

ALLOWAY, 4th February, 2014.

At Alloway Church on Tuesday the Fourth Day of February, Two Thousand and Fourteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted.

405. SEDERUNT. Rev A Symington, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retentis. Ministers, 39; Elders, 44; Corresponding Members, 3; Total 86. Apologies were received from 7 Ministers and 9 Elders.

406. MINUTES

The Minutes of the 3rd December, 2013, being in the hands of members, were taken as read and approved.

407. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr Frank Potter moved against Deliverance **411. 1a, 1b and 1c** being presented by the Administration Committee dealing with Attestation of Congregational Accounts and Trustees report for 2013. The Presbytery voted to retain the status quo. Mr Potter asked that his dissent be recorded.

The Order of Business was approved.

408. INTIMATIONS.

1. Reminder of Healing Conference – Saturday 15th February.
2. Pathway to Prayer – Saturday 15th March. Leaflets available.
3. Congregations wishing to apply to the 3% Committee for a reduction in their Ministries and Mission contribution should apply to Rev Scott Rae by 1st April. Application forms may be obtained from Rev Scott Rae.
4. EQUIP set for Saturday 22nd March in Ayr: Castlehill. Key note speaker will be the new Fresh Expressions Development Worker. There will be workshops on Worship, Messy Church, Stats for Mission and MTG Festivals.

409. ORDER OF THE DAY - 8.00pm.

1. VACANCY BUSINESS

EXTENSION OF LEAVE TO CALL: FISHERTON AND KIRKOSWALD

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery grant an extension of Leave to Call to Fisherton and Kirkoswald for a further period of six months.

2. CRAIGIE PARISH CHURCH / SYMINGTON PARISH CHURCH

a. The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for a Service of Closure on Wednesday 7th May, 2014, at 6.45pm within Craigie Parish Church.

b. The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for a Service of Union on Tuesday 13th May, 2014, at 6.45pm within Symington Parish Church.

3. OLD CUMNOCK: TRINITY. CLOSURE OF NETHERTHIRD BUILDING

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for a Service of Closure on Tuesday 1st April 2014, at 6.45pm within Netherthird (*Old St Ninians Church*).

4. SERVICE CHANGE

The Presbytery note that Ayr: St Quivox (Auchincruive Church) will be closed on Sunday 30th March. This will allow the Annual Stated Meeting to take place at Dalmilling Parish Church after the Service.

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410. BUSINESS AND NOMINATION COMMITTEE,
given in by Mrs Isabell Montgomerie, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:

1. ACCOUNTS INSPECTION JOINT CONVENERS

- a. The Presbytery note the resignations of Mr Frank Potter and Mr James Skinner, Ruling Elders, as Joint Conveners of the Accounts Inspection Committee. The Presbytery extend their grateful appreciation to Mr Frank Potter and Mr James Skinner for all the work undertaken in 2013.
- b. The Presbytery appoint the Rev Stewart Birse, Minister emeritus Ayr: Newton Wallacetown, and Mr Ian McLeod, Ruling Elder, as joint Conveners of the Accounts Inspection Committee until 31st December 2014.

2. CENTRAL AREA GROUPING

- a. The Presbytery note the resignation of the Rev Paul Russell as Central Area Convener. The Presbytery extend their grateful appreciation to the Rev Paul Russell for all his involvement in the Central Area Grouping.
- b. The Presbytery appoint the Rev Arrick Wilkinson, Minister emeritus Fisherton and Kirkoswald, as Convener of the Central Area Group.

3. PRESBYTERY DISABILITIES ADVISER

The Presbytery appoint the Rev Steve Clipston, Minister of Auchinleck and Catrine, as the Presbytery Disabilities Adviser.

(Following a remit agreed by the Mission and Discipleship Council in March 2011, a new Learning Disabilities Working Group was established in September 2013. A Conference will held in March 2014.)

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

1. ATTESTATION OF CONGREGATIONAL ACCOUNTS AND TRUSTEES REPORT FOR 2013

- 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 2013 with the Presbytery Office no later than Tuesday 1st April 2014 for attestation thereof.
- b. The Presbytery instruct all Congregations within the bounds not to send their 2013 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 2013 with the General Treasurer of the Church of Scotland no later than 31st March 2014.

2. EXAMINATION OF 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 Ministers using Log Books are asked to submit their 2013 Log Books for examination and attestation to the Rev. W.G. Jones as soon as possible, and no later than the meeting of Presbytery on Tuesday, 4th March 2014. Ministers are also reminded of the strict guidelines provided by the Ministries Council, and are expected to adhere to these when recording their mileage entries.

3. ATTESTATION OF CONGREGATIONAL RECORDS

The Presbytery note that all those responsible for the attestation of Congregational records are asked to make arrangements for the 2014 attestation as soon as possible. More assistance is required for the Ayr district - those willing to help with the attestation process are asked to contact Mr. Frank Potter for further information and to register their interest.

4. STUDY LEAVE

- a. The Presbytery note the application for study leave from the Rev. George Fiddes to visit Bandawe and Limphasa Presbyteries in North Malawi from 26th May 2014 until 13th June 2014, and also note the arrangements for pulpit supply and ministerial cover during this period.
- b. The Presbytery note the application for study leave from the Rev. David Watson to visit Ayr Presbytery's partner churches in Bandawe from 26th May 2014 until 13th June 2014, and also note the arrangements for pulpit supply and pastoral cover during this period.

5. DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION

The Presbytery note that present Data Protection Legislation necessarily impacts upon Ministers, Kirk Sessions and congregations, and is now the subject of ongoing discussion within the Administration Committee, with a view to the Presbytery possibly adopting a Data Protection Policy in due course.

6. ANNBANK PARISH CHURCH

The Presbytery approve the decision of the Kirk Session and Congregational Board to put the Roger Memorial Hall up for sale. An Extract Minute of the relevant meetings has been provided.

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

7. GIRVAN: SOUTH

The Presbytery approve the application by Girvan South Parish Church to the General Trustees for a grant of £2,462 for the removal of Asbestos in the Boiler House.

8. DILIGENCE REPORT

The Presbytery note that the diligence report for 2013 has been completed and returned to the General Trustees within the required time.

**9. ANNUAL REPORT OF PRESBYTERY FINANCE
CO-ORDINATOR**

The Presbytery note the Report will be made at the March meeting of the Court.

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10. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS, given in by Mr Frank Potter, Finance Co-ordinator.

The Presbytery urge the charity trustees of the undernoted Congregations to meet to consider whether or not it is still prudent to continue to produce fully accrued accounts and formally record their decisions:-

Ayr: The Auld Kirk	Girvan: North	Prestwick South
Ayr: Newton Wallacetown	Mauchline	Symington
Ayr: St Andrews	Monkton & Prestwick North	Troon: Old
Ayr: St Leonard's	Prestwick: Kingcase	Troon: Portland
Dundonald	Prestwick: St Nicholas	

**412. COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS, given in by the Rev Ian McLachlan, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:
(Malawi Report by the Rev David Watson.)**

MALAWI

1. The Presbytery note that the Malawi Group is no longer pursuing the grant application that was discussed at a previous meeting.
2. The Presbytery note their thanks to all the Congregations who contributed to the recent successful Christmas Malawi net appeal. Any outstanding monies should be returned as soon as possible.

413. CORRESPONDENCE.

All Correspondence had been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

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ADJOURNMENT. The Presbytery rose at 7.45pm.

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

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on **Thursday 20th February**, 2014, at 7pm.

MODERATOR

PRESBYTERY CLERK

Scottish Charity Number SC020676

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