

AUCHINLECK, 22nd June, 2010.

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

953. SEDERUNT. Dr D Lewis, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 27; Elders, 37; Deacon 1; Corresponding Members 3; Total 68. Apologies were received from 8 Ministers and 7 Elders.

954. EXPRESSION OF THANKS.

The Moderator expressed the thanks of the Court to the Minister and Congregation of Auchinleck Parish Church.

The Moderator also thanked retiring members of Presbytery.

955. MINISTERIAL ANNIVERSARY.

25 Years. Mr Alistair Morrison, Minister emeritus Paisley: St Mark's Oldhall.

Mr Harry Mealyea, Minister of Ayr: St. Andrews, paid fitting tribute to the hard working and effective ministry of Mr Morrison.

The Moderator expressed the thanks and good wishes of the Presbytery.

956. MINUTES. The Minutes of the Meetings 22nd April, 4th May and 11th May 2010, being in the hands of Members, were taken as read and approved.

957. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Order of Business was approved.

958. INTIMATIONS.

1. Marriage Services.
2. SSAFA Forces Help.
3. Religious Observance - Design and Practice.
4. Summary of Same-sex Relationship Questionnaire. (*In mailing.*)
5. Presbytery Of Ayr Year Book 2010 – 2011.
6. Community and World Concerns Update.
7. Summer Holiday Clubs – Please inform Elaine Adair.

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959. REV EFFIE CAMPBELL.

The Moderator intimated that a Thanksgiving Service for Mrs Campbell would take place in Ayr: St. James on Friday 25th June at 12 noon. Tribute to Mrs Campbell will be made at the September meeting of Presbytery. The Moderator commended the thoughts and prayers of the Court to Mrs Campbell's family and friends.

960. GUEST SPEAKER.

The Very Rev Fr William McFadden Vicar General, Diocese of Galloway.

Introduced by Mr JW Paterson, the Very Rev Fr William McFadden graciously spoke about the commemoration of the Reformation. The Moderator thanked the Very Rev Fr William McFadden.

961. ORDER OF THE DAY - 8pm.**1. PRESBYTERY PLAN.**

Report given in by Mr NA McNaught on behalf of Mission Committee who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-

a. READAJUSTEMENT.

Congregation Representatives welcomed.

- i. The Presbytery agree to set aside the Plan.
- ii. The Presbytery note that in the vote on the basis of linkage between Mauchline Church and Sorn Church on 30th May 2010:

At Mauchline	At Sorn
There voted for the linkage 127.	There voted for the linkage 63.
There voted against the linkage 16.	There voted against the linkage 0.

The Presbytery approve the basis of linkage between Mauchline and Sorn, note the concurrence of the Ministries Council, and adjust the plan accordingly. (*See Appendix 1*)

972. EDUCATION COMMITTEE, given in by Mr A Shuttleworth, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-**1. ATTACHMENT OF READERS. (*Report in Mailing*)**

The Presbytery instruct the Education Committee to institute the Scheme for the attachment of Readers outlined in the report, and offer this to interested parties, to report on the working of the scheme to the Ministries Council, and to adapt and develop the scheme in due course to reflect the requirements of the National Church, as and when they are communicated.

2. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2010/2011.

The Committee request that the Presbytery approval for Miss A. Fraser, Mr D.L.Harper, Mr R. Macdonald and Mrs E Riome to continue in Membership beyond the 4 year term.

3. NOMINATION TO AUXILIARY MINISTRY.

The Presbytery nominate Mr Tom McLeod as a candidate for the Auxiliary Ministry. Mr McLeod recently attended an Assessment Conference where he successfully was recognised as a candidate.

ADJOURNMENT. The Presbytery rose at 8.40pm.

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for a Service of Linking at 6.45pm on Tuesday 31st August, 2010, within Sorn Church.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Alloway Church Hall on 7th September, 2010, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on Thursday 26th August, 2010, at 7pm.

971. COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS COMMITTEE,

given by Mr AD Wilkinson, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-

1. PROTECTING VITAL GP PRACTICES.

The Presbytery support the issues raised in the question S3M – 6435 tabled by Jim Hume in the following terms (*as below*) particularly in the issues concerning Local Pharmacies associated with Doctors Practices.

The Presbytery resolve accordingly and instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to Nicola Surgeon (Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing) and to all MSPs living within the bounds of The Presbytery.

Protecting Vital GP Dispensing Practices - that the Parliament recognises the important role of dispensing GP practices in remote and rural communities across the South of Scotland; acknowledges the high level of patient satisfaction with these practices; is concerned about the threat posed by unrestricted commercial pharmacy applications to the sustainability of health services provided by dispensing GP practices;

is aware of the current consultation on the control of entry arrangements relating to NHS pharmaceutical services; supports the implementation of new improved regulations in which a first stage or pre-application process is used to eliminate speculative applications, repeat applications where no significant change in circumstances has occurred and substantially inaccurate applications, and further supports the provision of local holistic health services whereby health care professionals work together to plan and deliver more flexible services.

2. WORLD MISSION REGIONAL COUNCIL.

The Presbytery agree to host the World Mission Regional Council Conference on Saturday 27th November, 2010.

- iii. The Presbytery approve the report of the Vacancy Procedure Committee which allocates 9 places to Mauchline and 4 places to Sorn in the election of a nomination committee.
- iv. At the time of linkage the Presbytery appoint Mrs Liz Crumlish to be the Interim Moderator of Mauchline linked with Sorn.
- v. The Presbytery note that on the vote on the basis of linkage between Old Cumnock Trinity and Muirkirk on 30th May 2010:

At Old: Cumnock Trinity

There voted for the linkage 64.

There voted against the linkage 3.

At Muirkirk

There voted for the linkage 51.

There voted against the linkage 3.

There voted for the ministry of Mr Scott Rae 53.

There voted against the ministry of Mr Scott Rae 1.

The Presbytery approve the basis of linkage between Old Cumnock Trinity and Muirkirk, note the concurrence of the Ministries Council, and adjust the plan accordingly. (*See Appendix 2*)

b. REVISION.

The Presbytery approve the June 2010 Revision of the Presbytery Plan (2006-16) and instruct the Clerk to send a copy to the Ministries Council.

2. VACANCY BUSINESS.

a. Extension of Leave to Call. Dalmellington linked with Patna.

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery grant an Extension of Leave to Call to Dalmellington linked with Patna for a further period of six months.

b. Mr RMH Boyd, Minister at Troon: Portland. Crave to Demit. Congregation invited.

i. The Presbytery receive the Crave of Mr RMH Boyd, Minister at Troon: Portland, to demit his Charge with effect from 11th August, in order to take up a position as Chaplain and Teacher of RMPS at Queen Victoria School Dunblane.

ii. In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery remit the Crave, with the related Vacancy Business to the Vacancy Procedure Committee.
Compared Miss S Cameron, Troon: Portland, who paid fitting tribute to the ministry of Mr Boyd. Mr Boyd made a suitable reply.

iii. The Presbytery appoint Mrs Glenda Keating, Minister of Symington linked with Craigie, to be Interim Moderator upon the demission of Mr RMH Boyd.

c. Call to Mr D Clarkson from Monkton and Prestwick North.
Congregation Representatives welcomed. Mr Jim Riach spoke on behalf of Monkton and Prestwick North.

Mr GH Kitcheman reported on behalf of the Vacancy Procedure Committee:
In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery note that the Call to Mr D Clarkson, Probationer, has been sustained.

The Presbytery note the following arrangements for the Ordination and Induction of Mr D Clarkson:
The Presbytery will meet in hunc affectum for Ordination and Induction at 6.45pm on Thursday 24th June, 2010, within Monkton and Prestwick North Parish Church: Mrs Betty Smith, Minister emeritus Fauldhouse: St Andrew's, to conduct Worship and preach, the Moderator and Immediate Past Moderator to Ordain, Induct and give the Charges, the Interim Moderator to be responsible for serving the Edict.

964. CONTINUATION FROM 22nd JUNE, 2010.

4. OPTION REVIEWS. REPORTS AND DELIVERANCES.

b. Girvan Churches, given in by Mr H Meaylea:-

i. The Presbytery agree that permission be given to Girvan North to proceed with repair works, including major stonework repairs to spire and windows, at a cost of £220,000.

Response from Administration Committee, given by Mr C Cameron, Convener:-

ii. The Administration Committee agree with the Mission Committee following the joint visit to Girvan on the 27th May 2010, that Girvan North Parish Church be recommended (*allowed*) to start a fund raising campaign to the sum of £200,000. A Commitment to commence the restoration works will be considered at a later date.

It was moved and seconded, as an Amendment, that the word "allowed" be replaced with "recommended".
Mr Cameron accepted and the Presbytery resolved accordingly.

5. INSURANCE REVALUATIONS COSTS

a. The Presbytery approve appropriate levy based on GA Robbins figures to recover the costs of the above.

b. The Presbytery approve that Congregations can claim the cost back from their Consolidated Fabric Fund (if any).

c. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to David Robertson at the General Trustees.

b. The Presbytery approve the revision of Standing Orders.

4. MAY 2011 MEETING OF PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery resolve that, due to foreseen difficulties arising over the timing of Holy Week (18th – 22nd April 2011), the May Meeting of the Presbytery will be held on 10th May, and the foregoing Committee Meetings will be held on the 28th April.

5. PASTORAL CARE CHAPLAINS.

Following a review of the Committee Structure, The Presbytery agree that the supervision and appointment of Pastoral Care Chaplains will now be the remit of the Education Committee, instead of the Mission Committee.

6. CHANGES TO SERVICE TIMES.

The Presbytery note the following Changes that have been notified:

a. Ochiltree and Stair Parish Churches. United Summer Services -

Stair	4th & 11th July, 2010.	1 Service at 10.30am.
Ochiltree	18th & 25th July, 2010.	1 Service at 10.30am.

b. Ayr: Castlehill July & August, 2010. 1 Service at 10am.

c. Alloway 4th July – 15th August, 2010. 1 Service at 10.30am.

d. Ayr: Newton Wallacetown July, 2010. 1 Service at 11am.

7. UNITARY DEEDS ISSUED.

The Presbytery note that the Unitary Constitution has been issued to Ayr: Newton Wallacetown Parish Church.

3. REVISION OF STANDING ORDERS, given in by Mrs I Montgomerie, who moved the following Deliverance:-

a. 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). *(For the Notice of Motion 61. Against Nil.)*

b. The Presbytery approve the revision of Standing Orders.

The following Amendments were approved regarding the proposed revised Standing Orders:

Section 2 c) insert “a past Moderator” instead of “any member present”.

Section 2 h) replace “Audited” with “Annual” in the last sentence.

Section 2 i) delete “to offer support to Parish Ministers and their families”.

Section 4 ensure the full title of ‘Business and Nomination Committee’ is inserted where appropriate.

Section 4 b) replace in the last paragraph “shall also” with “may also”.

Section 4 d) insert “Moderator’s Advisory Committee”.

Section 4 i) replace “Board of Practice and Procedure” with “Principal Clerk’s Office.”

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

1. CONVENERS AND VICE CONVENERS OF PRESBYTERY COMMITTEES.

	BUSINESS	ADMIN	EDUCATION	COMM	MISSION
CONVENER	Isabell Montgomerie	Colin Cameron	Alec Shuttleworth	Arrick Wilkinson	Neil McNaught
VICE CONVENER	Robert McCrum	Stuart Kilpatrick (B & F)	Andrew Graham	Muriel Wilson	Liz Crumlish
VICE CONVENER		Iain Gemmell (Finance)		Ian McLachlan	Paul Russell

2. COUNCIL OF ASSEMBLY CONFERENCE – 16th SEPTEMBER, 2010.

The Presbytery nominate Mr J Skinner to represent the Presbytery at The Council of Assembly's conference on Stewardship and Finance.

3. 28th JUNE, 2011.

The Presbytery agree to hold the Ordinary June Meeting of the Presbytery within Ballantrae Parish Church at 7pm on Tuesday 28th June, 2011.

4. TRAINING ELDERS AS INTERIM MODERATORS.

The Presbytery note that Mr Bill Mackie has successfully undertaken the appropriate training and is now eligible to carry out the duties of an Interim Moderator.

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

1. BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY.

The Presbytery note that Back to Church Sunday falls on 26th Sept 2010 and invite congregations to consider the initiative (materials www.backtochurch.co.uk).

ALLOWAY, 6th July, 2010.

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

969. SEDERUNT. Dr D Lewis, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 16; Elders, 26; Corresponding Members 1; Total 43. Apologies were received from 16 Ministers, 1 Deacon and 7 Elders.

970. PRO RE NATA MEETING

The Moderator outlined the reason for this meeting and the Presbytery resolved to proceed according.

961. CONTINUATION FROM 22nd JUNE, 2010.

3. REVISION OF STANDING ORDERS, given in by Mrs I Montgomerie, who moved the following Deliverance (3a, 3b, 4 & 5) which was adopted:-

The following Amendments were approved regarding the proposed revised Standing Orders:

Section 5 e) insert the word “normally” after “in writing shall”.

Section 5 h) delete and replace with “ In the debate no Member shall be allowed to speak more than once, except the mover of any counter-motion or amendment who may replay to the discussion of his or her motion, immediately before the Convener closes the debate.”

Section 5 l) replace “introduced” with “reintroduced”.

Section 6 b) delete the word “next” and insert after “of the Presbytery” the words “following the General Assembly”.

Section 6 d) delete.

Section 7 b) delete the word “unauthorized”.

MONKTON AND PRESTWICK NORTH, 24th June, 2010. At Monkton and Prestwick North Parish Church, on the Twenty Fourth Day of June, Two Thousand and Ten Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met, and was constituted in prayer.

967. SEDERUNT. Dr D Lewis, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 19; Elders, 21; Corresponding Members 2; Total 42. Apologies were received from 4 Ministers and 4 Elders and were similarly recorded. 7 others were associated with the Presbytery.

968. ORDINATION AND INDUCTION OF MR DAVID CLARKSON TO MONKTON AND PRESTWICK NORTH PARISH CHURCH.

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 Mr David Clarkson, the Presbytery resolved to proceed to Ordination and Induction of Mr Clarkson to the Pastoral Charge of Monkton and Prestwick North.

Public Worship was conducted by Mrs Betty Smith, Minister emeritus Fauldhouse: St Andrew's, who preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion.

The Narrative and Preamble having been delivered and the prescribed Questions asked and answered satisfactorily, Mr Clarkson signed the Formula. Immediate past Moderator, Mr John Paterson, with prayer and the laying on of hands by the Presbyters, did ordain Mr Clarkson and did induct him as the Minister at Monkton and Prestwick North. With other Presbyters, the Moderator gave him the Right Hand of Fellowship. Thereafter the Moderator put to the Congregation the required Questions which were answered satisfactorily and gave the Charges. Public Worship being concluded, the Presbytery instructed the Clerk to confirm Mr Clarkson's name on the Roll of Presbytery and inform all interested parties. Those taking part were thanked and the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

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2. PRESBYTERY PRAYER COORDINATOR.

The Presbytery receive notice of the resignation of Mrs Pat Guthrie as Presbytery Prayer Coordinator and thank her for her work.

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

1. AYR: NEWTON WALLACETOWN. DISPOSAL OF BUILDINGS.

The Presbytery approve the decision of the Kirk Session of Newton Wallacetown Church agreed at a meeting held on Sunday 6 June to sell the Sanctuary, Halls and Manse of the former Wallacetown Church. The proceeds of the sale shall be used to upgrade, insulate and modernise the Sanctuary, and Halls of Newton Wallacetown Church.

The Clerk is instructed to send this deliverance, together with extract copies of the Session Minutes, to the General Trustees in Edinburgh for their attention.

2. HISTORIC BUILDINGS. Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

The Presbytery note that The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, which enables Congregational Treasurers to recover VAT charges in respect of repair and maintenance work at listed church buildings, will cease at the end of March 2011. The General Trustees have expressed their concern and sample letters, which Congregational Boards might use to lobby their MPs in support of the continuation of the scheme, are available on the Church of Scotland website.

3. ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND CARBON FOOTPRINTS IN CHURCH BUILDINGS: Progress Report on General Assembly Deliverance 2009.

The Presbytery note that the report of the Church and Society Council to the General Assembly has been completed.

The report includes:

- A summary of progress as a whole
- A list of questions and concerns raised by Presbyteries with responses
- Tables and comments from all Presbyteries who have contributed

The report can be viewed on the Church and Society pages of the Church of Scotland website.

4. OPTION REVIEWS. REPORTS AND DELIVERANCES.

a. Troon Churches, given in by Mr J Paterson:-

- i. Further to the Option Review carried out in Troon, the Presbytery agree that Troon: Portland be granted permission to complete Phase 1 of the organ repair, subject to agreement by the Administration Committee.

Response from Administration Committee, given by Mr C Cameron, Convener:-

- ii. The Administration Committee, having discussed the situation in the North area of the Presbytery at the meeting of 6th May 2010, agree with the Mission Committee in recommending the expenditure of £40,000 as Phase 1 of the pipe organ restoration and renovation in Portland Parish Church, Troon.

ministry expenses and the maintenance of the manse (subject to the approval of the Presbytery). The initial percentage split for such expenses is Muirkirk 38%; Old Cumnock Trinity 62%.

6. **Minister:** The Rev. Scott Rae , presently Minister of Old Cumnock Trinity , shall become the Minister of the linked charge in terms of Section 11 (1) (b) of Act VII, 2003 on the occurrence of the linkage with Muirkirk.

7. **Manse:** The manse of Old Cumnock Trinity shall be the manse of the linked congregations. The manse of Muirkirk lw Sorn shall be sold, let or otherwise disposed of subject to the approval of the Presbytery and, if necessary, of the General Trustees or the General Assembly. One half share (50%) accruing to Sorn congregation of the free proceeds of any such sale, less the valuation of the manse at the time of the linkage between Muirkirk and Sorn, 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 Sorn congregation. The remainder, accruing to Muirkirk congregation, of the free proceeds of any such sale, 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 Muirkirk congregation.

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

9. **Power to Readjust:** While these articles and terms shall form the Basis of Linking for the congregations now linking, the linked congregations shall be free like other congregations, to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery and, if necessary, with the concurrence of the Ministries Council.

BASIS OF LINKING

(Appendix 2)

MUIRKIRK PARISH CHURCH WITH OLD CUMNOCK: TRINITY PARISH CHURCH

The Congregations of Muirkirk Parish Church and Old Cumnock Trinity Parish Church shall be linked.

The congregation of Muirkirk and the congregation of Old Cumnock Trinity shall be linked as from the Twenty First day of September Two Thousand and Ten, and that on the following terms and conditions:

1. **Transference of Property and Funds:** The property and funds belonging to or held on behalf of each congregation shall remain the property and funds of each congregation as at present.
2. **Places of Worship:** The churches at present used and occupied by the congregations shall be the places of worship of the linked congregations. Services shall be conducted in Muirkirk Church at 12 noon and in Old Cumnock: Trinity Church at 10.30am each Sunday.
3. **Territorial Responsibility:** The bounds to be served by the linked charge shall be the present parishes of Muirkirk and Old Cumnock: Trinity or as the Presbytery shall determine.
4. **Kirk Session:** The Minister of the linked charge shall be the Moderator of each Kirk Session. The Kirk Sessions may meet together, as they deem it desirable.
5. **Congregational Management:** The temporal affairs of each congregation shall be administered as at present [Muirkirk is Unitary Constitution, Old Cumnock Trinity is Model Constitution]. The office-bearers of the congregations shall meet annually to decide on their portion of the contribution to

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965. IMPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING STANDING ORDER 3 d)

The Presbytery vote to implement existing Standing Order 3d) and adjourn no later than 10pm.

966. CORRESPONDENCE.

All Correspondence had been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

ADJOURNMENT. The Presbytery rose at 10pm

The Presbytery of Ayr will meet in hunc effectum for a Service of Ordination and Induction at 6.45pm on Thursday 24th June, 2010, within Monkton and Prestwick North Parish Church.

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for a Service of Linking at 6.45pm on Tuesday 31st August, 2010, within Sorn Church.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Alloway Church Hall on 7th September, 2010, at 7pm.
The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on Thursday 26th August, 2010, at 7pm.

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BASIS OF LINKING

(Appendix 1)

MAUCHLINE PARISH CHURCH WITH SORN PARISH CHURCH

The Congregations of Mauchline and Sorn shall be linked at which time the existing Linkage between Sorn and Muirkirk shall be severed.

The Congregation of Mauchline and the Congregation of Sorn shall be linked as from the Thirty First day of August Two Thousand and Ten, and that on the following terms and conditions:

1. **Transference of Property and Funds:** The property and funds belonging to, or held on behalf of, each congregation shall remain the property and funds of each congregation as at present.
2. **Places of Worship:** Both churches at present used and occupied by the congregations shall be the places of worship of the linked congregations. Services shall be conducted in Mauchline at 11.15am and in Sorn Church at 10am each Sunday.
3. **Territorial Responsibility:** The bounds to be served by the linked charge shall be the present parishes of Mauchline and Sorn or as the Presbytery shall determine.
4. **Kirk Session:** The Minister of the linked charge shall be the Moderator of each Kirk Session. The Kirk Sessions may meet together, as they deem it desirable.
5. **Congregational Management:** The temporal affairs of each congregation shall be administered as at present. [Mauchline is Model Constitution, Sorn is Unitary Constitution]

The office-bearers of the congregations shall meet annually to decide on their portion of the contribution to ministry expenses and the maintenance of the manse(subject to the approval of the Presbytery). The initial percentage split for such expenses is Mauchline 75% and Sorn 25%.

6. **Minister:** Both charges being vacant, the two congregations shall proceed jointly, in accordance with the relevant Acts of the General Assembly, to the election of a new minister.
7. **Manse:** The manse of Mauchline shall be the manse of the linked congregations. The manse of Muirkirk lw Sorn shall be sold, let or otherwise disposed of subject to the approval of the Presbytery and, if necessary, of the General Trustees or the General Assembly. One half share (50%) accruing to Sorn congregation of the free proceeds of any such sale, less the valuation of the manse at the time of linkage with Muirkirk 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 Sorn congregation.
8. **Ministerial Support:** The stipend shall be such as is sanctioned by the Ministries Council.
9. **Power to Readjust:** While these articles and terms shall form the Basis of Linking for the congregations now linking, the linked congregations shall be free like other congregations, to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery and, if necessary, with the concurrence of the Ministries Council.