

**ALLOWAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2013.**

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

**393. SEDERUNT.** Rev A Symington, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retentis. Ministers, 39; Elders, 40; Deacon, 1; Corresponding Members, 1; Total 81. Apologies were received from 6 Ministers and 10 Elders.

**394. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> November and 12<sup>th</sup> November, being in the hands of members, were taken as read and approved.

**395. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Order was Business was approved.

**396. INTIMATIONS.**

1. Christmas Candlelight Service - Masonhill.
2. Statistical Returns. Closing date: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014.
3. Applications for any Vacancies for the 2014 General Assembly should be made in writing to the Clerk prior to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013.
4. Congregational Youth Representative reminder. Any interested person should forward their name to the Rev Stephen Ogston.
5. Tear Fund Christmas Tour Leaflets – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

**397. GOOD NEWS ITEM**

Dylan Harper reported on **Route Hope 2013** with a tremendous sense of enthusiasm. The event had been a great success in paving the way for 2014.

The Moderator commended Dylan for all his hard work.

**398.    MALAWI REPORT FROM PAT YOUNG.**

Pat Young from Ayr: Auld Kirk spoke about some of the fund-raising activities which the Congregation and local Community had supported to raise funds for Malawi.

**399.    ORDER OF THE DAY - 7.30pm.**

**1.    ALLOWAY PARISH CHURCH OPTION REVIEW REPORT**, given in by the Rev John Paterson, Convener.

Following the Option Review concerning Alloway Parish Church:

- a.    The Presbytery approve the proposal to proceed with the refurbishment of the Church Halls at an estimated cost of £300,000 subject to the approval of the General Trustees.
- b.    The Presbytery approve the project for the extension of the Church Halls subject to the finance, estimated at £200,000, being in place and the approval of the General Trustees.
- c.    The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to forward an Extract Minute to the General Trustees.

**2.    SERVICE CHANGES**

The Presbytery note the following change:

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December, a joint Service will be held in Troon: St Meddan's at 10.30am. There will be no Service at Troon: Portland Church and Troon: Old Church that day.

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- 3. OLD CUMNOCK: TRINITY. CLOSURE OF NETHERTHIRD BUILDING (Old St Ninians Church)**  
given in by the Rev John Paterson, Mission Convener.
- a. The Presbytery approve the decision of the Kirk Session and Congregation of Old Cumnock: Trinity Parish Church at meetings held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013 to close Old Cumnock: Trinity Netherthird building, previously known as Netherthird St Ninians.
  - b. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute, together with extract copies of the Session Minute and Congregational Meeting, to the General Trustees in Edinburgh for their attention.
  - c. The Presbytery instruct Old Cumnock: Trinity to liaise with the General Trustees concerning the appropriate procedure to be followed.
  - d. The Presbytery agree to hold a Service to mark the closure of Netherthird.
- 400. BUSINESS AND NOMINATION COMMITTEE,**  
given in by Mrs Isabell Montgomerie, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.
- 1. NOMINATION OF PRESBYTERY MODERATOR**
- The Presbytery appoint the Rev Scott Rae, Minister of Muirkirk linked with Old Cumnock: Trinity, to be Moderator of the Presbytery of Ayr for the year beginning 17<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

**2.            MINISTRIES COUNCIL CONSULTATION**

The Presbytery nominate Mrs Isabell Montgomerie, the Rev Rona Young and the Rev Mandy Hickman to attend the Ministries Council Consultation on the 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

**401.        MISSION COMMITTEE**

Report by the Rev Mandy Hickman, Mission Development Officer on **‘More Than Gold’**.

**‘More Than Gold’** will be striving to link Christianity to the 2014 Commonwealth Games. The objective will be to involve the Presbytery of Ayr in the various opportunities that will arise from the Glasgow Games. An Information Evening will be held in Monkton Community Church at 7pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014.

**1.            PRESBYTERY PLAN** given in by the Rev John Paterson, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:

- a.**        The Presbytery approve the current Presbytery Plan held in retentis and note the change highlighted in 1 b.
- b.**        The Presbytery, as previously agreed, note that the Congregation of Craigie and the Congregation of Symington will unite in 2014.
- c.**        The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the Ministries Council.

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- 402. COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS COMMITTEE**, given in by the Rev Ian K McLachlan, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted: (Included Malawi Update from George Fiddes.)

### **THE INHERITANCE OF ISRAEL**

The Presbytery note the report ‘The Inheritance of Israel’ available on the Internet and the response from the Scottish Council of Jewish Communities.

The full findings are available at [www.scojec.org/jewishinscotland.html](http://www.scojec.org/jewishinscotland.html).

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

### **1. MINISTRIES AND MISSION**

The Presbytery remind all Congregations within the bounds that in accordance with the Ministries and Mission Regulations:

- i) all Ministries and Mission contributions due from Congregations in the current financial year must be received by the General Treasurer’s Department by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013, and
- ii) those Congregations that do not meet this timescale are required to be named in the Minutes of Presbytery, regardless of the reason for non-compliance.

**2.            GIRVAN NORTH**

The Presbytery homologate the decision of the Presbytery Clerk and Benefice & Fabric Sub Convener in approving the application from Girvan: North for a loan of £20,000. The Presbytery note this application is for work to the exterior of the Church which has already been approved, and is within the original budget.

**404.        CORRESPONDENCE.**

All Correspondence had been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

**ADJOURNMENT.**    The Presbytery rose at 8pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Alloway Parish Church Hall on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February**, 2014, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**, 2014, at 7pm.

**MODERATOR**

**PRESBYTERY CLERK**

**Scottish Charity Number SC020676**

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