

**NEWTON-ON-AYR CHURCH, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.** At Newton-on-Ayr Church on Tuesday the Eleventh Day of May, Two Thousand and Ten Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted.

**951. SEDERUNT.**

Dr D Lewis, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 17; Elders, 17; Deacon 1; Corresponding Members 3; Total 38. Apologies were received from 4 Ministers and 4 Elders.

**952. UNION OF NEWTON-ON-AYR AND AYR: WALLACETOWN AND INTRODUCTION OF MR S BIRSE AS THE MINISTER OF THE NEW UNITED CHARGE.**

All relevant matters being in order, the Presbytery proceeded to the Union of Newton-on-Ayr and Ayr: Wallacetown and the Introduction of Mr S Birse.

Public Worship was conducted by Mrs Sandra Black, Reader, who preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion.

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

With the Presbyters, the Moderator gave Mr Birse 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2010.**

At Alloway Church on Tuesday the Twenty Second Day of April, Two Thousand and Ten Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted.

**935. SEDERUNT.** Dr D Lewis, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 32; Elders, 48; Deacon 1; Corresponding Members 1; Total 82. Apologies were received from 2 Ministers and 2 Elders.

**936. SAME-SEX RELATIONSHIPS AND THE MINISTRY.**

The Presbytery met in hunc effectum to discuss 'Same-sex Relationships and the Ministry'.

The Business Convener, Mrs I Montgomerie, outlined the procedure.

A DVD, issued by the Commission, was shown to the Presbytery.

There then followed a period of discussion in which Presbyters put forward their own points of view.

The Discussion period being concluded, the Presbytery closed with the Grace at **8.33pm**.

Presbyters were then invited to complete the Questionnaire Papers.

**MODERATOR**

**PRESBYTERY CLERK**

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**ALLOWAY, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010.**

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

**937. SEDERUNT.** Dr D Lewis, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 27; Elders, 49; Deacon 1; Corresponding Members 5; Total 82. Apologies were received from 6 Ministers and 7 Elders.

**938. WELCOME.**

The Moderator welcomed Mr Neville Clark, Elder at Girvan South and Mrs Jean Barclay, Elder at Dalmellington.

The Moderator also welcomed back to the Court Mr Bill Hannah.

**939. MINUTES.** The Minutes of the Meetings of the 23<sup>rd</sup> February and 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010, being in the hands of Members, were taken as read and approved.

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

**941. INTIMATIONS.**

1. Change to Presbytery Office E-mail address - **ayroffice@cofscotland.org.uk**
2. Presbytery of Ayr Website - **presbyteryofayr.org.uk**
3. Health and Healing: Ayr Auld Kirk, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am – 4pm.
4. Operational Welfare Fund – Justgiving.
5. Training Days for **ALL** Elders as Interim Moderators – 12<sup>th</sup> June.
6. Disability Champions – A request for nominees.
7. Community and World Concerns update. (*On Seats*)
8. 450<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Reformation – 29<sup>th</sup> May. (*On Seats*)
9. Stained Glass & Church Tourism – 5<sup>th</sup> June.
10. Communication Committee of the Presbytery of Glasgow – 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

c. The Presbytery instruct the Mission Committee to explore the possibility of linking Muirkirk and Old Cumnock: Trinity congregations and to report to the June meeting of the Presbytery.

d. *The Presbytery instruct the Mission Committee to produce, no later than the second week in May, a draft basis of linkage between Mauchline and Sorn congregations and between Muirkirk and Old Cumnock: Trinity congregations to bring to these congregations for possible discussion or vote by the June meeting of the Presbytery.*

The Convener proposed the deletion of **d.** This was seconded and the Presbytery resolved accordingly

**4. PRAYING ACROSS SCOTLAND.**

The Presbytery note and commend the Presbytery's Praying Across Scotland event to take place at Newton Wallacetown Church of Scotland, Main Street, Ayr, on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 at 6.30 pm.

**950. CORRESPONDENCE .**

All Correspondence has been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

The Business being concluded, the Presbytery adjourned at **9.45pm.**

The Presbytery of Ayr will meet in hunc effectum for a Service of Union at 6.45pm on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May**, 2010, Ayr: Newton-On-Ayr: Mrs Sandra Black to conduct Worship and preach, the Moderator to give the charges.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Auchinleck Church on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**, 2010, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June**, 2010, at 7pm.

**948. EDUCATION & MISSION COMMITTEE, given in by Mr A Graham, Vice Convener:-**

**EDUCATION STAFF IN SOUTH AYRSHIRE SCHOOLS**

The Presbytery note the letter sent via the South Ayrshire Council Intranet. *(Copy of letter in mailing.)*

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

**1. PART TIME PASTORAL CARE CHAPLAIN.**

The Presbytery appoint Rev Elizabeth Smith as part time pastoral chaplain for the North Area.

**2. MINISTRIES DEPLOYMENT COMMITTEE.**

The Presbytery note the sympathetic hearing given to the Presbytery of Ayr's case by representatives of the Ministries Deployment Committee, and the intention of that Committee to recommend that the full time post allocation for Ayr Presbytery be changed, from 27.6 to 30.6 by the end of 2013, in the Ministries Council 2020 Report. The Presbytery instruct all area groups to consider, at their next meeting, the need to reduce one full time post by 2013.

**3. MUIRKIRK AND SORN.**

- a. The Presbytery instruct the Mission Committee to explore the possibility of dissolving the link between Muirkirk and Sorn congregations, and to report to the June meeting of the Presbytery.
- b. The Presbytery instruct the Mission Committee to explore the possibility of linking Mauchline and Sorn congregations and to report to the June meeting of the Presbytery.

**942. CHANGE OF COMMISSIONER.**

The Presbytery nominate and appoint Mrs Elizabeth Frette as a Commissioner at the ensuing General Assembly convened to meet in Edinburgh on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

**943. COMMISSIONING OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

The Moderator addressed the Commissioners and put to them the prescribed Question which was answered satisfactorily. The Moderator, with prayer, commissioned the Commissioners to serve at the forthcoming General Assembly.

**944. ORDER OF THE DAY - 8.pm.**

**1. VACANCY BUSINESS.**

**a. Call to Mr Douglas McNab, Minister of Girvan North to NewMachar Parish Church.** Congregation invited.

Mr AH Symington reported on behalf of the Vacancy Procedure Committee:

In terms of Acts VIII, 2003, the Presbytery sustain the Call from NewMachar Parish Church and agree that Mr McNab be released from the Presbytery of Ayr.

Compeared Mrs Norma Logan, Girvan North, who paid fitting tribute to the ministry of Mr McNab. Mr McNab made a suitable reply.

The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the Presbytery of Gordon.

**b. Appointment of Interim Moderator at Girvan North**

The Presbytery note the appointment of Mr JA Guthrie, Minister emeritus Corsock and Kirkpatrick Durham linked with Crossmichael and Parton, to be Interim Moderator and Locum at Girvan North.

**c. Monkton and Prestwick North - Provisional date for Ordination and Induction.**

Mr AH Symington reported on behalf of the Vacancy Procedure Committee:

The Presbytery note that a sole nominee will be heard on the 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.

The Presbytery note the following provisional arrangements for the Ordination and Induction:

The Presbytery will meet in hunc affectum for Ordination and Induction at 6.45pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June at Monkton and Prestwick North Parish Church.

**d. Vacancy Schedule – Monkton and Prestwick North.**

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

**e. Vacancy Schedule – Dalmellington linked with Patna Waterside.**

The Presbytery approve the Vacancy Schedule and instruct the Clerk to forward this, with the appropriate Parish Profile, to Miss Elizabeth Dailly, Finance Supervisor, Ministries Council, along with an Extract Minute

**f. Muirkirk and Sorn - Extension of Leave to Call.**

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.

**2. SICK LEAVE.**

- a.** The Presbytery homologate the action of the Clerk in granting sick leave to Mr Dave Whiteman, Minister of Coylton linked with Drongan: The Schaw Kirk, for 28 days from the 7<sup>th</sup> April.

*The Presbytery approve the proposal to apply for available grants if necessary. The required forms have been completed and the Committee on Artistic Matters will be consulted prior to preparation of the Bill of Quantities and Specification for the work.*

- b.** *The Presbytery adopt the Option Review and instruct the Area Convener to make an Interim report to the Presbytery, concerning talks with the Girvan Churches, within six months.*

It was moved and seconded that a new **a.,b.** and **c.** be accepted. The Convener accepted and the Presbytery resolved accordingly:

- a.** The Presbytery adopt the Option Review and instruct the Area Convener to make an interim report to the Presbytery, concerning talks with the Girvan Churches, within six months.

- b.** The Presbytery grant the Congregational Board of Girvan North permission to implement such fabric work, which is necessary and essential on health and safety grounds.

- c.** The Presbytery grant the Congregational Board of Girvan North permission to apply for grants which will assist in the undertaking of such fabric work, which is necessary and essential on health and safety grounds.

**947. COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS COMMITTEE, given by Mr AD Wilkinson, Convener:-**

**PRESBYTERY OF AYR MALAWI FUND ACCOUNT**

The Presbytery note that, in order to comply with Charity Legislation and good accounting practice, it is requested that all people and organisations channel funds for Presbytery-wide projects for Malawi through the Presbytery of Ayr Malawi Fund Account.

The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the Principal Clerk.

**2. DALRYMPLE PARISH CHURCH AND CROSSHILL PARISH CHURCH.**

The Presbytery approve the unanimous decision of the Congregational Boards of Dalrymple and Crosshill Parish Church to put the Manse at Dalrymple on the Market.

The Clerk is instructed to send this Deliverance together with an extract copy of the Congregational Board Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010, to the General Trustees in Edinburgh for their attention.

**3. KIRKOSWALD LINKED WITH FISHERTON PARISH CHURCHES.**

The Presbytery concur with the agreement reached between Kirkoswald and Fisherton Parish Churches regarding a loan from Fisherton to Kirkoswald, to finance the purchase and installation of an electronic organ in Kirkoswald Church, from their Consolidated Fabric Fund account, subject to the local Trustees understanding of their potential legal liabilities.

The Clerk is instructed to send a copy of this Deliverance to the General Trustees in Edinburgh.

**4. LICENCE.**

The Presbytery agree to acquire the necessary Licence(s) relative to the printing of Hymns on Orders of Service for Presbytery Services. The cost to be met from resources of the Presbytery.

**5. GIRVAN NORTH.**

- a. *The Presbytery approve the proposal agreed by the Congregational Board at a special meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2010, to implement essential work on the Church building estimated to cost in the region of £221,290 including fees and vat. Some funds are available with fund raising in the offering.*

**b. Appointment of Interim Moderators and Locum arrangements.**

The Presbytery homologate the action of the Clerk in appointing Mr Bill Johnston, Minister at Ochiltree and Stair, to serve as Interim Moderator at Dalmellington linked with Patna.

The Presbytery homologate the action of the Clerk in appointing Mr Tom Bogle, Minister emeritus Fisheton linked with Maybole: West, to serve as Interim Moderator and Locum at Coylton linked with Drongan: The Schaw Kirk, while Mr Whiteman is off sick.

**3. REVISION OF STANDING ORDERS.**

The Presbytery approve the Notice of Motion to review Standing Orders at the June meeting. This Notice of Motion relates to existing Standing Order Section 7 (b).

**4. CHANGES IN SERVICE TIMES.**

The Presbytery homologate the action of the Clerk in granting a joint Service of Worship at Auchincruive and Dalmilling. One Service took place at Dalmilling on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am.

**5. UNITARY DEEDS ISSUED.**

The Presbytery note that the Unitary Constitution has been issued to Troon: Old Parish Church.

**6. MODERATING ELDER.**

*The Presbytery approve the appointment of Mr Ronald Turnbull, subject to the appropriate training, to moderate the Kirk Session of Dailly Parish Church in the absence of the Minister.*

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an Addendum: Insert **“with the authorisation of the Minister.”**

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an Amendment:

The Presbytery approve Mr Ronald Turnbull for appropriate training, to moderate the Kirk Session of Dailly Parish Church, in the absence of the Minister, and for the avoidance of doubt, only with the authorisation of the Minister.

**7.            UPDATE ON MAYBOLE, given in by Mr. Jim Skinner.**

Mr Skinner reported on the *'Groundbreaking Event'* which has been organised for Sunday 13th June at the Greenside in Maybole.

The Presbytery congratulate the Congregation and Interim Moderator, Mr Jim Skinner, as they prepare to commence the building of the new Church in Maybole.

**8.            PRESBYTERY ACCOUNTS, given in by Mr GH Kitcheman, Presbytery Treasurer:**

The Presbytery, acting as Trustees of the relevant Charity, approve the Accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009, a copy to be held in retentis, and thank the Treasurer, Mr George H Kitcheman for the presentation of the Accounts and Mr J Beaton, Independent Examiner, for his work. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute, and a copy of the Accounts, to the General Treasurer.

The Presbytery approve the appointment of Mr John Beaton as Independent Examiner for 2010.

**9.            PERMISSION TO MEET.**

a.            The Presbytery grant permission to the Kirk Session of Maybole Parish Church to meet on the 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.

b.            The Presbytery grant permission to the Kirk Session of Troon: Old Parish Church to meet on the 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 to discuss 'Same-sex Relationships and the Ministry'.

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

**1.            JUNE MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY.**

The Presbytery agree to hold the Ordinary June Meeting of the Presbytery within Auchinleck Parish Church at 7pm on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2010.

**2.            C.K. MARR EDUCATION TRUST.**

The Presbytery appoint Mr R Boyd to serve as a Governor of the C.K. Marr Educational Trust for a period of another four years from June 2010.

**3.            THE PRESBYTERY PROTOCOL - ANNUAL REPORT.**

a.            The Presbytery note that the Presbytery Protocol was used three times during the past year.

b.            The Presbytery recognise that the Protocol is to be used when complaints and matters of concern involving ministers are received, including occasions when other persons are also involved in the complaint or matter of concern.

**4.            INTERIM MODERATOR TRAINING.**

The Presbytery nominate Mr Bill Mackie to attend the Interim Moderator Training Day to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> June in Perth.

**946.    ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, given in by Mr S Kilpatrick, Vice-Convener, and Mr GH Kitcheman, Presbytery Treasurer:-**

**1.            ATTESTATION OF MINUTES.**

The Presbytery note that the Minutes of the Court and Committees have been attested and found to be in accordance with the Instructions of the General Assembly.