

AYR: ST ANDREWS PARISH CHURCH, 28th February, 2013.

At Ayr: St Andrews Parish Church, on the Twenty Eighth Day of February, Two Thousand and Thirteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted in prayer.

289. SEDERUNT. The Rev A Symington, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 15; Elders, 22; Total 37. Apologies were received from 5 Ministers and 4 Elders and were similarly recorded. 11 others were associated with the Presbytery.

290. INDUCTION OF THE REV MORAG GARRETT TO AYR: ST ANDREWS.

All relevant matters being in order and the Clerk having laid on the Table the prescribed Edict duly executed, no one having appeared to object to the life or doctrine of the said Rev Morag Garrett, the Presbytery resolved to proceed to the Induction of the Rev Morag Garrett to the Pastoral Charge of Ayr: St Andrews. Public Worship was conducted by the Rev Fiona Wilson, Minister of Dalmellington linked with Patna Waterside who preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion. The Narrative and Preamble having been delivered and the prescribed Questions asked and answered satisfactorily, the Rev Morag Garrett signed the Formula.

The Moderator, with prayer, did induct the Rev Morag Garrett and admit her to the Pastoral Charge of Ayr: St Andrews. With other Presbyters, the Moderator gave her the Right Hand of Fellowship. Thereafter, the Moderator put to the Congregation the required Questions which were answered satisfactorily, and gave the Charges.

Public Worship being concluded, the Presbytery instructed the Clerk to confirm the Rev Morag Garrett's name on the Roll of the Presbytery and inform all interested parties. Those taking part were thanked and the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

MODERATOR

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ALLOWAY, 5th March, 2013.

At Alloway Parish Church on Tuesday the Fifth Day of March, Two Thousand and Thirteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted.

291. SEDERUNT. The Rev Alastair Symington, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 43; Elders, 44; Deacon, 1; Corresponding Members, 2; Total 90. Apologies were received from 4 Ministers and 6 Elders.

292. TRIBUTE. Mr Jack Coleman, Ruling Elder.

The Rev Ian McLachlan, Minister of Barr, Dailly and Girvan: South paid fitting tribute to Jack Coleman. It was on the 20th February 1971 that Jack had become an Elder at Dailly Parish Church. Jack had lived a very active life where the Church was an integral part. Jack, an extremely talented individual, was always focused on what he wanted to achieve, both in life and in faith.

293. WELCOME. The Moderator welcomed the Rev Morag Garrett, Minister of Ayr: St Andrews.

294. MINUTES. The Minutes of the 5th February 2013, being in the hands of members, were taken as read and approved.

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

296. INTIMATIONS.

1. Elder's Training as Interim Moderators is periodically available. Any Elder within the Presbytery interested should contact the Clerk.
2. Some interest had been shown in the obtaining of bound copies of the Newlines 2000 to 2012. Before a decision on costs might be ascertained, it would be prudent to find out how many members are interested in purchasing such an issue.
Interest should be indicated to the Presbytery Office.

3. Central Ayr Group Churches will meet in the Skill Lab at Ayr Hospital on Thursday 18th April.

297. RECEPTION OF MINISTRY CANDIDATES, READERS, ADULT TRAINERS, ADVISERS AND CHURCH YOUTH WORKERS.

Introduced by the Rev Stephen Ogston, Vice Convener of the Education Committee. The Moderator conveyed the grateful appreciation of the Presbytery to all the above.

298. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 2013. APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS.

It being betwixt the hours of eleven o'clock in the forenoon and eight o'clock in the evening, the Presbytery did and hereby do nominate and appoint the following Ministers and Ruling Elders their Commissioners to the ensuing General Assembly convened to meet in Edinburgh on Saturday 18th May, 2013:

CHARGE	MINISTER		ELDER
ALLOWAY	Apology		David Lewis
ANNBANK / TARBOLTON	Vacant		Billy Duffy Moira Wilson
AYR ST LEONARD'S / DALRYMPLE	Linda Godfrey		Carole Stewart
BARR / DAILY / GIRVAN SOUTH	Ian McLachlan		Michael Clark Neville Clark
DUNDONALD	Bob Mayes		Pam Kavanagh
LUGAR / OLD CUMNOCK OLD	John Paterson		Marion Wylie Moureen Jones
MAUCHLINE / SORN	David Albon		Dr Keith Martin
CLERK	Kenneth Elliott		
REQUESTS	Alastair Symington		
	John Lochrie		
	George Fiddes		
	Stephen Ogston		
TOTAL	10		10

299. COMMISSION OF ASSEMBLY

The Presbytery nominate the following Commissioners to be members of the Commission of Assembly: Rev John Paterson, Minister at Lugar and Old Cumnock: Old, and Mrs Moureen Jones, Presbytery Elder at Old Cumnock: Old.

300. REPORT OF DILIGENCE

The Presbytery appoint Mrs Pam Kavanagh, Presbytery Elder at Dundonald, to report Diligence.

301. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

The Presbytery nominate Kieran Wardrop to be the Presbytery of Ayr Youth Representative at the 2013 General Assembly.

302. 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 Ayr: St Andrews had been destroyed.

b. Call from Girvan North

Congregational Representatives welcomed. Mr Ronald Gibson, Session Clerk of Girvan North, spoke on behalf of the Congregation.

The Rev Neil McNaught, reporting on behalf of the Vacancy Procedure Committee:

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery note that the Call to the Rev Richard Moffat has been sustained.

The Call has been signed by 233.

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The Presbytery note the following arrangements for the Induction:

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Induction at 6.45pm on Tuesday 16th April, 2013, within Girvan: North Parish Church. The Rev John Matthews, Minister emeritus Glasgow: Ruchill Kelvinside, to conduct Worship and preach; the Moderator to Induct and give the Charges; the Interim Moderator to be responsible for serving the Edict.

c. Supervision of the Rev Richard Moffat

The Presbytery approve the appointment of the Rev Neil McNaught, Minister of Alloway Parish Church, as the supervising Minister. This appointment will be for a period of 6 months and will commence from the date of Induction.

d. Demission of the Rev Stewart Birse

Demission of the Rev Stewart Birse, Minister of Ayr: Newton Wallacetown. Congregation welcomed. Compeared Mr John Bell, Session Clerk at Ayr: Newton Wallacetown, paid fitting tribute to the ministry of the Rev Stewart Birse.

The Rev Stewart Birse made a suitable reply.

e. Troon: Old

i) The Presbytery agree that Troon: Old Parish Church may be listed for Ministers from Non-EEA Countries excluding Switzerland.

ii) The Presbytery affirm that the procedures contained in Appendix 1, Sections 1.2 to 1.4, of the Ministries Council “Update for Presbyteries and Congregations on the Sponsorship of Personnel coming to Scotland from outside the European Economic Area & Switzerland” dated 15th February 2013, have been completed.

iii) The Presbytery are satisfied that there are no outstanding issues of superintendence or other factors that would make such listing inappropriate.

f. Troon St Meddans

The Presbytery approve the Vacancy Schedule for Troon: St Meddans as agreed by the Interim Moderator and instruct the Clerk to forward this, with the Parish Profile and Extract Minute, to Miss Elizabeth Dailly, Finance Supervisor, Ministries Council.

2. SERVICE CHANGES. The Presbytery note the following changes:

a. Ayr: St Quivox

On Sunday 24th March, a joint Service will be held in Dalmilling Parish Church at 10.00am. There will be no Service at Auchincruive Parish Church that day. The Annual Stated Meeting will take place following Morning Worship.

b. Ayr: St Leonard's linked with Dalrymple

On Easter Sunday, 31st March, a joint Service will be held in Ayr: St Leonard's at 11am.

3. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS, given in by Mrs Isabell Montgomerie, Convener of the Business and Nominations Committee.

a. The Presbytery approve the Notice of Motion to review certain Standing Orders relating to 'Finance Restructuring'.

b. This Notice of Motion relates to existing Standing Order Section 3 (g) (ii), 4 (b), 5 (r) and the incorporation of a new Section 6.

For 82. Against 0.

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4. **FINANCE RESTRUCTURING**, given in by Mrs Isabell Montgomerie, Convener of the Business and Nominations Committee.

1. **Presbytery Treasurer**

- a. The Presbytery, with immediate effect, appoint Mr Keith McKellar, Ruling Elder, as the Depute Treasurer in terms of Standing Order 2(h).
- b. The Presbytery, with effect from 1st July 2013, appoint Mr Keith McKellar, Ruling Elder, as the Treasurer in terms of Standing Order 2(h).
- c. The Presbytery, with effect from 1st July 2013, appoint Mr George Kitcheman, Ruling Elder, as the Depute Treasurer in terms of Standing Order 2(h).
- d. The Presbytery remit to the Administration Committee the question of the honoraria to be made to the Treasurer and Depute Treasurer and to report at the June 2013 meeting of the Presbytery.
- e. The Presbytery extend to Mr George Kitcheman their grateful thanks for the work that he has undertaken for the Presbytery as Treasurer.

2. **Presbytery Finance Co-ordinator**

- a. The Presbytery agree to establish the post of Finance Co-ordinator in terms of Appendix A.
- b. The Presbytery, with immediate effect, appoint Mr Frank Potter, Ruling Elder, as the Finance Co-ordinator.

3. Accounts Inspection Committee

- a. In accordance with the Regulations for Congregational Finance 2012, as approved by the General Assembly, the Presbytery agree to establish an Accounts Inspection Committee in terms of Appendix B.
- b. The Presbytery agree that their responsibilities as outlined in the Regulations for Congregational Finance 2012 be transferred from the Administration Committee to the Accounts Inspection Committee with immediate effect.
- c. The Presbytery further agree that the responsibilities for Congregational shortfalls be transferred to the Accounts Inspection Committee with immediate effect.
- d. The Presbytery further agree that the responsibilities of the Presbytery Finance Support Team be transferred to the Accounts Inspection Committee with immediate effect.
- e. The Presbytery formally discharge the Presbytery Finance Support Team with grateful thanks for their service to the Court and to the Congregations within the bounds.
- f. The Presbytery, with immediate effect, appoint Mr Frank Potter and Mr James Skinner, Ruling Elders, as joint Conveners of the Accounts Inspection Committee until 31st December 2014.
- g. The Presbytery, with immediate effect, appoint Stewart Birse, Ian Kelly, George Kitcheman and Moira Wilson as members of the Accounts Inspection Committee until 31st December 2015.

4. Changes to Administration Committee

- a. The Presbytery agree to abolish the existing Vice-Convener posts and to substitute in their place a Sub-Convener (Fabric), a Sub-Convener (Ministry & Mission) and a Sub-Convener (Stewardship).

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- b. The Presbytery agree that these Sub-Conveners will not be members of the Business and Nominations Committee, but may attend the meetings of that Committee on the invitation of either its Convener or the Presbytery Clerk.
- c. The Presbytery agree to appoint a Vice Convener (Succeeding) of the Administration Committee who will be a member of the Business and Nominations Committee in the terms of Standing Order 4(b)
- d. The Presbytery amend its decision of 1st November 2011 [minute 130 (1) at page 391 refers] by substituting the words “Vice Convener Finance” with the words “Sub-Convener (Ministry & Mission)” wherever the former appear in the minute.

5. Consequential amendments to Standing Orders

(Deliverances require a two-thirds majority of those voting)

- a. The Presbytery agree in Standing Order 3(g)(ii) add the following words “the sub-Conveners of the Administration Committee, the Treasurer, the Depute Treasurer, the Finance Co-ordinator and the Publicity Officer, together with the Conveners and Rapporteurs of the Area Groups.”
- b. The Presbytery agree in Standing Order 4(b), delete the words “Benefice and Fabric Vice Convener, Finance Vice Convener”.
- c. The Presbytery agree in Standing Order 5(r), for the words “Vice Convener”, substitute the words “Sub-Convener”.
- d. The Presbytery agree in Standing Order 5(r), before the words “All decisions ..”, add the sentence “Advice from other office bearers may be sought as appropriate before making a decision.”. The Presbytery also agree that “appropriate Vice Convener” be changed to “appropriate Sub-Convener”.

- e. The Presbytery agree to Appendix B being incorporated into Standing Orders as a new section 6 and re-number thereafter.

For 80. Against 1.

- 5. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS**, given in by Mrs Isabell Montgomerie, Convener of the Business and Nominations Committee.

- a. The Presbytery approve the Notice of Motion to review certain Standing Orders relating to ‘The Moderator’ plus ‘June and October’ Meeting of Presbytery’.
- b. This Notice of Motion relates to existing Standing Order Section 2 (b), 3 (a), 3 (b) and 3 (d).

For 81. Against 0.

- 6. THE MODERATOR**

(Deliverances 1. a. and 1 c. require a two-thirds majority of those voting.)

- a. The Presbytery agree to change Standing Order 2 (b), that the Moderator with immediate effect will be nominated and elected at the December meeting, the Moderator shall be installed to office at the June meeting after the Minutes have been approved.
- b. The Presbytery agree that, to assist in this transition, the Rev Alastair Symington, Minister emeritus Troon: Old, will remain as Moderator until June 2014.
- c. The Presbytery agree to change Standing Order 3(b), that the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will now be celebrated prior to Business at the June meeting.

For 83. Against 0.

7. JUNE AND OCTOBER MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

(Deliverances requires a two-thirds majority of those voting.)

- a. The Presbytery agree to change Standing Order 3 (a) which will now state that the June meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of the month. Implemented from June 2014.
- b. The Presbytery agree to change 3(d), that in the month of October the Meeting shall be held in a different area within the bounds, as shall be determined by the Business Committee. Implemented from October 2013.

For 83. Against 0.

8. SICK LEAVE

The Presbytery note that the Rev Linda Godfrey, Minister of Ayr: St Leonard's linked with Dalrymple is currently off sick. This sick leave extends from the 19th February until the 31st March. The Presbytery convey their best wishes to Linda.

303. BUSINESS AND NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE,
given in by Mrs Isabell Montgomerie, Convener.**1. MISSION AND DISCIPLESHP COUNCIL**

The Presbytery nominate the Rev John Paterson, Minister of Lugar linked with Old Cumnock: Old and the Rev Scott Rae, Minister of Muirkirk linked with Old Cumnock: Trinity, to attend the Mission and Discipleship Council Eldership Consultation to be held on Tuesday 23rd April in Old: Cumnock Old at 7pm.

2. SOUTH AREA GROUPING

The Presbytery approve the appointment of the Rev Fraser Aitken, Minister at Ayr: St Columba, as Convener of the South Area Grouping.

304. MISSION COMMITTEE, given in by the Rev Liz Crumlish, Convener.

1. CONGREGATIONAL REVIEWS

- a. The Presbytery commend the diligence of the visiting Teams and Congregations who took part in the recent Congregational Reviews.
- b. The Presbytery agree that no further 5 yearly reviews be considered until a new scheme, agreed by the Presbytery, and facilitated by the Mission Development Officer, has been approved.

2. CRAIGIE PARISH CHURCH

The Presbytery note that Irvine and Kilmarnock Presbytery are no longer in a position to pursue proposed readjustment at Craigie and Riccarton parishes and remit this matter to the Mission Committee in conjunction with the Vacancy Procedure Committee.

305. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, given in by Mr Colin Cameron, Convener.

1. ATTESTATION OF CONGREGATIONAL ACCOUNTS AND TRUSTEES REPORT FOR 2012.

- a. The Presbytery instruct all Congregations within the bounds to deposit an originally signed copy of their Accounts (including the relevant financial statements, with notes, and the annual Trustees report) for 2012 with Mr Frank Potter no later than Tuesday 2nd April 2013 for attestation thereof.

- b. The Presbytery instruct all Congregations within the bounds not to send their 2012 Accounts (including the relevant financial statements, with notes, and the annual Trustees report) to the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator until advised by the Presbytery that their Accounts and Trustees Report have met the standards of the attestation process.
- c. The Presbytery remind all Congregations within the bounds that they must deposit an originally signed copy of their Accounts (including the relevant financial statements, with notes, and the annual Trustees report) for 2012 with the General Treasurer of the Church of Scotland no later than 31st March 2013.

2. STUDY LEAVE

The Presbytery approve the application from the Rev David Albon, Minister of Mauchline linked with Sorn, for a period of study leave from 2nd September to 14th October 2013, as a continuation of previous study leave on 2005 'Familiarisation with the life and ministry of St Ninian', followed by a pilgrimage walk from the Mull of Galloway to Cape Wrath. Pulpit Supply has been arranged.

3. TROON: ST MEDDANS MANSE

The Presbytery note that the Manse at 27 Bentinck Drive, Troon was inspected on Wednesday 30th January. Some minor repairs and recommendations were recorded and the report has been passed to the Interim Moderator for attention.

4. NEW CUMNOCK PARISH CHURCH

The Presbytery approve the application from the Congregational Board of New Cumnock Parish Church to carry out installation of sound, video and recording systems within the Church at a cost of £24,744 including VAT. The work, approved by CARTA, funds are available and the necessary form has been completed.

5. LOG BOOKS.

The Presbytery note that the Ministries Council has stated that as from 2011, all Log Books used by Ministers within the Presbytery must be subject to attestation. Therefore, all Log Books should now be submitted to the Rev W.G. Jones, by 24th March at the latest.

6. ATTESTATION OF MINUTES.

- a. The Presbytery note that the Minutes of the Court and Committees will shortly be attested.
- b. The Presbytery agree that if the Minutes of the Court and Committees are found to be in accordance with the Instructions of the General Assembly, then the Clerk will notify the Principal Clerk accordingly, including this Extract Minute.

306. COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS, given in by the Rev David Watson, Convener.

Report on Malawi by the Rev George Fiddes. The Report included paying tribute to those that had been involved in raising financial support from local fund-raising events. An explanation was also given of how the funds would be allocated to local parties in Malawi.

307. EDUCATION COMMITTEE, given in by the Rev Stephen Ogston, Convener.

1. EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS

The Presbytery note that Elaine Adair, our Youth and Sunday School Adviser, is keen to visit any Easter Holiday clubs and missions within the bounds and information about times and venues should be passed directly to her.

308. CORRESPONDENCE

All Correspondence had been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

ADJOURNMENT. The Presbytery rose at **8.45pm**.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Alloway Parish Church Hall on Tuesday 7th May, 2013, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on Thursday 25th April, 2013, at 7pm.

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Induction on Tuesday 16th April, 2013, at 6.45pm within Girvan: North.

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APPENDIX A
THE PRESBYTERY FINANCE CO-ORDINATOR

- (a) The remit of the Finance Co-ordinator will be to act as the initial point of contact with Congregations on any financial matter, directing the enquiry to the correct post holder within the Presbytery where needed;

act as the initial point of contact with Committees of the Presbytery on any financial matter, directing the enquiry to the correct post holder within the Presbytery where needed;

assist vacant Congregations with financial arrangements pertinent to the vacancy;

offer appropriate support to Ministers newly inducted to Congregations within the bounds;

advise the Presbytery, its Committees, its Ministers and the Congregations within the bounds on general financial matters;

co-ordinate the overall work of those post holders within the Presbytery dealing with financial matters, formally meeting with them as a group at least once a year;

meet with the Conveners of the Standing Committees of the Presbytery when requested;

meet with the Committees of the Presbytery and the Congregations within the bounds as necessary on general financial matters;

arrange such conferences, seminars, training sessions or other events to facilitate the above;

to undertake such other tasks as are remitted by the Presbytery.

- (b) The Finance Co-ordinator will be an *ex officio* member of the Administration Committee and will report to the Presbytery at least once a year.
- (c) The Finance Co-ordinator will be appointed by the Presbytery on the nomination of the Business and Nominations Committee. Although desirable, the Finance Co-ordinator need not be a member of the Presbytery.
- (d) The Finance Co-ordinator may attend the meetings of the Business and Nominations Committee on the invitation of either its Convener or the Presbytery Clerk.
- (e) The Presbytery will meet all the travelling costs and reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Finance Co-ordinator including cost of phone calls and postage.

APPENDIX B
THE ACCOUNTS INSPECTION COMMITTEE

FUNCTIONS

- (a) The functions of the Accounts Inspection Committee are;
- examine and attest the approved accounts of each Congregation within the bounds, prior to the June meeting of the Presbytery, and to report thereat;
- advise and assist those Congregations whose accounts fail to meet the standards of attestation as set by the Council of Assembly of the Church of Scotland;
- offer advice and assistance on an ongoing basis to any Congregation within the bounds, on matters pertaining to Congregational accounts;
- undertake such other tasks as are remitted to it by the Presbytery.

MEMBERSHIP

- (b) The Accounts Inspection Committee will comprise of a Convener and at least three others, but may co-opt extra members as required. At least one member of the Committee will be a member of one of the bodies listed in section C (3) of the Regulations for Congregational Finance 2012, or as may be subsequently amended.
- (c) On completion of their term of office retiring members may be appointed for a further term of service.
- (d) Membership of the Accounts Inspection Committee will run from 1st January to 31st December.
- (e) For the avoidance of any doubt, Standing Orders 4(e) and 4(h) shall not apply to the Accounts Inspection Committee.

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PROCEDURE

- (f) Each Congregation within the bounds will be required to send an originally signed copy of its approved Accounts (including the relevant financial statements, with notes, and the annual Trustees report) for the most immediate financial year, to the Convener of the Accounts Inspection Committee, or such other person as may be nominated by the Presbytery no later than the first Tuesday in April.
- (g) No Congregation will be permitted to send a copy of its approved Accounts (including the relevant financial statements, with notes, and the annual Trustees report) to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator until the Accounts Inspection Committee has attested them.
- (h) No Members of the Accounts Inspection Committee may attest the Accounts (including the relevant financial statements, with notes, and the annual Trustees report) of a Congregation (or linked Congregation) of which they are, or have been at any time in the previous eighteen months either the Minister, a Member, a Trustee, Locum, Interim Moderator, Treasurer or Independent Examiner.
- (i) Any Congregation which has its approved Accounts (including the relevant financial statements, with notes, and the annual Trustees report) rejected by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator must, within seven days, report this fact to the Convener of the Accounts Inspection Committee together with a copy of all the correspondence from the Regulator.

- (j) For the avoidance of any doubt, although the Convener of the Accounts Inspection Committee is not *ex officio* a member of the Business and Nominations Committee, he/she may attend the meetings of the Business and Nominations Committee on the invitation of either its Convener or the Presbytery Clerk.
- (k) The Accounts Inspection Committee will report to the Presbytery under the Order of the Day on the request of the Convener to the Presbytery Clerk.
- (l) In addition to the reports required in furtherance of its specific functions, the Accounts Inspection Committee will report annually on its work at, or before, the December meeting of the Presbytery. The report will include the names of all those who served on the Committee in that year.
- (m) The Accounts Inspection Committee will make available its Minutes for attestation in accordance with Standing Order 4(i).

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