

ALLOWAY, 4th March, 2014.

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

414. SEDERUNT. Rev A Symington, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retentis. Ministers, 41; Elders, 50; Deacon 1 Corresponding Members, 2; **Total 94.** Apologies were received from 5 Ministers and 3 Elders.

415. MINUTES

The Minutes of the 4th February, 2014, being in the hands of Members, were taken as read and approved.

416. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Order of Business was approved.

417. INTIMATIONS

1. Pathway to Prayer – Saturday 15th March.
2. EQUIP. Register by 14th March at www.resourcingmission.org.uk/events/equip-ayr
3. Vacancy for Youth Representative at 2014 General Assembly.
4. Prayer Diary to be uplifted.
5. Ayrshire Vocations Conference - Saturday 27th September 2014 in the Howard Centre, Kilmarnock.

418. STUDY LEAVE REPORT - Rev Dave Whiteman

The Rev Dave Whiteman, Minister of Coylton and Dronagan spoke of his Study Leave in Romania with the Smiles Foundation. The Report was accompanied by a PowerPoint Presentation.

419. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2014. 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 17th May, 2014:

CHARGE	MINISTER	ELDER
AYR: ST COLUMBA	Fraser Aitken	George Park
BALLANTRAE / ST COLMON	Stephen Ogston	Claire Pirrie
MUIRKIRK / OLD CUMNOCK: TRINITY	Scott Rae	Scott Riddex
NEW CUMNOCK	Helen Cuthbert	Mary Harper
PRESTWICK: ST NICHOLAS	George Fiddes	Margaret McIntosh
PRESTWICK: SOUTH	Kenneth Elliott	
TROON: ST MEDDAN'S	Derek Peat	
REQUESTED		
RETIRED	Jim Crichton	Gordon Macdonald
RETIRED	Bill Hannah	James Kirk
BUSINESS & NOMINATION VC	Bob Mayes	Elizabeth Riome
		Elizabeth Lyons
		Morag Hannah
TOTAL	10	10

420. COMMISSION OF ASSEMBLY

The Presbytery nominate the following Commissioners to be members of the Commission of Assembly: Rev Stephen Ogston, Minister at Ballantrae and St Colmon, and Mrs Claire Pirrie, Presbytery Elder at St Colmon.

421. REPORT OF DILIGENCE

The Presbytery appoint the Rev Derek Peat, Minister at Troon: St Meddan's to report Diligence.

422. ORDER OF THE DAY - 7.30pm.**1. READJUSTMENT**

The Presbytery note the updated Basis of Union for Craigie / Symington. (See Appendix 1)

2. VACANCY BUSINESS**a. EXTENSION OF LEAVE TO AYR: NEWTON WALLACETOWN**

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery grant an extension of Leave to Call to Ayr: Newton Wallacetown for a further period of six months.

b. RESIGNATION OF INTERIM MODERATOR AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW INTERIM MODERATOR AT FISHERTON LINKED WITH KIRKOSWALD.

i) The Presbytery note that Mr Bill Mackie will resign as Interim Moderator at Fisherton linked with Kirkoswald as of 30th April 2014. The Presbytery convey their thanks to Mr Bill Mackie for all the work undertaken as Interim Moderator.

ii) The Presbytery appoint the Rev Robert Lynn, Minister emeritus of Ayr: St Leonard's linked with Dalrymple, as Interim Moderator.

3. SICK LEAVE.

a. The Presbytery note that the Rev Rona Young is on sick leave.

b. The Presbytery note the decision of the Kirk Session of Ayr: St Quivox to appoint the Rev Douglas Moore as Interim Moderator and Locum from the 4th March. The Presbytery convey their best wishes to Rona.

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4. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY FINANCE CO-ORDINATOR, given in by Mr F.D. Potter.

- a. The Presbytery receive the report of the Presbytery Finance Co-ordinator.
- b. The Presbytery remind all of its Committees that the Finance Co-ordinator has a remit to assist them in their work.

5. DAILLY PARISH CHURCH

The Presbytery note that throughout the month of February, the Congregation of Dailly Parish Church had been holding their Sunday Service in the Hall. This was due to problems with the heating system resulting from a flooded basement.

6. STRAITON PARISH CHURCH

The Presbytery note that on Sunday 9th February, the Congregation at Straiton Parish Church met for worship in the McCandlish Hall, due to the malfunction of the heating system caused by excessive weather conditions.

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

1. CONGREGATIONAL YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES

The Presbytery appoint Kerrie Lee (Ayr: St Columba), Ruaridh McKellar (Troon: Portland) and Ian Philp (Troon: Portland) as the Congregational Youth Representatives for their respected Churches.

2. DALMELLINGTON SUPPORT GROUP

- a. The Presbytery note the resignation of the Rev Scott Rae, Minister at Muirkirk linked with Old Cumnock: Trinity, from the Dalmellington Support Group. The Presbytery convey their thanks to the Rev Scott Rae for all his involvement and support.
- b. The Presbytery appoint the Rev Eddie Simpson, Minister emeritus Giffnock South, to serve on the Dalmellington Support Group alongside the Rev George Fiddes and Mrs Isabell Montgomerie.

424. EDUCATION COMMITTEE, given in by the Rev Stephen Ogston, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:**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. Information about times and venues should be passed directly to her.

2. WORSHIP TEAM TRAINING

The Presbytery note that all expressions of interest in the Worship Team Training (which will take place in May/June) should be sent to Rev Brian Hendrie by 31st March.

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

1. WATER SEWERAGE CHARGES

The Presbytery note with concern the possibility of Churches losing their ‘exemption status’ under a new scheme, scheduled to start on the 1st April 2015, and continue to monitor the response of the Scottish Churches Committee and the Solicitor of the Church to any new proposals which may impact on Churches and Church properties.

2. BALLANTRAE PARISH CHURCH.

The Presbytery approve the application by Ballantrae Parish Church to the General Trustees for a grant of £6000 (six thousand pounds) from the Central Fabric Fund. The grant is for an option study in respect of a possible extension or annexe to the church building and improvements to the toilet facilities at the rear of the church. The appropriate forms have been completed. The Presbytery instructs the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland.

3. AYR: NEWTON WALLACETOWN PARISH CHURCH

a. The Presbytery note that Ayr: Newton Wallacetown Church propose to upgrade their existing suite of halls, including removal of asbestos, renewal of fixtures and fittings, heating and electrical installations and the provision of an office space and a disabled toilet. The cost of the work is estimated at £352,905.16 (three hundred and fifty two thousand, nine hundred and five pounds and 16p).

b. As the cost of the work, exceeds £100,000 (one hundred thousand pounds), the Presbytery instruct that an Option Review be undertaken in this regard.

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

(Malawi Report by the Rev George Fiddes which included the announcement that to date £12,800 + has been raised from sale of the Mosquito Nets.)

1. RELIGIOUS PROGRAMME ADVISORY GROUP

The Presbytery note that the R.P.A.G., initially formed to monitor Religious broadcasting on West Sound, has now undertaken the task of assisting at the new community Radio Station 'Irvine Beat'. The R.P.A.G. will seek to provide presenters for 'Pause for Thought' and will also seek to produce special programmes for Easter and Christmas.

2. HEALING CONFERENCE

The Presbytery commend the Rev Michael Dickie and his team for the excellent and very successful Healing Conference which attracted approximately 90 attendees.

3. CROSSROADS

The Presbytery note the work of Crossroads South Ayrshire who help carers and who would welcome any financial support that Congregations feel able to give them.

4. FAITH AND CHURCH EVENT

The Presbytery note the recent success of the Faith and Church Event and hope that similar Conferences will be held in the future.

427. CORRESPONDENCE.

All Correspondence had been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

ADJOURNMENT. The Presbytery rose at **8.15pm.**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Alloway Parish Church Hall on **Tuesday 6th May** 2014, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on **Thursday 24th April** 2014, at 7pm.

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 – Numbers attending approximately 40*).

MODERATOR

PRESBYTERY CLERK

APPENDIX 1
BASIS OF UNION
Craigie Linked with Symington

The congregation of Craigie Parish Church of Scotland: Kilmarnock (Scottish Charity Number SC002633) and the congregation of Symington Parish Church of Scotland (Scottish Charity Number SC002144) shall be united as of 13th May 2014 on the following terms and conditions:

1. **Name:** The name of the united Congregation shall be Craigie Symington Parish Church (Church of Scotland).
(Scottish Charity Number SC002144)
2. **Transference of Property and Funds:** The property and funds belonging to, or held on behalf of each Congregation shall belong to or be held on behalf of the united Congregation and any transference necessary shall be duly effected.
3. **Places of Worship:** The Church at present used and occupied by the Symington Parish Church Congregation shall be the place of worship of the united Congregation. The Church at present used by the Craigie Parish Church Congregation shall be used, sold, let or otherwise disposed of, subject to the titles on which it is held, subject to the approval of the Presbytery, and, if necessary, the General Trustees or the General Assembly. The free proceeds of any such sale or let shall;
 - (a) if falling within the scope of Act VII 1995, be credited to the benefit of the Congregation in the Consolidated Fabric Fund
or
 - (b) if not falling within the scope of the said Act, be held and applied for fabric purposes in connection with the properties of the Congregation.

4. **Territorial Responsibility:** The bounds to be served by the united Charge shall be the present area of the parishes of Symington and Craigie or as the Presbytery shall determine.
5. **Kirk Session:** The elders of both Kirk Sessions shall form with the Minister the Kirk Session of the united Congregation.
6. **Congregational Management:** The temporal affairs of the united Congregation shall be administered by the Kirk Session in terms of the Unitary Constitution, the Delegation of Assembly being authorised to issue the appropriate Deed of Constitution to the said Congregation.
7. **Minister:** The Rev. Glenda Keating, presently Minister of Symington linked with Craigie shall be the Minister of the united charge in terms of Section 11 (1) (b) of Act VII, 2003.
8. **Manse:** The present manse of the linked charge of Craigie and Symington Congregations shall be the manse of the united congregation.
9. **Ministerial Support:** The stipend of the minister shall be payable in terms of the National Stipend Scheme.
10. **Power to Readjust:** While the articles and terms shall form the Basis of Union for the two Congregations now uniting, the united Congregation shall be free like other Congregations; to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery and with the approval of the Presbytery Planning Task Group of the Ministries Council as need may arise.

NETHERTHIRD (*Old St Ninian's Church*) **CUMNOCK, 1st April, 2014.** At Netherthird, on the First Day of April, Two Thousand and Fourteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted in prayer.

428. SEDERUNT. Rev A Symington, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retentis. Ministers, 10; Elders, 16; Corresponding Members, 1; Total 27. Apologies were received from 5 Ministers and 3 Elders and were similarly recorded.

429. DEMISSION OF THE REV LINDA GODFREY

- 1. Following receipt of a letter of Demission from the Rev Linda Godfrey, the following Deliverance was moved and adopted:**
 - a. The Presbytery note the Demission of the Rev Linda Godfrey, Minister of Ayr: St Leonard's and Dalrymple, on the grounds of ill-health as from the 31st March 2014.
 - b. The Presbytery convey their thanks to Linda for her ministry at Ayr: St Leonard's and Dalrymple.
 - c. The Presbytery hope and pray that Linda will be restored to full health in the near future.
 - d. The Presbytery note that the Rev Ken Yorke, Minister emeritus Dalmellington linked with Patna Waterside, has agreed to continue as Interim Moderator and Locum for the immediate future.
 - e. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to issue a Qualified Practising Certificate (Ill-Health) to the Rev Linda Godfrey in accordance with the provisions of Act XV 2002 (as amended).

- f. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the Ministries Council and to the Session Clerks at Ayr: St Leonard's and Dalrymple.

430. CLOSURE OF NETHERTHIRD.

All relevant matters being in order and the Clerk having laid on the Table the relevant Minute (409: 30), the Presbytery resolved to proceed to the Closure of Netherthird.

Public Worship was conducted by the Moderator, in a manner appropriate to the occasion.

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.

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