

**OLD CUMNOCK: TRINITY, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.**

At Old Cumnock: Trinity Parish Church on Tuesday the Seventeenth Day of June, Two Thousand and Fourteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted.

**461. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014 being in the hands of members, were taken as read and approved.

**462. RETIRING MODERATOR.**

The Moderator's term of office being completed, the Clerk, on behalf of the Court, thanked the Rev Alastair Symington.

**463. INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR ELECT.**

The Clerk laid on the Table Minute 400.1 appointing the Rev Scott Rae, Minister of Muirkirk linked with Old Cumnock: Trinity, to be Moderator of the Presbytery. The Presbytery reaffirmed the appointment. The Rev Scott Rae was summoned into the Court. The Moderator put the prescribed Question, which the Rev Scott Rae answered.

The Moderator installed the Rev Scott Rae with prayer, handed him the Ordinal, and put on his shoulders the Moderator Scarf and declared him duly installed as Moderator of the Presbytery of Ayr for the year ending 16<sup>th</sup> June, next, and then gave him the Right Hand of Fellowship. A Bible was also donated by Words of Wisdom.

The Rev Scott Rae took his place and acknowledged Court. The Meeting was adjourned.

**464. PRESBYTERY COMMUNION SERVICE.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated. This Service was conducted by the Moderator.

Following refreshments, the Presbytery met for business in Old Cumnock: Trinity Parish Church.

**465. SEDERUNT.** Rev S Rae, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retentis. Ministers, 28; Elders, 40; Corresponding Members, 2; **Total 70.** Apologies were received from 10 Ministers and 5 Elders.

**466. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Order of Business was approved.

**467. INTIMATIONS.**

1. Presbytery Yearbook.

**468. GUEST SPEAKER SLOT.****Mrs Isobel Johnson, Convener of Ayr Presbyterial Council.**

Mrs Johnson spoke of the work carried out during the year. This included fostering fellowship between Guilds and offering assistance to any Guild struggling to exist. In addition, the Guild had held 3 Guild Rallies. Mrs Johnson also highlighted that in times of uncertainty the Guild does seek to face the future in a positive manner. Worship, prayer and action underpin the ethos of the Guild. Regarding action, Mrs Johnson briefly highlighted some of the very worthwhile causes supported by the Guild.

In conclusion, Mrs Johnson recorded her own personal thanks for the support received from the Presbytery and fellow members of the Presbyterial Council during her time in office.

The Moderator conveyed his appreciation to Isobel on behalf of the Presbytery.

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**469. ORDER OF THE DAY - 8.30pm.****1. VACANCY BUSINESS****a. Ayr: Newton Wallacetown**

Congregation Representatives welcomed. Mr John Bell, Session Clerk of **Ayr: Newton Wallacetown**, spoke on behalf of the Congregation.

Rev Neil McNaught reporting on behalf of the Vacancy Procedure Committee:

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery note that the Call to the Rev Abi T. Ngunga has been sustained.

The Call was signed by 149.

The Presbytery note the following provisional arrangements for the Induction:

The Presbytery will provisionally meet in hunc effectum for Induction at 6.45pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014, within Ayr: Newton Wallacetown.

This provisional date is subject to the release of the Rev Abi T. Ngunga from the Presbytery of Buchan.

The, Rev David Prentice-Hyers, Minister at Troon: Old, to conduct Worship and preach; the Moderator to Induct and give the Charges; the Interim Moderator to be responsible for serving the Edict. *(Numbers attending 52)*

**b. Prestwick: Kingcase**

Call to the Rev David Watson, Minister at Prestwick: Kingcase to Largs: Clark Memorial.

Rev Neil McNaught reporting on behalf of the Vacancy Procedure Committee:

In terms of Acts VIII, 2003, the Presbytery note the Call from Largs: Clark Memorial to the Rev David Watson, Minister at Prestwick: Kingcase, has been sustained and the translation agreed.

**2. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. REPORT OF DILIGENCE.**

Rev Derek Peat, Minister Troon: St Meddan's, reported 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. Ayr: St Leonard's and Dalrymple will be holding United Services at 10.30am during July:  
6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July at Ayr: St Leonard's.  
13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July at Dalrymple.
- c. During the months of July and August, the Morning Service at Ayr: Castlehill will commence at 10am.
- d. Muirkirk and Old Cumnock: Trinity will be holding United Services:  
22<sup>nd</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> July and 20<sup>th</sup> July - 12noon at Muirkirk.  
29<sup>th</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> July and 27<sup>th</sup> July - 10.30am at Old Cumnock: Trinity.
- e. Ochiltree and Stair will be holding United Services:  
6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July - 10.30am at Stair.  
20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July - 10.30am at Ochiltree.

**4. UNITARY DEED OF CONSTITUTION ISSUED BY THE DELEGATION OF ASSEMBLY**

The Presbytery note the Unitary Constitution has been issued to Ayr: St Andrew's Parish Church.

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## 5. ISSUING OF PRACTISING CERTIFICATES.

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

Rev Stewart Birse	Minister emeritus Ayr: Newton Wallacetown
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.

6. **ATTESTATION OF ACCOUNTS**, given in by the Joint Conveners, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.

**Interim Report on the Attestation of Congregational Accounts for 2013.**

- a. The Presbytery note that the Accounts for 2013 for the undernoted Congregations comply with the Regulations for Congregational Finance and agree 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:  
Ayr: St Andrews, Ayr: St Columba, Ayr: St Leonards, Ayr: St Quivox, Ballantrae, Coylton, Craigie, Crosshill, Dailly, Dundonald, Drongan The Schaw Kirk, Fisherton, Girvan South, Kirkmichael, Monkton and Prestwick North, Prestwick South, Prestwick St Nicholas, Sorn, Straiton (St Cuthbert's), Symington, Troon Old, Troon Portland.
- b. The Presbytery note that confirmation letters and advice information have been prepared for the Treasurers of each of the Congregations listed in A above for uplift at the meeting of the Court.
- c. The Presbytery note that the Accounts for 2013 for the undernoted Congregations do not wholly comply with the Regulations for Congregational Finance:  
Alloway, Auchinleck, Ayr: Castlehill, Ayr: Newton Wallacetown, Ayr St James, Ayr: The Auld Kirk of Ayr, Catrine, Dalmellington, Girvan North, Kirkoswald, Lugar, Mauchline, Maybole, Muirkirk, New Cumnock, Ochiltree, Old Cumnock: Trinity, Prestwick Kingcase, Stair, St Colmon. Troon: St Meddan's.

However, given the comparatively minor infringements, the Presbytery agree that these Congregations be permitted to submit an ORIGINAL SIGNED COPY of these Accounts,

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PROPERLY DATED BY THE TRUSTEES, 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.

- d. The Presbytery note that letters of advice have been sent to the Treasurer, the Clerk of the Financial Court and the Minister of the Congregations listed in (C) above.
- e. 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 of advice have been sent to the Treasurer, the Clerk of the Financial Court and the Minister of the relevant congregations.
- f. 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.
- g. The Presbytery note that a Final Report of the Attestation of the Congregational Accounts will be brought to a later meeting of the Court.
- h. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the General Treasurer of the Church of Scotland.
- i. The Presbytery express its sincere thanks to all Treasurers who compiled the Accounts, along with those who compiled the Narratives thereto, for all their efforts in attempting to produce Accounts which would comply with the Regulation of the Charities Regulator. The Presbytery also thank all Treasurers for their work during the year represented by the Accounts they have produced.

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

**1. DISCERNMENT PROCESS**

The Presbytery nominate Mrs Pam Kavanagh, Ruling Elder, to attend training in preparation to becoming a Mentor or Presbytery Assessor.

**2. GUEST SPEAKER**

The Presbytery note that Mr Rob Keating, Convener of the Shelter Box Disaster Team for South Ayrshire, has been invited to be the Guest Speaker at the November Presbytery.

**471. MISSION COMMITTEE**, given in by the Rev Liz Crumlish, Vice Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.

*(Included Report from Ronan Boyle and Natalie Mitchell)*

**1. RECEPTION OF LCR REPORTS**

The Presbytery note the date, times and location when 2013/2014 Local Church Review reports will be received by participating congregations.

All will be received in Girvan South Church, New Hall, on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, at times notified. Members of the Mission Committee attending all day are invited to bring a packed lunch. Receiving congregations are requested to be represented by the Minister and one other.



Congregation	Time for receiving	Congregation	Time for receiving
Girvan South	0930 - 0945	St Colmon	1130 - 1145
Barr	0950 - 1005	Girvan North	1200 - 1215
Dailly	1010 - 1025	Maybole	1300 - 1315
Kirkmichael	1030 - 1045	Crosshill	1320 - 1335
Straiton	1050 - 1105	Kirkoswald	1340 - 1355
Ballantrae	1110 - 1125	Fisherton	1400 - 1415

Members of the Mission Committee will be asked to remain for a short time after the last congregation to complete the comments for the Presbytery after hearing all reports and comments from each congregation.

## 2. **TIMETABLE FOR LOCAL CHURCH REVIEW IN 2014/15**

The Presbytery note the congregations for Local Church Review in the year 2014/2015 and the proposed team leaders, and dates.

(In 2014/15 the congregations for Local Church Review are in the North grouping. The old QV's system for these charges were carried out in 2007/8).

This includes the following charges:

Craigie Symington, Dundonald, Monkton and Prestwick North, Prestwick Kingcase, Prestwick South, Prestwick St Nicholas, Troon Old, Troon Portland and Troon St Meddan's.

### **Timetable:**

- At the April committee meeting, Mission committee confirms the area grouping to be reviewed during the next 12 months ( as noted above) and allocates each charge in the grouping a review month.
- At the April committee meeting, Mission committee will draw up a list of visitation teams that includes MDO, one minister and their respective presbytery elder.

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- At the April committee meeting, Mission Committee set the dates for the LCR visitation teams training session in August of that year.
- The above information will be taken to the Business committee in April for agreement/ approval.
- At the May Presbytery meeting, a report will be delivered naming the Congregations to be reviewed calendar year from September – May and the months in which they will be reviewed. The report will also identify the designated members of the visitation teams for that year and the training date to be attended by all those involved in the LCR visitation teams.
- At its June meeting, Mission committee accept and approve the LCR reports and SMART objectives from the charges visited throughout the session. Summary report to be agreed and delivered to Presbytery at its June meeting.
- At its August 14 meeting, Mission committee receive the report and feedback from the LCR pilot and consider recommendations /adaptions for the future LCR process.
- After the June Presbytery meeting, charges to be visited in 2014/15, and in subsequent years, will be contacted and issued the LCR guidelines and review month. They will be offered an opportunity to request a meeting with the MDO to discuss the LCR process with their Kirk Session & Congregational boards if required.
- LCR congregational pack including the ministers' questionnaire will be issued in August with dates identified for questionnaires return and for the ministers LCR group meeting.
- At the LCR training in August, visitation teams will be allocated charges to visit and provided with:  
  
A copy of the Act Anent Local Church Review  
LCR Guidelines approved by the Presbytery  
LCR visitation team pack
- LCR visits will commence in September and be completed in May of each year

**Proposed timetable - Local Church Review 2014/15**

Due to the number of charges within this LCR round and taking into account Christmas Easter and the GA this year, there will be months where two LCRs will need to take place in the one month to get through them all and be able to have the reports ready in time for May/June.

Church	Month of LCR	Proposed LCR Team members	Other considerations:
Dundonald	September 2014	Fraser Aitken Brian Hendrie Gerald Jones Richard Moffat Stephen Ogston Morag Garrett Helen Cuthbert & their Presbytery Elders	Any amendments to LCR process from feedback received to mission committee in August
*Troon Portland	September 2014		
Troon Old	October 2014		
Troon St Meddan's	November 2014		
Craigie Symington	November /early December 2014	Additional names to follow.  Reserves: 1 Minister & 1 Elder Rona Young & Presbytery Elder	LCR training evening August Date to be confirmed  Ministers group meeting will take place in October 2014  MDO will contact and make arrangements to revisit the last LCR charges in the South grouping from October 2014 – May 2015
Monkton and Prestwick North	January 2015		
Prestwick: Kingcase	February 2015		
Prestwick: South	March 2015		
Prestwick : St Nicholas	April 2015		

\*Troon: Portland's LCR is requested for September to support the Future Focus session that is taking place in June 2014 with the congregation - allowing a natural follow on to the LCR planning for mission

**3. EQUIP AFTERNOON**

The Presbytery note the Mission Committee will be facilitating a local EQUIP afternoon at Ayr: Castlehill Church on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014. The Rev Liz Crumlish will be contacting Congregations with further details.

**472. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**, given in by the Rev Jamie Milliken, Vice Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.

**1. ATTESTATION OF CONGREGATIONAL RECORDS**

The Examination and Attestation of Congregational Records has now been completed and Presbytery accords its warmest thanks to those who supervised the process.

**2. ATTESTATION OF PRESBYTERY COMMITTEE MINUTE BOOKS**

**a.** The Examination and Attestation of Presbytery Minute Books has now been completed and Presbytery accords its warmest thanks to those who supervised the process.

**b.** The Minute Books of all Committees of the Presbytery including the Business and Nomination Committee has been Examined and Attested as per Standing Order Section 4(i) and the Presbytery Clerk is instructed to send an Extract Minute to the Principal Clerk's Office.

**3. TROON: PORTLAND YOUTH WORKER**

The Presbytery note that the Congregation of Troon: Portland holds sufficient funds to employ a Youth Worker for 10 hours per week.

**4. MAUCHLINE PARISH CHURCH**

The Presbytery approve the application by the Congregation of Mauchline Parish Church for approval in principal for a repair project covering repairs to roof timbers and renewal of slate covering along with all associated lead and gutter work and including sandstone repairs. The cost of the work is estimated at £264,000.00 inclusive of VAT and all professional fees. Full funding is not available and Grant applications are being prepared to be sent to various organisations.

The congregation further seek approval to apply for a grant from the Central Fabric Fund. When all funding is in place and all approvals have been obtained, the congregation will seek permission to proceed with the works.

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

**5. ALLOWAY PARISH CHURCH**

The Presbytery approve the application by the Congregation of Alloway Parish Church for retrospective approval for an extension to the car park at the rear of the halls. The cost of the work is £56,524.00 and funds are available.

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

**473. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**, given in by the Rev Dave Whiteman, Vice Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.**1. PASTORAL CARE CHAPLAINCY**

- a. The Presbytery express grateful thanks to Rev Lawrie Lennox for his diligent service as Pastoral Care Chaplain. Rev Lawrie Lennox will come to the end of his 4 year Contract in September 2014.

- b. The Presbytery note that a vacancy will be available for a Pastoral Care Chaplain to commence in October 2014. This is to cover the Rural areas (South and East) of the Presbytery. Nominations are invited to be sent to the Rev Dave Whiteman, 4 Hamilton Place Coylton KA6 6JQ by 31st July 2014. Job description and Nomination procedure are to be found in the May Minutes.

## 2. PRESBYTERY NOMINATION

The Presbytery nominate Mr Gary Noonan as a candidate for Ministry. Mr Gary Noonan was recently selected as a candidate for Ministry.

## 474. CORRESPONDENCE.

All Correspondence had been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

## 475. EXPRESSION OF THANKS.

**ADJOURNMENT.** The Presbytery rose at **9.50pm**.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Carrick Centre Maybole on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**, 2014, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August**, 2014, at 7pm.

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Induction on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014, at 6.45pm within Ayr: Newton Wallacetown.

**MODERATOR**

**PRESBYTERY CLERK**

**AYR: NEWTON WALLACETOWN, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2014.**

At Ayr: Newton Wallacetown, on the Twenty Eighth Day of August, Two Thousand and Fourteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted in prayer.

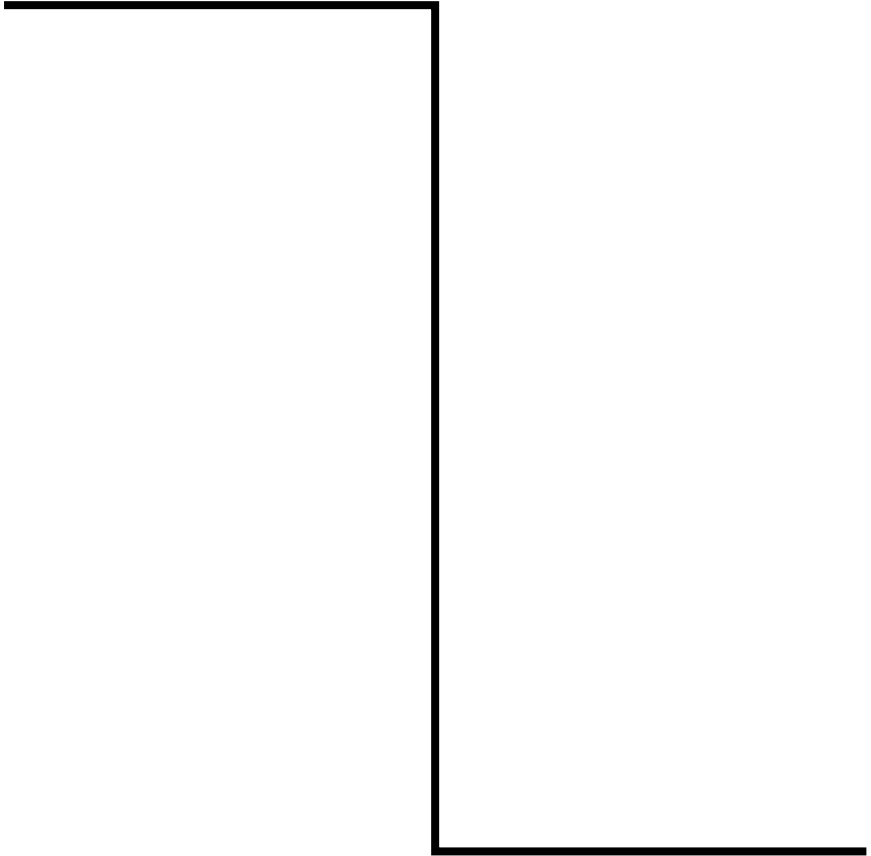
**476. SEDERUNT.** Rev S Rae, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, ; Elders, ; Total . Apologies were received from Ministers and Elders and were similarly recorded. others were associated with the Presbytery.

**MODERATOR**

**PRESBYTERY CLERK**

Scottish Charity Number SC02 **28<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

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