

Report from Youth Representatives, Ronan Doyle and Natalie Mitchell on Malawi Trip. They spoke with great delight and enthusiasm about attending the Conference '*Come together and experience the joy of Jesus Christ*'.

232. EDUCATION COMMITTEE, given in by the Rev Stephen Ogston, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-

1. PASTORAL CARE CHAPLAINS.

- a. The Presbytery agree that the Rev Paul Russell transfer from the South Area and become the part-time Pastoral Care Chaplain for the North Area.
- b. The Presbytery invite applications for the post of part-time Pastoral Care Chaplain for the South Area; applications in writing to the Education Committee Convener by the 30th September 2012.

233. CORRESPONDENCE.

All Correspondence had been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

ADJOURNMENT. The Presbytery rose at 8.25pm

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Troon: Old Parish Church on Tuesday 2nd October, 2012, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on Thursday 20th September, 2012, at 7pm.

MODERATOR

PRESBYTERY CLERK

Scottish Charity Number SC020676

ALLOWAY, 4th September, 2012.

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

219. SEDERUNT. Mr W Mackie, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retentis. Ministers, 35; Elders, 38; Deacon, 1; Corresponding Members, 3; Total 77. Apologies were received from 6 Ministers and 8 Elders.

220. ROLL OF PRESBYTERY. 67 Ministers; 59 Elders; 2 Deacons; 9 Corresponding Members. Total 137.

221. WELCOME. The Moderator welcomed new Members.

222. ADMISSION TO SEAT OF PRESBYTERY

Having applied for a Seat in the Presbytery, the Moderator called on the Rev Jack M. Brown, Minister emeritus Applegarth, Sibbaldie and Johnstone linked with Lochmaben, to affirm the vow taken on his Ordination. The Rev Jack M. Brown made affirmation and signed the Formula. The Moderator admitted the Rev Jack M. Brown

223. MINUTES. The Minutes of the 26th June, being in the hands of members, were taken as read and approved.

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

225. INTIMATIONS.

- 1. The Presbytery Yearbook.
- 2. School Chaplains Conference – 25th September 2012. Further details from Agnes Mullen, Principal assistant - Church & Society Council.
- 3. Insurance & Property Conference, 9th October 2012 7pm at Ayr: Castlehill.
- 4. School Chaplains Conference, 8th November 2012.

- 5. Route Hope 2012. More information mail@routehope2012.co.uk
- 6. Centrestage Booklets.

226. GOOD NEWS ITEM.

Dylan Harper & Morag Crossan on Route Hope 2012. This would take place in two parts:

- i) *School Week, 25th September – 28th September.*
- ii) *Events at the Ark, 30th September.*

The Moderator thanked Dylan and Morag on behalf of Presbytery.

227. ORDER OF THE DAY - 8.00pm.

1. VACANCY BUSINESS.

- a. Impending Demission of the Rev David Harper.
(Short report from VPC)
The Presbytery appoint the Rev George Fiddes as Interim Moderator and the Rev Andrew McGurk, Minister emeritus Largs: St John’s, as Locum at Troon: St. Meddans.
- b. The Presbytery note that in the matter of the vacancy at Girvan North, the Advisory Committee has been in touch with the Ministries Council.

2. ASSEMBLY PAPERS. ALLOCATION OF REMITS.

The Future of Continuing Ministerial Development.
A Consultation Document Prepared by the Ministries Council for Response by Presbyteries.
Instruct the Council to consult with Presbyteries on options for the future of post-ordination training and support, and instruct Presbyteries to respond by 30th November 2012.
Business and Nomination Committee will report at November meeting.

The Administration Committee propose that all applications should be in the hands of the appropriate Convener by the Monday of the week of the Committee meetings. Any applications thereafter will be dealt with at the following meeting; emergencies and health and safety excepted.

4. AYR: CASTLEHILL PARISH CHURCH.

The Presbytery approve the proposal by Ayr: Castlehill Parish Church to replace 20 existing Crittall type windows, in the adjacent halls and ancillary accommodation, with white PVC double glazed units. The value of the work is £10,461. The proposal includes an application for grant and/ or release of the sum of £2,000 from the Central Fabric Fund. Local Authority approval has been applied for and all appropriate forms have been completed.

231. COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS, given in by the Rev David Watson, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-

1. CHRISTIAN AID.

- a. The Presbytery note the visit to Alloway of Christian Aid's ‘Big Red Bus’ promoting their tax justice campaign on the 1st October 2012.
- b. The Presbytery commend the meeting to be held on 1st October 2012 in the Octagonal Hall of Alloway Church at 7.30pm to promote the end of the injustice of tax dodging at home and abroad.

Report by Rev David Watson, Convener on forthcoming Road Show which will be held on the 27th October. More details will be provided at the October meeting of Presbytery.

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

1. DAILY PARISH CHURCH.

The Presbytery congratulate the Minister, Kirk Session and Congregation of Dailly Parish Church on the recent completion of the refurbishment project at the Church hall.

2. CONFERENCE.

The Presbytery note that a conference will be held for Church Treasurers, Fabric Convenors, and all interested parties, at Castlehill Parish Church Ayr, on Tuesday 9 October 2012, commencing at 7pm.

Mr Kevin Roberts, Chief Executive of Church of Scotland Insurance Company, will speak on insurance of Church properties and there will be an informal question & answer session on insurance. Pre-notification of any specific questions concerning insurance will be welcome prior to the meeting.

The conference will conclude with an introduction to the new Property Register and amended Manse Schedule.

3. PROPERTY: APPLICATIONS FOR PRESBYTERY APPROVAL.

The Presbytery note the requirements for presenting applications for work at Church premises to the Administration Committee for presentation to Presbytery. All applications have to be checked to ensure that all requirements laid down by the Presbytery and the General Trustees have been met and that all required documentation is attached and completed prior to presenting the application to the committee.

Thereafter, a Deliverance is prepared and presented to the committee. Recently, a number of applications have been presented at the last minute and there has been no opportunity to check that all is in order.

3. OPTION REVIEW REPORT, given in by the Rev Robert McCrum, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-

Further to the Option Review carried out at St Colmon, the Presbytery homologate the decision, made under Delegated Powers, to approve the application by St Colmon to alter and extend the Church Hall, in accordance with the details provided.

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

1. ARRANGEMENTS FOR OCTOBER MEETING.

The Presbytery will meet at 7pm within Troon: Old Parish Church. The Moderator designate, the Rev Alastair Symington, will be installed. The Presbytery Communion Service will be conducted by the Rev Alastair Symington, Minister emeritus Troon: Old. After refreshments, the Business will begin at 8pm.

2. STEWARDSHIP and FINANCE REPRESENTATIVES' CONFERENCE.

The Presbytery nominate Keith McKellar to be their representative at this year's conference, which will be held in 121 George Street, Edinburgh on the 26th September.

3. MINISTRIES COUNCIL PRESBYTERY CONFERENCE.

The Presbytery nominate David Clarkson, David Gemmell, and Stephen Ogston to be their representatives at the Ministries Council Presbytery Conference to be held at the Cardrona Hotel on 3rd / 4th October.

4. VACANCY PROCEDURE COMMITTEE.

- a. The Presbytery note the retirement from the Vacancy Procedure Committee of the Rev Alastair Symington and extend their thanks.
- b. The Presbytery appoint the Rev Neil McNaught as the Convener of the Vacancy Procedure Committee.
- c. The Presbytery appoint the Rev Gerald Jones and the Rev David Watson to serve on the Vacancy Procedure Committee.
- d. The Presbytery note that the Vacancy Procedure Committee comprises of the following:

Convener:	Rev Neil McNaught	Aileen Fraser
	Rev Gerald Jones	George Kitcheman
	Rev David Watson	Bill Mackie.

It was moved and seconded as an amendment to Deliverance **4 c.** and **4 d.** that the name of the Rev Paul Russell be added.

It was moved and seconded that if the amendment carried, then an additional amendment be added to Deliverance **4 d.** ensuring that the Vacancy Procedure Committee consisted of an equalising number of Elders.

There voted **FOR** this amendment **53**.

There voted **AGAINST** the amendment **3**.

The original Amendment with the additional amendment was then voted on.

There voted **FOR** the amendment **19**.

There voted **AGAINST** the amendment **27**.

The Presbytery resolved accordingly to accept the original Deliverance **4 a., 4 b., 4 c.** and **4 d.**

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

1. YOUTH DELEGATES.

The Presbytery note that there was a large contingent of delegates from within the Presbytery bounds attending the National Youth Assembly and encourage Congregations to consider the resource these young people are to the Church.

2. AUXILIARY MINISTER.

The Presbytery approve the recommendation of the Mission Committee to appoint the Rev Douglas Moore, Auxiliary Minister, to Ayr: St Quivox for a period of two years.

3. PRESBYTERY PLAN.

- a. The Presbytery approve the Presbytery Plan dated October 2012 and held in retentis.
- b. The Presbytery remit the matter of the status of Craigie within the plan to the North Area Working Group for their recommendations.
- c. The Presbytery note the issues concerning the PPW post in the Ayr Town North Grouping and the part-time Deacon post in Dalmellington linked with Patna, and instruct the Presbytery Clerk to ascertain, from the Ministries Council, the current position with recruitment for PPW posts and instruct the Central and East area working groups to review these positions in the light of the Ministries Council's response.
- d. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send a copy of the revised plan along with an Extract Minute to the Ministries Council.
