

The launch of Paying our Dues - How Tax Dodging Punishes the Poor, and practical resources for churches and Presbyteries, is the direct result of Deliverances agreed by the Church and Society Council at the General Assembly of 2010. These support Christian Aid's view that companies should be transparent and accountable for the tax they pay, in all the countries in which they operate. The details and the report are available on the Church of Scotland web site.

An Amendment was moved and seconded to delete sections of the Deliverance.

The Amendment was adopted to read as follows:

The Presbytery commend the joint report from Christian Aid Scotland and the Church of Scotland launched on 18th October.

35. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

1. Note of thanks to the Presbytery for flowers from Sandra Mullen
2. Letter from Harry M Garland, Executive Direction of South Ayrshire Council.

ADJOURNMENT. The Presbytery rose at **8.53pm.**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Alloway Parish Church Hall on **Tuesday 1st February**, 2011, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on **Thursday 20th January**, 2011, at 7pm.

MODERATOR

PRESBYTERY CLERK

Scottish Charity Number SC020676

ALLOWAY, 7th December, 2010.

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

24. SEDERUNT. The Rev B Mayes, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 27; Elders, 35; Corresponding Members, 2; Total 64. Apologies were received from 12 Ministers, 1 Deacon and 8 Elders.

25. MINUTES. The Minutes of the Meetings held 2nd November 2010, being in the hands of Members, were taken as read and approved.

26. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Order of Business was approved.

27. INTIMATIONS.

1. **'What's On Your Mind'?** Troon: St Meddan's 6th & 20th February and March with guest speakers Professor Mona Siddiqui, Rev Iain Whyte, Rev John Bell and Harry Reid. (*Posters and Leaflets available for distribution.*)
2. **Applications for any Vacancies for the 2011 General Assembly** should be made in writing to the Clerk prior to the 31st December 2010.
3. **Updated General Assembly Rota** in mailing.
4. **Presbytery Youth Representative Nomination** for 2011 General Assembly. Closing date for application is 1st March 2011 (Aged 18 – 25).
5. **Protection of vulnerable groups legislation.** Due to unforeseen technical problems (with computer set up) the implementation of this piece of Legislation, which affects our Disclosure Procedures, has now been postponed until February 2011. Please pass this information to your Congregational Safeguarding Coordinator.
6. Mailing to **Session Clerks** regarding Statistical returns.
7. **Health and Healing Conference** on Saturday 19th February.

- 8. South Ayrshire Council will be holding a Christmas Candlelight Service on Sunday 19th December at Masonhill Crematorium, at 4pm. (*Posters available for distribution.*)

28. GOOD NEWS ITEMS.

Introduced by Julie Griffiths, Cameron Kerr and Matthew Cooke spoke about their trip to Iona in October as part of the National Children’s Assembly. With the help of a PowerPoint Presentation, Cameron and Matthew spoke with great enthusiasm about Iona, including the Workshops they attended and the Worship they took part in.

The Presbytery congratulate the Rev. David Slater on successfully preaching as Sole Nominee at Gartcosh and Glenboig.

29. ASSEMBLY PAPER.

OVERTURE UNDER THE BARRIER ACT.

Overture Anent Local Review, given in by the Rev Liz Crumlish, member of the Business Committee, who moved the Deliverance, which was adopted:-

The Presbytery approve the Overture simpliciter.

There voted, FOR APPROVAL 39.

There voted, FOR DISAPPROVAL 8.

The Presbytery resolved accordingly.

30. ORDER OF THE DAY - 8.00pm.

1. 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.

1. SCPO BRIEFING PAPER ON THE GOVERNMENT'S SPENDING REVIEW

The Presbytery commend to congregations the SCPO Briefing paper on the Government's Spending Review, copies of which can be found at www.actsparl.org

2. THE PEOPLE’S BIBLE.

The Presbytery commend to Congregations the "People's Bible" – a handwritten Bible for which people will be invited to write two verses each between June 2011 in Edinburgh and London at the end of the year. This is a joint project between the Scottish Bible Society and the Bible Society of England and Wales to mark the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible.

3. POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS WEEK.

The Presbytery invite congregations to participate in Poverty and Homelessness week from 29th January 2011 until 6th February 2011. The Theme for the week is ‘Who Counts?’ Resources and materials are available, including worship materials for both Sundays, ideas for work with children and young people, and all the usual features. A new innovation this year is the prayer calendar – a prayer for every day of Poverty & Homelessness Action Week. These excellent resources, including two PowerPoint presentations and worship ideas are to be found at www.actionweek.org.uk

4. PAYING OUR DUES - HOW TAX DODGING PUNISHES THE POOR.

The Presbytery commend to individuals and congregations, for study and action, the joint report from Christian Aid Scotland and the Church of Scotland launched on 18th October to raise awareness of the billions lost to developing countries from tax evasion and avoidance, and to call on the International Accounting Standards Board to introduce an international country-by-country reporting standard. Such a standard would oblige multinational corporations to report on their profits and other financial details in each of the countries or jurisdictions in which they operate.

ADMINISTRATION FINANCIAL ITEMS, given in by Mr G Kitcheman, Treasurer, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-

2. VOLUNTARY ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS.

The Presbytery note that Voluntary Additional Payments for 2011 have been agreed by the Congregations concerned, namely Troon: St. Meddans, Alloway, Ayr: St. Columba, Prestwick: Kingcase and Ayr: The Auld Kirk.

The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to inform the General Treasurer accordingly.

3. PROPERTY LEVY.

The Presbytery approve the Property Levy for 2011 at £154 per Charge (£77 for each Congregation in the case of a Linked Charge and £51 for each Congregation in a Triple Link).

4. PRESBYTERY BUDGET.

The Presbytery approve the Budget for the year ending 31st December 2011 and the proposed assessment of £50 per Congregation plus 0.8443 per £100 of Christian Liberality, a copy of the Budget to be held in retentis.

5. PRESBYTERY STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE REPRESENTATIVES.

Report by Mr Jim Skinner on discussion and proposals arising from a meeting of the Presbytery Stewardship and Finance Representatives.

34. COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS, given in by Rev A Wilkinson, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-

b. Vacancy schedule - Mauchline L/W Sorn

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

c. Vacancy schedule - Girvan North

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

d. Vacancy schedule – Troon: Portland.

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

2. NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ASSEMBLY, given in by Rev Neil McNaught, Mission Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-

a. The Presbytery thank the Mission and Discipleship Council for organising and funding the National Children's Assembly for 2010.

b. The Presbytery encourage the Mission and Discipleship Council to retain and fund the National Children's Assembly for 2011.

c. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to the Convener of the Mission and Discipleship Council.

3. CHANGE OF SERVICE TIME.

- a. The Presbytery note that Ayr: St. Columba will have one Service of Worship on Sunday 26th December and Sunday 2nd January, time 10.30am.
- b. The Presbytery note that Alloway Parish Church will have one Service of Worship on Sunday 26th December and Sunday 2nd January, time 10.30am.
- c. The Presbytery note all 3 Congregations in Troon are combining for one United Service at 10.30am in Troon: Old on Sunday, 2nd January.
- d. The Presbytery note that due to adverse weather conditions there was no Service in Barr Church on Sunday 5th December.

31. BUSINESS & NOMINATION COMMITTEE, given in by Mrs I Montgomerie, Convener,**1. UPDATE ON HOSPITAL LISTS.**

The Presbytery agree that the Business Committee form a small sub-group to examine the issue and formulate certain possible objectives, prior to consultation with the N.H.S.

2. AYR HOSPITAL RECEPTIONIST.

The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to write to Dr Wai-yin Hatton expressing concern over the proposed removal of the full-time receptionist at Ayr Hospital.

32. MISSION COMMITTEE, given in by Rev Neil McNaught, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-**1. PARISH BOUNDARIES.**

- a. The Presbytery note that draft digitised versions of parish boundaries within the bounds have been produced and may be viewed at:
<http://tables.googlelabs.com/DataSource?dsrclid=305944>
(click on "visualise" then "map").

Parish Ministers and Kirk Sessions are advised to check their boundaries and advise Dr Lewis (dfi@microscopist.freesevice.co.uk) of any apparent discrepancies by 18th January 2011.

- b. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to all Session Clerks within the bounds.

2. EXPLORATORY TALKS.

The Presbytery invite representatives of the Mission and Administration Committees to meet for exploratory talks to consider future local funding issues (including the future use of the discretionary 3%) and to report their recommendations back to the Presbytery at the March meeting.

33. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, given in by Mr C Cameron, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-**1. DAILY PARISH CHURCH HALL: UPGRADE AND REPAIRS.**

The Presbytery approve the application to carry out proposed work on the Church Hall. The work consists of upgrading the toilets, kitchen and main hall and includes provision of disabled access. Estimates for the work have been obtained and the cost is £64,060.95 inclusive of fees and VAT.

Partial funding is available including grants to the total value of £61,792.81 and fund raising is on-going to raise the remaining £2,268.14. All relevant forms have been completed.