCH.**

The Presbytery approve the release of up to £20,000 from capital held by the General Trustees. This expenditure relates to roof and window replacement work.

**5. PROFESSIONAL PROPERTY SURVEYS FOR 2010.**

The Presbytery approve the following congregations to be surveyed during 2010:

Ayr: Newton-On-Ayr	Ayr: St James
Ayr: Auld Kirk	Muirkirk / Sorn.

**6. MAUCHLINE: LEASE OF MANSE.**

The Presbytery approve, in principle, an application by the Kirk Session of Mauchline Parish Church to allow the short term lease of the Manse during the forthcoming vacancy; any income there from being treated as one-off extraordinary income. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to the General Trustees and the Law Department.

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**3.      SYMINGTON AND CRAIGIE.**

- a)      The Presbytery agree to dissolve the linkage between Craigie and Symington (on the occurrence of a vacancy in the charge).
- b)      The Presbytery agree, in principle, to exploratory talks taking place concerning linkage between Craigie (Presbytery of Ayr) and Riccarton (Presbytery of Irvine and Kilmarnock).
- c)      The Presbytery agree in principle to the transfer of Craigie from the bounds of Ayr Presbytery to the bounds of Irvine and Kilmarnock Presbytery on the occurrence of successful linkage talks (and on a vacancy in the charge of Craigie linked with Symington).
- d)      The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute concerning this intention to the Presbytery Clerk of Irvine and Kilmarnock.
- e)      The Presbytery agree, in principle, to the linkage between Prestwick South and Symington (on the occurrence of a vacancy in the charge of Craigie linked with Symington).

**4.      MINISTRIES COUNCIL PROPOSAL.**

The Presbytery note the Ministries Council’s proposed 2010 Guidelines for the Deployment of Ministers which would reduce the Ayr Presbytery Plan from 35 full time posts to 27.6 fulltime posts by the end of 2013 with provision for 2 locums in vacancies, (a reduction of 21.06%). The Presbytery instruct the Mission Committee to report to Presbytery when appropriate concerning future developments.

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an Addendum:  
 Insert **“with regret”** after the word **“note”**.  
 The Presbytery resolved accordingly.

**933.      ADMINISTRATION**, given in by Mr C Cameron, Convener:

**2.      APPOINTMENT OF CONVENER / VICE CONVENER.**

The Presbytery agree to the following appointments:  
 Business Committee: Mrs Isabell Montgomerie to continue as Convener for one further year.  
 Business Committee: Mr Robert McCrum to take over as Vice Convener.

**3.      NHS FORUM.**

The Presbytery note the intention of the NHS to hold a Forum twice a year to enable Churches and other Faith Groups to raise any matters of concern.

**4.      SPECIAL MEETING OF PRESBYTERY.**

The Presbytery resolve to meet in humc effectum to discuss ‘*Same-sex Relationships and the Ministry*’, on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm, within Alloway Church Halls.

**5.      DELEGATED POWERS.**

The Presbytery grant powers of delegation to the Clerk, the Convener and the appropriate Vice Convener of the Administration Committee, with the Convener of the Mission Committee when appropriate, to act on behalf of the Court in any urgent matter needing a decision before the May Meeting. All decisions made under these delegated powers will be reported to the May Meeting of the Court.

**930.      COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS,**  
 given in by Mr AD Wilkinson, Convener:

**1.      CHRISTIAN AID.**

The Presbytery urge congregations to support, as strongly as they can, the forthcoming Christian Aid Week (Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2010 – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010).

**2.      END OF LIFE BILL.**

Taking heed of the moving speech made at the Dimpleby Lecture, and various other publicly reported comments, the Presbytery of Ayr instruct the Community and World Concerns Committee to keep a watching brief on the End of Life Bill currently before the Scottish Parliament and to respond, if consultation is called for, in the following terms:

- a) The Presbytery state its belief in the sanctity of human life, and the graciousness of God.
- b) The Presbytery consider that the proposed end of life bill could put undue pressure on patients, doctors and families at a time when compassion should be the prime consideration.
- c) The Presbytery oppose all situations where life is terminated deliberately, whether by assisted suicide or otherwise.
- d) The Presbytery urge the Scottish Parliament to enhance the financial provision made for palliative care and welcomes the work done by - inter alia - Hospices, MacMillan Nurses and the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund - in providing a dignified and peaceful end of life environment not only for patients but for their families.

It was moved and seconded as an amendment to Deliverance 2:

Delete a), b) and c).

There voted **FOR** the amendment 34.

There voted **AGAINST** the amendment 29.

The Amendment carried and the Presbytery resolved accordingly.

The Deliverance, as amended, was adopted.

**931.      EDUCATION,** given in by Mr A Shuttleworth, Convener:

**FUTURE OF YOUTH WORK.**

The Presbytery note the Subgroup looking at the Future of Youth work within the Presbytery are planning to send out a questionnaire to ministers regarding the young people and the youth work in their congregations. Their reply would be appreciated.

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

**1.      QUINQUENNIAL REPORTS.**

- a) The Presbytery receive the Quinquennial Visitation Report from the congregation of Maybole.  
The Presbytery Commend Mr Jim Skinner interim moderator, Rev Alistair Morrison locum and the congregation of Maybole for their faithful life and witness.  
The Presbytery receive the Quinquennial Visitation Report from the congregations of Fisherton linked with Kirkoswald.  
The Presbytery commend Rev Arrick Wilkinson and the congregations of Fisherton linked with Kirkoswald for their faithful life and witness.
- b) The Presbytery note, reflecting local circumstances, all congregations are in a satisfactory state.  
The Presbytery thank the teams who carried out the visits and the interim moderator, minister and congregations for their welcome and openness.
- c) The Presbytery note that an update concerning fabric development at Maybole will be presented at the May meeting of the Presbytery.

**2.      PART TIME PASTORAL CHAPLAINS.**

- a) The Presbytery note the diligence of the part time pastoral chaplains David Harper, William McCrorie, Paul Russell and Alan Telfer and thank them for their professional care.
- b) The Presbytery agree to the reappointment of David Harper William McCrorie and Paul Russell for three years as part time pastoral chaplains.
- c) The Presbytery invite applications for the post of part time pastoral care chaplain for the North Area , Applications to be in writing to the Mission Convener by 30th March 2010.