

ALLOWAY, 6th November, 2012.

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

250. MINISTERIAL ANNIVERSARY.

25 years: Rev Neil McNaught, Minister, Alloway Parish Church.

The Rev Liz Crumlish, Minister, Castlehill Parish Church, paid fitting tribute to the Rev Neil McNaught. It was in 1985 that Neil had been licensed in Paisley Abbey, accepting a call two years later to St John's Gourrock before coming to Alloway in 1999. Throughout his ministry, Neil had always been held in the highest regard. In addition to his effective work in the parish, Neil had also served in other capacities, both locally and nationally, including supervision of Candidates for the Ministry.

The Moderator expressed the good wishes of the Presbytery.

251. MINUTES. The Minutes of the 2nd October, being in the hands of Members, were taken as read and approved.

252. SEDERUNT. The Rev Alastair Symington, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 34; Elders, 43; Corresponding Members, 1; Total 78. Apologies were received from 4 Ministers, 1 Deacon and 6 Elders.

253. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Order of Business was approved.

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254. INTIMATIONS.

1. Keep Calm Call The Law Department.
2. School Chaplain Conference Reminder – 8th November at Carrick Centre Maybole. The Conference will commence at 9am and finish at 12.30pm.
3. Congratulations to Margaret Shuttleworth who successfully preached as Sole Nominee on the 28th October at Sauchie and Coalsnaught.
4. Lorraine Stobie had won the Ted Wragg National Award for Lifetime Achievement. Lorraine, currently Head teacher at Southcraig, had been involved for over 35 years in Special Needs teaching. The Clerk would forward the congratulations of the Presbytery to Lorraine.

255. GOOD NEWS ITEM -

Dylan Harper & Morag Crossan reported on the success of Route Hope 2012. This had taken place 25th – 30th September. Dylan and Morag spoke with great enthusiasm about the success of Route Hope 2012. They had been in three schools; namely Carrick, Belmont and Doon. In each school they had got the pupils to explore hope revolving around RE and a Prayer Room. At Doon they had also focused on Drama, Music and Art and had received grateful thanks from John McKenzie, Head teacher. They had also held a large event on Sunday 30th September at the Ark and this had included games, a prayer room, band, food and a DJ. Dylan and Morag thanked all involved, including the Guild for supplying home-baking. Their next venture would be in Bellsbank on the 20th January 2013. The Moderator thanked Dylan and Morag for all their hard work.

2. ADVENT RESOURCES

The Presbytery note the availability of “O come all ye faithful...” Advent Resources which explore the Kairos Palestine document and the aspirations of the Palestinian people.

3. PRISONERS WEEK SCOTLAND

The Presbytery note that Prisoners Week Scotland will take place from the 18th-25th November and commend the worship resources on their website to the Presbytery.

Report by George Fiddes on Malawi.

262. CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters of thanks had been received from Rhona Cathcart (*Girvan Bursary*), David Barr and Stuart Crawford (*Mackie of Knockgerran Bursary*).

ADJOURNMENT. The Presbytery rose at 8.25pm

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

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on Thursday 22nd November 2012, at 7pm.

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3. LAW DEPARTMENT LETTER

The Presbytery note the letter from the Law Department to Treasurers relating to Church Accounts held within the Bank of Scotland.

4. MINISTRIES AND MISSION

- a. The Presbytery approve the Ministries and Mission Contributions to be paid by Congregations in 2013, per the column headed 2013 Proposed Contributions.
- b. The Presbytery remind the Financial Courts of Congregations that the contributions due for 2013 must be paid in equal monthly instalments unless by prior agreement.
- c. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the Stewardship and Finance Department of the Church of Scotland.

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

1. WORLD AIDS DAY

The Presbytery note that World Aids Day takes place on 1st December and encourage Congregations within the bounds to display World Aids Day posters on their notice boards and take part in Souper Sunday to support the Church of Scotland HIV Programme.

256. ASSEMBLY PAPER.

Report by Business and Nomination Committee, given in by Mrs Isabell Montgomerie, Convener who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-

1. THE FUTURE OF CONTINUING MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT.

The Presbytery remind Members of the instruction from the General Assembly Remits Booklet to complete '*The Future of Continuing Ministerial Development*' consultation prior to the 30th November 2012.

A copy of the response should be forwarded to the Presbytery Clerk.

2. LEGAL QUESTIONS COMMITTEE.

The Presbytery approve the Legal Questions Committee's review of its Judicial and Appeal Procedure and endorse the suggested changes in the Report.

257. ORDER OF THE DAY - 8.00pm.**ADOPTION OF UNITARY CONSTITUTION. LUGAR PARISH CHURCH.**

In terms of Act XIX, 1964, as amended, the Presbytery note that the Kirk Session and Congregation have resolved to adopt the Unitary Constitution.

The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute together with an Extract Minute of the above Kirk Session and Congregational Meeting to the Solicitor of the Church of Scotland.

258. **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**, given in by Mr Bill Mackie, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-

SAFEGUARDING

The Presbytery encourage Kirk Sessions to notify the Safeguarding Service and the Presbytery Safeguarding Advisor of the current details of the Congregational Safeguarding Coordinator(s).

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

SABBATICAL

The Presbytery note, with gratitude, the service of the Rev Nancy Jackson at Lugar linked with Old Cumnock Old and agree to her requested sabbatical.

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

1. LEGISLATIVE TESTING

a. The Presbytery note that the General Trustees have advised the Presbytery of an offer by British Gas to carry out legislative inspection and testing of fixed electrical installations and portable electrical appliances, and also the maintenance and certification of gas, oil and LPG fired equipment. They are offering to carry out this work at discounted rates / packages for Church of Scotland properties.

They are currently carrying out the gas, oil and LPG testing for Crossreach. It has been left to individual Presbyteries to decide how to proceed in the matter.

Before any discussion can take place, a schedule of properties and equipment would need to be prepared and interest gauged. It would be useful, in the preliminary stage, to find out how many Congregations would be interested in going down the route of getting quotes for this work as a fact finding exercise. This would enable a comparison to be made between British gas offer and existing arrangements. There would be no commitment on any Church without further consultation and their agreement.

It is not suggested that we commit to any deal, merely that we explore the offer to determine whether it is in our individual or collective interest.

b. The Presbytery encourage Congregations to complete the attached form which will then identify the Churches interested in exploring the offer and will provide some details of heating boilers to assist in discussing the matter with British Gas. Please complete and return the attached form (*Appendix 1*) to the Presbytery Office by Monday 3rd December 2012.

2. **BUDGET**, given in by Mr George Kitcheman, Treasurer.

The Presbytery approve the Budget for year ending 31st December 2013 and the proposed assessment of £50 per Congregation plus 0.946 per £100 of Christian Liberty, a copy of the Budget to be held in retentis.

It was moved and seconded as an Amendment that 'The Presbytery agree that the Clerk's salary should be capped at the 2012 level.'

The Amendment fell and the Presbytery resolved accordingly to accept the original Deliverance.