

106. COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS.

REPORTS.

Miss Muriel Wilson, Vice Convener, encouraged Congregations to appoint a Church and Society Contact.

The Rev George Fiddes reported that the Rev Levy Nyondo, General Secretary of the CCAP, would be in Scotland in September and that it might be possible to arrange a visit to Ayrshire.

107. CORRESPONDENCE .

All Correspondence had been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

Prior to the Adjournment, the Moderator intimated that Mrs Ishbel Murnin had recently been in hospital and that she should be remembered in our prayers.

ADJOURNMENT. The Presbytery rose at 8.22pm

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Ayr: St James Parish Church on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2011, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2011, at 7pm.

MODERATOR

PRESBYTERY CLERK

Scottish Charity Number SC020676

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ALLOWAY, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2011.

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

95. SEDERUNT. The Rev R Mayes, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retentis. Ministers, 30; Elders, 43; Deacon, 1; Corresponding Members, 2; Total 76. Apologies were received from 12 Ministers and 10 Elders.

96. ROLL OF PRESBYTERY. 61 Ministers; 61 Elders; 2 Deacons; 9 Corresponding Members. Total 133.

97. WELCOME. The Moderator welcomed all new Members.

98. MINUTES. The Minutes of the Meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> June and 28<sup>th</sup> June 201, being in the hands of Members, were taken as read and approved.

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

100. INTIMATIONS.

1. The Presbytery Yearbook.
2. Stewardship Conference – Ayr: St James, 20<sup>th</sup> September.
3. ‘Lead Academy’ Tester Day – Orchardhill Parish Church, 29<sup>th</sup> September.
4. Spill The Beans is a new lectionary based worship resource with a distinctly Scottish flavour. Containing resources for worship and for work with children and young people, [www.spillbeans.org.uk](http://www.spillbeans.org.uk).
5. Ayrshire Children’s Ministry – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October at Ayr: St Andrew’s from 9.30am until 4.30pm. Cost £5.
6. Souper Sunday.
7. Twinning Conference – 1<sup>st</sup> October at Auchterader.

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**101. ORDER OF THE DAY - 8.00pm.****1. VACANCY BUSINESS.****a. Destruction of Vacancy Papers.**

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Clerk reported that the Vacancy Papers for Mauchline linked with Sorn had been destroyed.

**b. Demission of the Rev Harry Mealyea, Minister at Ayr St Andrew's.** Congregations invited. Compeared Mr Elwood Vogt paid fitting tribute to the ministry of the Rev Harry Mealyea.

The Rev Harry Mealyea made a suitable reply.

**c. Appointment of Interim Moderator and Locum.**

The Presbytery appoint the Rev Alistair Morrison, Minister emeritus Paisley: St Mark's Oldhall, as Interim Moderator and Locum at Ayr: St Andrew's as from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011.

**d. Retirement of Miss Muriel Wilson, Deacon at Patna Waterside.** Congregations invited. Compeared Mr David Chalmers and Mr David McLarty paid fitting tribute to the ministry of the Miss Muriel Wilson.

Miss Muriel Wilson made a suitable reply.

**e. Appointment of Interim Moderator at Dalmellington** linked with Patna Waterside.

The Presbytery appoint the Rev John Lochrie, Minister emeritus St Colmon, as Interim Moderator at Dalmellington linked with Patna Waterside as from 1<sup>st</sup> October.

The Presbytery express their thanks to the Rev Gerald Jones, who will retire as Interim Moderator on the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

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**3. AYR: ST QUIVOX PARISH CHURCH.**

The Presbytery approve the application for the release of £8,013.50 from the Consolidated Fabric Fund. This is to assist towards the cost of the installation of a new central heating boiler at the church. Approval has been given by the General Trustees.

**4. DALRYMPLE PARISH CHURCH.**

The Presbytery homologate the actions of the Presbytery Clerk, the Convener of the Administration Committee and the Vice Convener (Benefice and Fabric) in approving the application for the release of £15,500 from the Consolidated Fabric Fund and Funds held for the congregation by the General Trustees.

This is to cover the cost of Replacement of the existing gas fired installation with electric heating, as approved by the General Trustees, repairs to slating, and to eliminate water ingress at the East wall. Repairs to hall drainage and rainwater conductors are also included in the work.

**5. AD HOC COMMITTEE,** given in by Mr Jim Skinner, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-

The Presbytery note that the ad hoc committee has examined the possibility of this Presbytery applying to participate in the Pilot Presbytery Staffing Fund and resolve not to proceed with an application at this time.

The Presbytery note with concern the unrealistic timescale for submission of applications to the Ministries Council and instruct the Clerk to write, expressing disappointment together with an extract minute, to the Secretary of the Ministries Council.

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**104. MISSION COMMITTEE**, given in by the Rev Liz Crumlish, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.

**1. DALMELLINGTON LINKED WITH PATNA WATERSIDE.**

The Presbytery note the annual team report from Dalmellington linked with Patna, Waterside, commend the faithfulness and diligence of the team: Muriel Wilson, Deacon and Morag Gossan, children and families worker and give thanks for the positive response to new youth initiatives.

**105. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**, given in by Mr Colin Cameron, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.

**1. MONKTON & PRESTWICK NORTH.**

The Presbytery approve the application for the release of £10,000 from the Consolidated Fabric Fund. This is to assist towards the cost of upgrading the kitchen units and worktops within the manse. The necessary forms have been completed.

**2. AYR: NEWTON WALLACETOWN.**

The Presbytery approve the application to the General Trustees for a grant of £10,000. This is for a feasibility study for proposed alterations and changes to the church and ancillary buildings. The necessary forms have been completed.

**f. Vacancy Schedule.** Dalrymple linked with Ayr: St Leonard's. Reported by Mr Kitcheman, Treasurer.

The Presbytery approve the Vacancy Schedule, for Dalrymple linked with Ayr: St Leonard's as agreed by the Interim Moderator, and instruct the Clerk to forward these to Miss Elizabeth Dailly, Finance Supervisor, Ministries Council, along with an Extract Minute.

**2. ASSEMBLY PAPERS. ALLOCATION OF REMITS.**

Overtures Under The Barrier Act.

Overture anent Discipline of Ministers, Licentiates, Graduate Candidates and Deacons.

Overture anent Bullying.

Overture anent Discrimination.

Overture anent Discipline of Elders, Readers and Office Bearers.

Business and Nomination Committee will report at the November Meeting.

**3. AYR: CASTLEHILL.**

The Presbytery note that Ayr: Castlehill held services at 10am during the months of July and August.

**4. CATRINE PARISH CHURCH.**

The Presbytery note, with sadness, that following a several break- ins there were no services at Catrine Parish Church on a number of occasions in recent months.

**102. BUSINESS AND NOMINATION COMMITTEE,**  
given in by the Rev Robert McCrum, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.

**1. ARRANGEMENTS FOR OCTOBER MEETING.**

The Presbytery will meet at 7pm within Ayr: St. James Parish Church. The Moderator designate, Mr W Mackie, will be installed. The Presbytery Communion Service will be conducted by the Rev R McCrum, Minister at Ayr: St James. After refreshments, the Business will begin at 8pm.

**2. HOSPITAL PATIENT LISTS.**

The Presbytery encourage Ministers to submit written complaints to Professor Craig White when patients' names are omitted from the Patient Lists, despite upon admission requesting a visit from their Minister.

**3. STEWARDSHIP and FINANCE REPRESENTATIVES' CONFERENCE.**

The Presbytery nominate Mr Frank Potter to be their representative at this year's conference which will be held in the Church Offices on the 15<sup>th</sup> September.

**4. HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2014.**

The Presbytery nominate Mrs Margaret Shuttleworth to be their representative at the Scottish Churches Anti-Trafficking Group meeting which will be held in the Scottish Youth Theatre's premises on the 15<sup>th</sup> September.

**5. MINISTRIES COUNCIL CONSULTATION**

The Presbytery nominate Rev Liz Crumlish to be their representative at the conference 28th/29th September at Creiff Hydro.

**103. EDUCATION COMMITTEE,** given in by the Rev Alec Shuttleworth, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.

**1. SCOTTISH QUALIFICATION EXAMINATIONS.**

The Presbytery note the excellent results achieved by the secondary pupils in the South Ayrshire Council schools and those achieved by pupils in Auchinleck, Doon and Cumnock Academies. The Presbytery warmly congratulate the pupils and teachers for their achievements, and instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the Director of Education of South Ayrshire Council and to the Head teachers of Auchinleck, Doon and Cumnock Academies.

**2. PASTORAL CARE CHAPLAINS**

**a.** The Presbytery note with pleasure the return to work of the Rev Betty Smith as Pastoral Care Chaplain to the North Area of Presbytery with immediate effect.

**b.** The Presbytery appoint the Rev Lawrie Lennox as Pastoral Care Chaplain to the East Area of the Presbytery. This appointment to be under the terms and condition as advertised.