

218. EXPRESSION OF THANKS.

The Moderator expressed his thanks to Ochiltree Parish Church for accommodating the Presbytery of Ayr.

The Moderator also expressed his thanks and good wishes to all retiring members of Presbytery.

ADJOURNMENT. The Presbytery rose at 8.22pm

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Alloway Parish Church Hall on Tuesday 4th September, 2012, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on Thursday 23rd August, 2012, at 7pm.

MODERATOR

PRESBYTERY CLERK

Scottish Charity Number SC020676

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OCHILTREE, 26th June, 2012.

At Ochiltree Parish Church on Tuesday the Twenty Sixth Day of June, Two Thousand and Twelve Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted.

205. SEDERUNT. Mr W Mackie, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retentis. Ministers, 29; Elders, 42; Deacon, 1; Corresponding Members, 2; Total 74. Apologies were received from 6 Ministers and 5 Elders.

206. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK PRO TEMPORE.

In the absence of the Rev Kenneth Elliott, Presbytery Clerk, the Presbytery appointed the Rev Bob Mayes, Vice Convener of the Business Committee to act as Clerk pro tempore. The Rev Bob Mayes took the Oath de fideli.

207. ADMISSION TO SEAT OF PRESBYTERY.

Having applied for a Seat in the Presbytery, the Moderator called on the Rev Andrew McGurk, Minister emeritus Largs: St John's, to affirm the vow taken on his Ordination. The Rev Andrew McGurk made affirmation and signed the Formula. The Moderator admitted the Rev Andrew McGurk to a Seat in the Presbytery and gave him the right hand of Fellowship.

208. MINUTES. The Minutes of the 1st May 2012 and 31st May 2012, being in the hands of members, were taken as read and approved.

209. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Order of Business was approved.

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210. INTIMATIONS.

1. The Presbytery Yearbook 2012 – 2013.
2. How Can I Say It? Conference – 27th October 2012.
3. New Elders Meeting. Reminder of meeting on Thursday 20th September 2012 at 5.30pm. Invitations will be sent out during August.
4. Songs of Praise - Ayr St James' Church -Sunday 23 September 2012 at 7.00pm
5. Prayer Diary – for collection.
6. Death of Father Alan Wilson, Priest at St Francis Xavier's, serving Patna and Dalmellington, and also at St Paul's in Ayr. The Moderator will extend the condolences of the Presbytery to the local Roman Catholic Churches.
7. Clergy Task and Finish Group Meeting. Changes to e-mail.

211. GOOD NEWS ITEM.

The Rev George Fiddes reported on the recent Malawi Trip. Firstly the Report commenced with a musical slide show journey showing the various partnerships the team visited. George then spoke about the visit and mentioned the extreme poverty.

The main remit of the visit was to strengthen the partnerships of the two Presbyteries and the six churches in each, and also the Woman's Guilds and Men's Guilds and Youth Guilds. George explained how the church operates and took out numerous gifts to help improve communications. Financial Aid was also given to hospitals and clinics. The visit was greatly welcomed and very emotional. Worship was lively and long with singing and dancing. George also mentioned that two youth reps are going out in the autumn, Ronan and Natalie from Cumnock. Also, three congregations out there are not twinned with anyone, so are looking for partnerships. It was an exciting journey and a great trip.

2. VISITING TEAMS.

The Presbytery note that the following Congregations will receive a visit this year and appoint the following visiting teams:

Annbank / Tarbolton:	Rev Bob Mayes, Rev Linda Godfrey and two elders.
Auchinleck / Catrine:	Rev Neil McNaught, Rev Fraser Aitken, two elders.
Coylton/Drongan:	Rev Robert McCrum, Rev Rona Young, two elders.
Dalmellington/ Patna Waterside:	Rev Brian Hendrie, Rev David Clarkson, two elders.
Lugar/Old Cumnock/Old:	Rev Stewart Birse, Rev Arrick Wilkinson and two elders.
Mauchline/Sorn:	Rev David Gemmell, Rev Jamie Milliken and two elders.
Muirkirk/ Old Cumnock:Trinity:	Rev Glenda Keating, Rev Douglas Moore and two elders.
New Cumnock:	Rev Ian McLachlan, Rev David Watson and two elders.
Ochiltree/Stair:	Rev George Fiddes, Rev Gerald Jones and two elders.

3. MISSION DEVELOPMENT OFFICER.

The Presbytery note the Job Description and terms and conditions for the post of Mission Development Officer to be recruited under the Pilot Presbytery Staffing fund arrangements.

217. CORRESPONDENCE.

All Correspondence had been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

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

1. **CONFERENCE ON THE ROLE OF SCHOOL CHAPLAINS.**

The Presbytery welcomes the proposed conference on the role of chaplains in schools being hosted by South Ayrshire Council on the 8th of November and urges all ministers, youth workers and others within the bounds of Presbytery who receive an invitation to attend.

2. **PASTORAL CARE CHAPLAIN.**

The Presbytery note the retirement on 30th of June of the Rev Betty Smith from her position as Pastoral Care Chaplain and thanks her for her service. The Presbytery appoint Rev Arrick Wilkinson to serve as Pastoral Care Chaplain for the North Area of Presbytery from 1st July until 31st December or until a new permanent chaplain is appointed, whichever is sooner.

3. **ARK YOUTH EVENT.**

The Presbytery notes the date of the Presbytery Youth event which is to be on the 30th of September 2012 in the Ark.

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

1. **REVIEW OF CONGREGATIONS QUESTIONNAIRE.**

The Presbytery note the questionnaire to be circulated to assist with the proposed interim arrangements for Review of Congregations.

212. **ORDER OF THE DAY - 8.00pm.**

1. **VACANCY BUSINESS.**

a. **Extension of Leave to Call: Girvan North.**

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery grant an Extension of Leave to Call to Girvan North for a further period of six months.

b. **Vacancy Procedure Committee.**

The Presbytery instruct the Vacancy Procedure Committee to meet with the Nominating Committee of Girvan North to review the situation.

c. **Vacancy Schedule: Troon: Old.**

Mr Kitcheman reported on behalf of the Vacancy Procedure Committee.

The Presbytery approve the Vacancy Schedule, for the above 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. **THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. REPORT OF DILIGENCE.**

The Rev David Clarkson, Minister at Monkton and Prestwick North, reported diligence and was thanked.

3. **YOUTH DELEGATE REPORT.**

Kirsty Watson reported on her role as the Presbytery of Ayr Youth Representative at the 2012 General Assembly. Kirsty was thanked accordingly.

4. SUMMER CHANGE OF TIME SERVICES.

The Presbytery note the following Changes:

- a. Dalrymple linked with St. Leonard's. Joint Service each Sunday in July at 10.30am.
Ayr: St Leonard's 1st, 15th & 29th July.
Dalrymple 8th & 22nd July.
- b. Ayr: Castlehill Service each Sunday during July and August will commence at 10am.
- c. Muirkirk linked with Old Cumnock: Trinity are holding Joint Services over the last 4 Sundays in July. Worship will be held in Muirkirk on 8th and 22nd at 12 noon, and at Ayr Road, Cumnock on 15th and at Netherthird on 29th, both Services at 10.30 am.
- d. Ochiltree and Stair Parish Churches are holding United Services over the first 4 Sundays in July. Worship will be held in Stair Church on 1st and 8th July at 10.30am and Ochiltree Church on 15th and 22nd July at 10.30am.
- e. Alloway will be holding one service at 10.30am from 1st July - 18th August inclusive.

3. TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BUILDING.

The Presbytery note that for three consecutive Sundays, due to essential repair work to the ceiling of the chancel, Services at Troon: St.Meddans were held in one of the Church Halls at 9.30am and 11am.

9. LISTED PLACES OF WORSHIP- VAT ON ALTERATIONS.

The Presbytery note the latest information regarding the above scheme:

Budget 2012 announced the withdrawal of the zero rate of VAT for approved alterations to listed buildings, from 1 October 2012. This equalises the VAT rate for repairs and maintenance to listed buildings and for approved alterations to them, as is already the position for work to unlisted buildings.

The Listed Places of Worship Scheme will be extended to offset the financial impact of the VAT change on listed places of worship undertaking alteration works. The Government will provide an additional £30 million of funding a year for the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme for the duration of this Parliament, following the introduction of the change to the VAT rate applied to alterations to listed buildings.

The Government is confident that this will cover the additional costs borne by listed places of worship following the VAT change. It is also confident that the additional resources will enable 100% compensation for repair and maintenance costs eligible under the current Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

Further details on how the extended scheme will operate will be published shortly. In the meantime, the current criteria and rules for the LPW Grant Scheme will continue to apply.

10. ANNBANK PARISH CHURCH.

The Presbytery approve the application by Annbank Parish Church to remodel the Church as a Hall Church. The cost of the work is £86,684. The Committee on Art and Architecture have been consulted and funds are available.

The appropriate forms have been completed.

6. NEWTON WALLACETOWN CHURCH HALLS.

The Presbytery approve the application by Newton Wallacetown Church to carry out alterations to the heating installation for adapted use of the premises. The cost of the work is £3,333 and includes an application for the release of this sum from funds held on behalf of the Congregation in the Consolidated Fabric Fund.

The appropriate forms have been completed.

7. ST COLMON CHURCH HALL.

a. The Presbytery approve, in principle, the application by St Colmon to alter and extend the church hall in accordance with the details provided. The cost of the work is £150,720 and includes an application for the release of £150,000 from funds held on behalf of the Congregation by the General Trustees. The appropriate forms have been completed.

b. As the cost of the work exceeds the £100,000 limit, the Presbytery instruct that an Option Review be undertaken in this regard.

8. TROON OLD PARISH CHURCH MANSE.

The manse at 85, Bentinck Drive, Troon, was inspected on Monday 11th June, by Mr Stuart Kilpatrick Presbytery Vice Convenor (*Benefice and Fabric*) and Mr Colin Cameron, Convenor of the Administration Committee. The manse is generally in very good condition, and is habitable. Improvement work has been carried out including, redecoration, carpet replacement and the refurbishment of the kitchen.

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213. BUSINESS & NOMINATION COMMITTEE, given in by the Rev Robert McCrum, Convener, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-

1. CONVENERS AND VICE CONVENERS OF PRESBYTERY COMMITTEES.

a. Having agreed to suspend Standing Order 4e on a vote of 67 for, 2 against, the Presbytery agreed that the Convener and Vice Conveners of the Administration Committee should continue to serve as such for a further year.

Mr Frank Potter recorded his dissent.
The Rev John Lochrie adhered to the dissent.

The Presbytery note the following appointments:

	BUSINESS	ADMIN	EDUCATION	COMM	MISSION
CONVENER	Robert McCrum	Colin Cameron	Stephen Ogston	David Watson	Liz Crumlish
VICE CONVENER	Bob Mayes	Stuart Kilpatrick (B & F)	Dave Whiteman	Ian McLachlan	David Gemmell
VICE CONVENER		Iain Gemmell			

2. ADDITIONAL ELDERS.

a. The Presbytery appoint Mr Robert Macdonald, Ruling Elder at Troon: St Meddans, to be an additional Elder.

b. The Presbytery appoint Mr Keith McKellar, Ruling Elder at Troon: Portland, to be an additional Elder.

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214. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, given in by Mr GH Kitcheman, Presbytery Treasurer, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-

1. CONSTITUTIONS.

The Presbytery note that the latest amended Deed of Constitution (*Unitary Form*) and Deed of Constitution (*Model Form*) have been received from 121 George Street. Copies can be obtained by downloading or contacting the Administration Convener.

2. PULPIT SUPPLY FEES.

The Presbytery note that the Pulpit Fees as from 1st April 2012 are £55 and for a second Service £15.

3. TROON: PORTLAND.

The Presbytery approve the budget figure of £20,000.00 for replacement extruded anodised aluminium framed double glazed windows with ventilators as replacements to the original hall complex. Funds are available and building warrants for a B listed building in a conservation area are anticipated by the end of June 2012, from South Ayrshire Council.

4. GIRVAN NORTH PARISH CHURCH.

a. The Presbytery approve the application for the release of £46,594.00 from the Consolidated Fabric Fund and funds held for the congregation by the General Trustees.

b. The Presbytery approve the application to the General Trustees for a grant from the General Trustees Central Fabric Fund in the sum of £31,814.00.

The monies to be added to the “Girvan North Parish Church Renovation Fund”, presently standing at £142,533.00, raised by grants and fund raising. This will bring the total fund balance to £220,941.00. The fund is to be used for the replacement of stone mullions at windows incorporating refurbishment of stained glass panels along with various stone repairs to the building. The work was agreed at the Presbytery meeting of 6th July 2010.

c. The Presbytery approve the proposal by the Congregational Board to commence the project and to appoint an Architect to prepare tenders for the replacement of stone mullions at windows incorporating refurbishment of stained glass panels along with various stone repairs to the building.

The work was agreed at the Presbytery meeting of 6 July 2010. The decision to commence work was agreed subject to funding being available to the value of £200,000.00. Fund raising is continuing. The appropriate forms have been completed.

5. KINGCASE PARISH CHURCH MANSE.

a. The Presbytery approve the proposal by Kingcase Parish Church to carry out alterations and improvements to the kitchen of the manse. The work comprises some builder work to eliminate dampness and the removal of a partition wall to incorporate an adjacent room into the kitchen. The work also includes replacement and upgrade of the kitchen units and worktops. The cost of the work is in the region of £29,548 and approval is sought for the release of £12,400 from funds held on their behalf in the consolidated fabric fund. The appropriate form has been completed.

b. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send a copy of the Vice - Convener’s letter, along with the extract minute of the Congregational Board meeting, to the General Trustees.