

**ALLOWAY, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2013.**

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

**377. SEDERUNT.** Rev A Symington, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retentis. Ministers, 37; Elders, 38; Deacon, 1; Corresponding Members, 1; Total 77. Apologies were received from 5 Ministers and 12 Elders.

**378. TRIBUTE.**

The Rev Ian Macdonald, Minister emeritus of Tarbolton Parish Church paid fitting tribute to the Rev Campbell Saunders.

The Rev Campbell Saunders had been Ordained and Inducted to Newtonmore in 1954. In 1962 he had moved to Ayr: St Leonard's.

During his ministry, Campbell had embraced the role of Parish Ministry, always admiring and respecting his Congregation. In addition, he always sought not just to serve his Congregation, but also the people of his Parish.

In 1979 Campbell served as Moderator of the Presbytery of Ayr where he led with great inspiration.

In addition, Campbell was a great family man, enjoying 60 years of marriage to Dorothy and being father to Caroline and Fiona. In retirement, Campbell took the time to pursue his hobbies with the use of the spade, rod and fiddle.

**379. WELCOME AND THANKS.**

The Moderator welcomed the Rev Derek Peat, Minister of Troon: St Meddan's and the Rev Jill Clancy, Minister of Annbank linked with Tarbolton.

The Moderator also offered thanks to the Rev Bill Hannah for once again producing Newslines following his period of ill-health.

**380.    MINUTES**

The Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> October and 10<sup>th</sup> October, being in the hands of members, were taken as read and approved.

**381.    ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

The Order was Business was approved.

**382.    INTIMATIONS**

1. Nomination Committee selection for Councils and Standing Committees.
2. An evening of praise featuring Ian White is being held in the Carrick Centre, Maybole on 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. Admission is free. Donations for the work of the India Ministries Fellowship would be appreciated.

**383.    ASSEMBLY PAPER -**

Report from the Business & Nominations Committee, given in by Mrs Isabell Montgomerie, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:

**OVERTURE ANENT THE APPEALS ACT (INTERIM) (ACT II 2013)**

The Presbytery approve the Overture Simpliciter, with the Comment that the length of time to intimate an Appeal under Section 2 (1) be extended from 14 days to 28 days.

There voted for Approval: 72  
There voted for Disapproval: 0  
The Presbytery resolved accordingly.

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**384. ORDER OF THE DAY - 7.30pm****1. VACANCY BUSINESS****Destruction of Vacancy Papers**

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Clerk reported that the Vacancy Papers for Annbank linked with Tarbolton had been destroyed.

**2. ORDINATION of Mrs Sandra Black, Ordained Local Minister.**

The Presbytery resolve to meet in hunc effectum on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2013, at 6.45pm within Ayr: Castlehill Parish Church, to ordain Mrs Sandra Black to the Ordained Local Ministry; the Rev Richard Moffat, Minister at Girvan: North, to conduct Worship and preach and the Moderator to ordain and give the Charge.

**3. SICK LEAVE**

The Presbytery note that the Rev Fiona Wilson has returned to her Charge, Dalmellington linked with Patna Waterside, on a part-time basis. The Rev John Lochrie will continue to serve as Locum.

**385. BUSINESS AND NOMINATION COMMITTEE,**  
given in by Mrs Isabell Montgomerie, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:**1. CONGREGATIONAL YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE**

The Presbytery invite Congregations to nominate a young adult representative, aged 18-25, for a year, to participate in the meetings of the Committees and Court of the Presbytery.

**2.        PRISON CHAPLAINCY**

The Presbytery note the appointment of the Rev Jill Clancy as part-time Chaplain at HM Prison, Kilmarnock.

**386.    COMMUNITY    AND    WORLD    CONCERNS  
COMMITTEE**, given in by the Rev Ian K McLachlan, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:

**1.        IMAGINING SCOTLAND**

The Presbytery note that for Congregations who were not able to participate in the recent Imagining Scotland event, there will be more opportunities to explore the issue of Scotland's future in their own Churches in 2014.

**2.        BANDAWE PRESBYTERY PARTNERSHIP  
COMMITTEE**, given in by Rev. George R. Fiddes on behalf of the Bandawe Presbytery Partnership Committee, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:

The Bandawe Presbytery Partnership Committee on behalf of the Presbytery of Ayr approve the application to the Scottish Government Development Small Grants Programme for project funding and instruct the Clerk to provide a letter of support to accompany the application.

***HEALING MINISTRY REPORT***

***Report given by the Rev Michael Dickie, Minister emeritus of Ayr: Castlehill, on involvement with the Healing Ministry. The Moderator recorded his thanks on behalf of the Presbytery to the Rev Michael Dickie for all his work over the years.***

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- 387. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**, given in by the Rev Stephen Ogston, Convener.

*Report by Dylan Harper on Route Hope November 2013.*

**1. BURSARIES**

- a. After consultation with the trustees of the Mackie of Knockgerran Bursary, the Presbytery note the award of £150.00 to Robert Johnson.
- b. After consultation with the trustees of the Girvan Bursary, the Presbytery note the award of £400 to Rhona Cathcart.

**2. SAFEGUARDING**

The Presbytery remind Kirk Sessions of the instruction from the General Assembly to participate in the Safeguarding Training for Kirk Sessions.

- 388. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**, given in by the Rev Gerald Jones, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:

**1. ALLOWAY CHURCH - OPTION REVIEW**

- a. The Presbytery note the intention of Alloway Church to proceed with the enlargement and refurbishment of the Church Hall and associated works at an estimated cost of £485,000, and instruct an Option Review to be undertaken, with the results of the Review reported back to Presbytery by the February meeting of 2014.
- b. The Presbytery instruct the Rev John Paterson to initiate an Option Review.

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**2. MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CONGREGATIONS FOR 2014**

The Presbytery approve the Ministries and Mission contributions being sought from Congregations in 2014, as per the schedule held in retentis. Congregations are reminded that these contributions must be paid in equal monthly payments unless prior consent of the Presbytery has been given.

The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the General Treasurer of the Church of Scotland.

**3. BUDGET**, given in by Mr George Kitcheman, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:

The Presbytery approve the Budget for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 and the proposed assessment of £60.00 per Congregation plus 1.028 per £100 of Christian Liberality, a copy of the Budget to be held in retentis.

**4. PROPERTY RETURNS**

The Presbytery note the Report by Rev Gerald Jones regarding the disappointing return of Property submissions.

(Out of 80 submissions due, only 12 had been received. The Administration Committee were sympathetic to certain Congregations who were struggling to find individuals willing to look after Church property.)

**389. MISSION COMMITTEE**, given in by the Rev John Paterson, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:

**1. DEVELOPMENT/FAMILY WORKER**

The Presbytery note that Ayr Town North have agreed with the Ministries Council a job description for a Development/Family Worker: Ayr St Quivox and will be moving to advertise the post and appoint a suitable candidate.

*Report by the Rev Mandy Hickman, M.D.O.*

**390. CORRESPONDENCE.**

All Correspondence had been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

ADJOURNMENT. The Presbytery rose at 8.30pm.

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

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November**, 2013, at 7pm.

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Ordination at 6.45pm on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** at Ayr: Castlehill Parish Church.

**MODERATOR**

**PRESBYTERY CLERK**

**AYR: CASTLEHILL PARISH CHURCH, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2013.** At Ayr: Castlehill Parish Church, on the Twelfth Day of November, Two Thousand and Thirteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted in prayer.

**391. SEDERUNT.** Rev A Symington, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retentis. Ministers, 16; Elders, 13; Corresponding Members, 1; Total 30. Apologies were received from 1 Minister and 2 Elders and were similarly recorded. 2 others were associated with the Presbytery.

**392. ORDINATION OF MRS SANDRA BLACK TO ORDAINED LOCAL MINISTRY.**

All relevant matters being in order, the Presbytery resolved to proceed to the Ordination of Mrs Sandra Black to Ordained Local Ministry.

Public Worship was conducted by the Rev Richard Moffat, Minister of Girvan North, who preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion. The Narrative and Preamble having been delivered and the prescribed Questions asked and answered satisfactorily, Mrs Sandra Black signed the Formula.

The Moderator, the Rev Alastair Symington, with prayer did ordain her. With other Presbyters, the Moderator gave her the Right Hand of Fellowship.

Public Worship being concluded, the Presbytery instructed the Clerk to inform all interested parties. Those taking part were thanked and the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

**MODERATOR**

**PRESBYTERY CLERK**