

CARRICK CENTRE MAYBOLE, 4th November, 2014.

At the Carrick Centre Maybole on Tuesday the Fourth Day of November, Two Thousand and Fourteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted.

506. SEDERUNT. Rev S Rae, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retenitis. Ministers, 38; Elders, 50; Corresponding Members, 1; **Total 89.**

Apologies were received from 6 Ministers, 6 Elders, 1 Deacon, and 1 Corresponding Member.

507. TRIBUTE

The Rev Liz Crumlish, Minister of Ayr: Castlehill, paid fitting tribute to Mr Ian McLeod.

Ian had been brought up in Glasgow leaving school with no qualifications. Ian had then entered the bank and eventually worked his way through the ranks until becoming a bank manger in Cumnock, Darvel, Newmilns and Saltcoats. Ian had married Trudy in 1960 and had two sons, John and Kenneth.

Naturally the Church and the Presbytery had played a very important part in Ian's life. In all aspects of Church life, Ian had shared his many gifts so willingly. At Ayr: Castlehill, Ian had served on the Kirk Session and Congregational Board, while within the Presbytery, Ian had been heavily involved in the Administration Committee.

Following Trudy's death last year, Ian in the midst of his grief, had strived to adapt to a new way of life. Sadly his own health had deteriorated in recent months.

In all aspects of life Ian was a respected and popular man. His unique sense of humour, combined with his wide knowledge of many important issues, will ensure that Ian is greatly missed by so many people.

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The Moderator led the Presbytery in prayer.

508. MINISTERIAL ANNIVERSARY

25 Years: Rev Kenneth Elliott, Minister Prestwick: South. Ordained 1st November 1989.

The Rev Robert Mayes, Minister at Dundonald Parish, paid fitting tribute to the Rev Kenneth Elliott.

Kenneth, the 9th Minister to serve Prestwick South, had brought the ideas of the modern world to his ministry, ensuring that the Church had continued to evolve. In addition, Kenneth had put Christ at the heart of his ministry leading the Congregation forward in faith and commitment. Kenneth had also taken his mission beyond the local church, especially through his involvement in religious broadcasting and as chaplain to Glenburn Primary School.

The Moderator expressed the good wishes of the Presbytery.

509. MINUTES. The Minutes of the 2nd October 2014, 7th October 2014 and 30th October 2014, being in the hands of members, were taken as read and approved.

510. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Order of Business was approved.

511. INTIMATIONS

1. Bequest Fund for Ministers in Outlying Districts.
2. Scotland's Future Now – Ayr: Auld Kirk 5th November at 7pm.
3. Carrick Centre Arrangements. Notify Isabell Montgomerie by Friday 28th November.
4. Guide to Presbytery Handbook available for new Elders..
5. Presbytery Newslines for collection.

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512. GUEST SPEAKER SLOT.

Mr Rob Keating, Convener of the Shelter Box Disaster Team for South Ayrshire, spoke on behalf of the Rotary Club of Ayr. Shelter boxes are taken by Rotarians and distributed by Rotarians ensuring there is no government involvement. They are flown to destinations free of charge. The cost of a box is approximately £600.

A PowerPoint DVD highlighted the great aid that Shelter boxes provide to the thousands of people throughout the world who have been faced with great disaster. As stated in the DVD, “The Shelter boxes provide hope and dignity for people in their hour of greatest need.”

Some Churches from the Presbytery were already involved with the provision of Shelter boxes and more information would be readily available to any other Church interested.

513. ASSEMBLY PAPER:

OVERTURE REGARDING MINISTERS AND DEACONS IN CIVIL PARTNERSHIP

Numbers voting for Approval: 51

Numbers voting for Disapproval: 37

(No spoiled or invalid Ballot Papers.)

The Presbytery resolved accordingly.

514. BUSINESS AND NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE,
given in by the Rev Robert Mayes, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-.

1. FOLLOW UP CONFERENCE FOR ASSESSORS

The Presbytery nominate the Rev Dave Whiteman, Minister at Coylton linked with Drongan, the Rev Morag Garret, Minister at Ayr St Andrews, and Mrs Pam Kavanagh, ruling Elder, to attend a follow up Conference for Assessors on 4th December 2014 in Glasgow.

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2. REV KRISTINA HINE

The Presbytery note that Rev Kristina Hine, a minister in good standing with PCUSA and in the process of transferring to the Church of Scotland is undertaking a Familiarisation Placement of up to 24 months at Ayr: Castlehill and grant corresponding membership to the Presbytery of Ayr.

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

1. PRESBYTERY PLAN

- a. The Presbytery note no change to the Ayr Presbytery Plan as agreed in 2013/2014.
- b. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the Ministries Council.

516. COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS, report and DVD on Malawi by the Rev Stephen Ogston.

517. EDUCATION COMMITTEE, given in by the Rev Dave Whiteman, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-

(Also Report by Brian Hendrie on Worship Team training and by Jan Armour on the benefits of Worship Team training and her experience in leading worship as a team.)

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1. BURSARIES

The Presbytery, in conjunction with the relevant local Trustees, propose the following awards:

a. Mackie of Knockgerran Trust

Lynsey Brennan £200 Robert Johnson £200

b. Girvan Bursary

Garry Noonan £300

2. TRAINING COURSES

The Presbytery note that the Education Committee is considering arranging another Worship Team training course in May and June 2015.

In order to gauge the level of demand for another course in 2015, Ministers and Interim Moderators are invited to propose prospective candidates, (as approved by Kirk Sessions), by e-mail to Rev Brian Hendrie by 2nd December.

518. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, given in by Mr Frank Potter, Finance Coordinator, and the Rev Gerald Jones, Vice Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-.

1. FUND RAISING FOR MAJOR PROJECTS

The Presbytery note that funds raised by Congregations for major projects could be assessed for Ministries and Mission contributions if not shown in an accepted format in the Congregational Accounts. Congregations proposing such fundraising are advised to seek the advice of the Presbytery Finance Coordinator before the start of such fundraising.

2. MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CONGREGATIONS FOR 2015

The Presbytery approve the Ministries and Mission contributions being sought from Congregations in 2015, 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.

An amendment was moved and seconded that the word “approve” be changed to “note”

There voted **FOR** the amendment, **28**.

There voted **AGAINST** the amendment, **23**.

The Presbytery resolved accordingly

Following additional discussion, it was agreed that the issue of Ministries and Mission Contributions should be further discussed at the next Presbytery.

3. OSCR CONSULTATION

The entry which will be published on the Scottish Charity Register will be restricted to that of the name of each trustee. It is already a requirement for a Report of Trustees to name each of the trustees who served during the year and during the subsequent period to the date of the approval of the accounts.

Accordingly, the information which would then be in the public domain will be no more and no less than in the present case, as copies of accounts must be made available to the public on request.

The Presbytery note that the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) intend to publish the names (but not addresses or other details) of each charity’s trustees on its entry on the Scottish Charity Register.

**4. PRESTWICK: ST NICHOLAS PARISH CHURCH
UPGRADE OF EXTERNAL PAVING, STEPS,
HANDRAILS AND LIGHTING**

The Presbytery approve the proposal to upgrade the external footpaths, steps, handrails and external lighting within the grounds of Prestwick: St Nicholas Parish Church to improve pedestrian access.

Competitive tenders were invited for the works with the lowest tender returned at a value of £51,780.00 inclusive of VAT. Funds to cover the full cost of the works are available, albeit there is a target to raise £12,000 through a specific appeal to the congregation, sponsorship of materials etc.

The existing concrete slabs are crumbling badly and were laid on a thin sand/cement mortar bed directly on to compacted ground. The footpaths and steps have settled and are now uneven, thus creating trip hazards, with the problems being further exacerbated by underlying tree roots.

Accordingly, the only option is to relay the paths using new materials throughout. Similarly the handrails and external lighting are no longer compliant and it is proposed that they be replaced to be fully compliant with current standards to meet the needs of disabled people.

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 Congregational Board of Alloway Parish Church to the General Trustees, for a loan of £100,000.00 (One hundred thousand pounds). The funds are to be used towards the current project of refurbishment and extension to the halls complex.

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The project has previously been approved by Presbytery, subject to the approval of the General Trustees, and subject to finance being available. The total cost of the project is in the region of £450,000.00 (four hundred and fifty thousand pounds).

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

6. FISHERTON PARISH CHURCH

The Presbytery approve the application by Fisherton Parish Church for the release of £10,980.00 from funds held on their behalf in the Consolidated Fabric fund.

This is for a new heating system within the church. The work has been completed.

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

519. CORRESPONDENCE

Following her recent surgery Dorothy McPherson, Presbytery Secretary, wishes to record her thanks to the Presbytery of Ayr for the beautiful flowers she recently received.

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

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

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

MODERATOR

PRESBYTERY CLERK