

CARRICK CENTRE 25th June, 2013.

At the Carrick Centre on Tuesday the Twenty Fifth Day of June, Two Thousand and Thirteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted.

325. SEDERUNT. The Rev Alastair Symington, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 37; Elders, 37; Deacon, 1; Corresponding Members, 1; Total 76. Apologies were received from 5 Ministers and 6 Elders.

326. PRESBYTERY FLAG. The Moderator acknowledged that the Presbytery Flag was being displayed for the very first time at the Presbytery. The Moderator conveyed his thanks to the Rev Bob Mayes for designing the flag.

327. WELCOME – The Moderator welcome the Rev Richard Moffat, Minister at Girvan North and Rev Mandy Hickman, Mission Development Officer.

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

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

330. INTIMATIONS

1. The Presbytery Yearbook 2013 – 2014.
2. Newslines.
3. Masonhill Crematorium.

331. PRESENTATION -

The Rev Mandy Hickman, the newly appointed Mission Development Office, gave a presentation regarding her envisaged role within the Presbytery. This included a new approach to the old QV, where the focus would now primarily be on Mission.

332. GOOD NEWS ITEM – David Albon.

The Rev David Albon spoke about his forthcoming period of study leave from 2nd September to 14th October 2013. This would be a continuation of previous study leave on the life and ministry of St Ninian, followed by a pilgrimage walk from the Mull of Galloway to Cape Wrath.

333. ORDER OF THE DAY - 8.00pm.**1. VACANCY BUSINESS.****a. CALL FROM TROON: ST MEDDAN’S**

Congregation representatives welcomed. Mrs Catherine Howlett, Session Clerk of Troon: St Meddan’s spoke on behalf of the Congregation.

Mr George Kitcheman reporting on behalf of the Vacancy Procedure Committee:

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

The Call was signed by 230.

The Presbytery note the following arrangements for the Induction:

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Ordination and Induction at 6.45pm on, Wednesday 28th August 2013, within Troon: St Meddan’s. The, Rev Iain Laing, Minister emeritus Bishopbriggs: Kenmuir, to conduct Worship and preach; the Moderator to Ordain and Induct and give the Charges; the Interim Moderator to be responsible for serving the Edict.

(Numbers indicating attendance 43)

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b. VACANCY SCHEDULES**i) Annbank/Tarbolton**

The Presbytery approve the Vacancy Schedule, for Annbank/Tarbolton 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.

ii) Fisherton/Kirkoswald

The Presbytery approve the Vacancy Schedule, for Fisherton/Kirkoswald 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.

iii) Ayr: Newton Wallacetown

The Presbytery approve the Vacancy Schedule, for Newton Wallacetown 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. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. REPORT OF DILIGENCE.

Mrs Pam Kavanagh, Ruling Elder at Dundonald Parish Church, report diligence and was thanked.

3. SUMMER CHANGE OF TIME SERVICES.

The Presbytery note the following Changes:

- a.** During the months of July and August, the Morning Service at Prestwick South will commence at 10am.

- b. During the months of July and August, the Morning Service at Ayr: Castlehill will commence at 10am.
- c. Ochiltree and Stair will be holding United Services during July: 7th July and 14th July: Stair Parish Church at 10.30am. 21st July and 28th July: Ochiltree Parish Church at 10.30am.
- d. On the 16th June, Dalrymple Parish Church held a Community Thanksgiving Service at 11am.
- e. Ayr: St Leonard's and Dalrymple will be holding United Services during July: 7th July and 21st July: Ayr: St Leonard's Parish Church at 10.30am. 14th and 28th July: Dalrymple Parish Church at 10.30am.
- f. From the 30th June to the 18th August, Alloway Parish Church will be holding a single Service at 10am.
- g. Old Cumnock Trinity and Muirkirk will be holding joint Services on the 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th July and 4th August.

4. ISSUING OF PRACTISING CERTIFICATES.

- a. In terms of Act II, 2000, the Presbytery agree that the following Ministers be issued with Practising Certificates:

Rev Jack Brown	Minister emeritus Applegarth, Sibbaldie and Johnstone linked with Lochmaben
Rev Jim Crichton	Minister emeritus Crosshill linked with Dalrymple
Rev Sam Harris	Minister emeritus Rothesay Trinity
Rev David Harper	Minister emeritus Troon: St Meddan's
Rev Iain Laing	Minister emeritus Bishopbriggs: Kenmuir
Rev Lawrie Lennox	Minister emeritus Cromar
Rev Robert Lynn	Minister emeritus Ayr: St Leonard's linked with Dalrymple

Rev John Lochrie	Minister emeritus St Colmon
Rev Andrew McGurk	Minister emeritus Largs: St John's
Rev John Matthews	Minister emeritus Glasgow: Ruchill Kelvinside
Rev David Ness	Minister emeritus Ayr: St Quivox
Rev Alastair Sanderson	Minister emeritus Craigie linked with Symington
Rev Eddie Simpson	Minister emeritus Glasgow: Giffnock South
Rev Betty Smith	Minister emeritus Fauldhouse: St Andrew's
Rev Alastair Symington	Minister emeritus Troon: Old
Rev Arrick Wilkinson	Minister emeritus Fisherton linked with Kirkoswald
Rev Ken Yorke	Minister emeritus Dalmellington linked with Patna Waterside
Miss Muriel Wilson	Deacon emeritus Patna Waterside

b. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the Principal Clerk of the Church of Scotland.

5. **ACCOUNTS INSPECTION COMMITTEE**, given in by the Joint Conveners, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-

a. **AUCHINLECK PARISH CHURCH**

The Presbytery note that the Accounts Inspection Committee express their concern that the Accounts were not submitted for attestation until the 13th June 2013.

b. **INTERIM REPORT ON THE ATTESTATION OF CONGREGATIONAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2012**

i) The Presbytery note that the Accounts for 2012 for the undernoted Congregations comply with the Regulations for Congregational Finance, and agree that these Congregations are now permitted to submit an original signed copy of these Accounts to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, together with their Annual Return:

Alloway	Ayr: Castlehill
Ayr: Newton Wallacetown	Ayr: St. James
Ayr: St. Leonards	Ayr: The Auld Kirk of Ayr
Barr	Craigie
Dalmellington	Dundonald
Girvan: North	Drongan: The Shaw Kirk
Kirkmichael	Kirkoswald
Mauchline	Ochiltree
Old Cumnock: Old	Old Cumnock: Trinity
Prestwick: St. Nicholas	Prestwick: South
St. Colmon	Troon: Portland
Troon: St. Meddan's	

ii) The Presbytery note that confirmation letters have been prepared for the Treasurer of each of the Congregations (i) above for uplift at the meeting of the Court.

iii) The Presbytery note that the Accounts for 2012 for the undernoted Congregations do not wholly comply with the Regulations for Congregational Finance:

Ayr: St. Andrews	Ballantrae
Dalrymple	Girvan: South
Monkton & Prestwick: North	Prestwick: Kingcase
Stair	Troon: Old

However, given the comparatively minor infringements, the Presbytery agree that these Congregations be permitted to submit an original signed copy of these Accounts to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, together with their Annual Return, on the express understanding that such infringements are not repeated in future years.

iv) The Presbytery note that appropriate letters have been sent to the Treasurer, the Clerk of the Financial Court and the Minister of the Congregations listed in (iii) above.

- v) The Presbytery note that some Congregational Accounts do not comply with the Regulations for Congregational Finance and instruct these Congregations to follow the advice of the Accounts Inspection Committee to achieve compliance at the earliest possible date. The Presbytery note that letters have been sent to the Treasurer, the Clerk to the Financial Court and the Minister of the relevant Congregations.
- vi) The Presbytery authorise and instruct the Clerk, together with the Joint Conveners, to sign the Interim Report for the General Treasurer of the Church of Scotland as required by the Regulations for Congregational Finance.
- vii) The Presbytery note that a final report on the attestation of Congregational Accounts will be brought to a later meeting of the Court.
- viii) The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the General Treasurer of the Church of Scotland.

334. BUSINESS & NOMINATION COMMITTEE, given in by the Mrs Isabell Montgomerie, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-

1. SPIRITUAL CARE AT UWS AYR CAMPUS

The Presbytery nominate the Rev David Gemmell, Minister of Ayr: The Auld Kirk, to join the Spiritual Care Team at UWS Ayr Campus.

2. APPOINTMENT OF SUB CONVENER STEWARDSHIP

The Presbytery appoint Mr Keith McKellar as the Sub Convener Stewardship for the Presbytery of Ayr.

3. STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE REPRESENTATIVES' CONFERENCE

The Presbytery nominate Mr Keith McKellar and Mr Frank Potter to be their representative at this year's conference, which will be held in 121 George Street, Edinburgh on the 25th September.

4. ADDITIONAL ELDER

The Presbytery agree that Mr Frank Potter be appointed as an additional Elder.

5. VICE CONVENER 2013 / 2014

The Presbytery note the appointment of the Rev Fiona Wilson, Minister at Dalmellington linked with Patna Waterside, as Vice Convener of the Community and World Concerns Committee.

6. HOUSING & LOAN FUND

- a. The Presbytery concur with the decision of the Congregation of Ayr: St Quivox in allowing the Rev Rona Young to continue as Minister until May 2016.
- b. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send a copy of this Extract Minute to the Trustees of the Housing and Loan Fund.

7. MINISTRIES COUNCIL PRESBYTERY CONFERENCE

The Presbytery nominate the Rev Mandy Hickman, Mrs Isabell Montgomerie and Mr Gordon MacDonald to be their representatives at the Ministries Council Presbytery Conference to be held at the Cardrona Hotel on 2nd / 3rd October.

8. ORDAINED LOCAL MINISTER

The Presbytery nominate Miss Morag Crossan to be trained as an Ordained Local Minister.

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

Plus Malawi report from the Rev George Fiddes.

1. NFU AND THE RSABI

The Presbytery note the joint statement from the NFU and the RSABI seeking the assistance of Congregations in providing pastoral support to farming families and draw attention to the help available through the RSABI listening and support service “GATEPOST.” Further details may be found at their website www.rsabi.org.uk

2. WEST SOUND

- a. The Presbytery of Ayr express regret at the decision to remove local content in West Sound radio broadcasts, including the cessation of an award winning religious programme.
- b. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to Bauer Media.

336. EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Report by the Rev Brian Hendrie on Worship Team Training.

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

1. OLD CUMNOCK OLD PARISH CHURCH

The Presbytery approve the application by the Congregation for approval, in principal, to proceed with a repair project covering various works to the Church and hall including repairs to stonework, roof repairs, repairs to leaded glass windows, external painting, heating boiler replacement and repair of rainwater goods. All works arise from the Quinquennial inspection report on the property.

The cost of the work is estimated at £63,414.00 (sixty three thousand, four hundred and fourteen pounds). Some funds are available to apply to the project. Grants have been applied for to various bodies, and decisions are awaited. The Congregation further seek approval to apply for a grant of £14,132.00 (fourteen thousand, one hundred and thirty two pounds) from the Central Fabric Fund.

The Church of Scotland Heating Consultant has been consulted and listed building consent has been applied for. When all funding is in place and all approvals have been obtained, the Congregation will seek Presbytery permission to proceed with the works. All relevant forms have been completed.

2. TREASURER AND DEPUTE TREASURER

The Presbytery accept the recommendation that the annual payments should be:- Treasurer £768, Expenses £288, Depute treasurer £384, Expenses £144.

3. MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS

a. The Presbytery note the Sub-Committee formed on the 1st November 2011 met on the 13th June.

- b. The Presbytery homologate the decision of the Sub-Committee to appoint the Rev David Gemmell as its Convener pro tempore pending the appointment of a Sub-Convener (Ministry and Mission).

4. **CONGREGATIONAL TREASURERS**, given in by Mr Frank Potter, Presbytery Finance Co-ordinator.

The Presbytery note that the Presbytery Finance Co-ordinator will be arranging a survey in the autumn of relevant Congregational Office-bearers to identify problems being faced by Congregational Treasurers so that Presbytery might offer them better support in the future.

5. **MAUCHLINE PARISH CHURCH**

- a. The Presbytery approve in principle the application by Mauchline Parish Church to replace all heating boilers along with upgrades to the present heating system, based on the report by Andrew MacOwen Associates of 15 May. The cost of the work is in the region of £55,000.00 (fifty five thousand pounds) inclusive of VAT and fees. It includes an application for the release of £39,084.00 (thirty nine thousand and eighty four pounds) being the funds held on behalf of the Congregation by the General Trustees. It also includes an application for a grant from the General Trustees Central Fabric Fund, in the sum of £11,000.00 (eleven thousand pounds).
- b. As the cost of the work, along with further work planned over the next three years, exceeds £100,000 (one hundred thousand pounds), the Presbytery instruct that an Option Review be undertaken in this regard. All appropriate forms have been completed.

- c. The Presbytery instruct the Convener of the East Area Group to convene the Option Review in respect of Mauchline Parish Church, in accordance with Presbytery Standing Orders and to report to the September meeting of the Presbytery.

338. CORRESPONDENCE.

All Correspondence had been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

339. EXPRESSION OF THANKS.

The Moderator expressed his thanks to the Carrick Centre and Maybole Parish Church for accommodating the Presbytery.

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

ADJOURNMENT. The Presbytery rose at **8.50pm**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Alloway Parish Church Hall on **Tuesday 3rd September**, 2013, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on **Thursday 22nd August**, 2013, at 7pm.

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Ordination and Induction on **Wednesday 28th August**, 2013, at 6.45pm within Troon: St Meddan's.

MODERATOR

PRESBYTERY CLERK