
CARRICK CENTRE MAYBOLE, 3rd February, 2015.

At the Carrick Centre Maybole on Tuesday the Third Day of February, Two Thousand and Fifteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted.

533. SEDERUNT. Rev A Symington, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retenitis. Ministers, 34; Elders, 42; Deacon, 1; Corresponding Members, 4; Youth Representative, 1; **Total 82**. Apologies were received from 11 Ministers and 6 Elders.

534. TRIBUTE

The Rev Ian McLachlan, Minister of Barr linked with Dailly, linked with Girvan: South, paid fitting tribute to Mr Neville Clark.

Neville had a strong Christian faith which was reflected in his commitment to the Church. This included his involvement in the Presbytery where he was so highly regarded. In addition, through the years Neville had also devoted his time to a number of organisations and activities, including the Boys' Brigade. Neville was also very much a family man, married to Pat and a father to Iain and Fiona.

In so many ways Neville was a 'larger than life' character who was always prepared to dedicate his life to the service of others. He will sadly be missed by so many people.

535. MINUTES. The Minutes of the 2nd December 2014, being in the hands of members, were taken as read and approved.

536. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Order of Business was approved.

537. INTIMATIONS

- **1.** Reminder of Healing Conference at Prestwick: Kingcase on 14th February, 9.30am 12.30pm.
- 2. Notify Elaine Adair of Church Easter Clubs.
- **3.** Worship Training Lists on display and awaiting verification.
- **4.** Pathway to Prayer St Meddan's: Troon, Saturday 14th March.

538. GUEST SPEAKER

Deborah Msipha from the Ark. Deborah initially spoke of the team who worked at the Ark. A reminder was given to the Presbytery of the background surrounding the Ark. This youth centre has continued to evolve through the years providing a place for young people to attend. Friday Dance Nights, a Lunch Cafe, Chill: in *(mid-week group)*, Homework Club and Community Education all form the ongoing weekly activities at the Ark. Deborah made an appeal for more volunteers and continued prayer. Finally, Deborah reminded the Presbytery that the Ark is a charity and dependant on donations.

539. ORDER OF THE DAY

1. VACANCY BUSINESS

a. AYR: ST LEONARD'S LINKED WITH DALRYMPLE

Congregation Representatives welcomed. Mr Andrew Allan, Ayr: St Leonard's, and Mr Henry Murdoch, Dalrymple, spoke on behalf of the Congregations.

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

- i) In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery note that the Call to the Rev Brian Hendrie has been sustained. The Call was signed by 198.
- ii) The Presbytery note the following arrangements for Induction:

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Induction at 6.45pm on Thursday 5th March 2015, within Ayr: St Leonard's.

The Rev Tom McLeod, Ordained Local Minister, to conduct Worship and preach; the Moderator to Induct and give the Charges; the Interim Moderator to be responsible for serving the Edict. (Numbers 40)

b. CROSSHILL LINKED WITH MAYBOLE

Congregation Representatives welcomed. Compeared Mr Allan Hutchison, Session Clerk at Maybole Parish Church, paid fitting tribute to the ministry of the Rev Brian Hendrie. The Rev Brian Hendrie made a suitable reply.

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

The Presbytery appoint the Rev Richard Moffat, Minister at Girvan: North, as Interim Moderator, and the Rev James Guthrie, Minister emeritus Corsock and Kirkpatrick Durham linked with Crossmichael and Parton, as Locum, from 23rd February 2015.

c. 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.

d. FISHERTON AND KIRKOSWALD

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

- i) The Presbytery note that the Rev Robert Lynn, Minister emeritus Ayr: St Leonard's linked with Dalrymple has resigned from the post of Interim Moderator and Locum, from 31st January 2015.
- ii) The Presbytery express their thanks to the Rev Robert Lynn for all his hard work as Interim Moderator and Locum since the 1st February 2013.

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iii) The Presbytery appoint the Rev David Clarkson, Minister at Monkton and Prestwick North, as Interim Moderator, and the Rev Lawrie Lennox, Minister emeritus Cromar, as Locum, from 1st February 2015.

e. VACANCY SCHEDULE - AYR: ST JAMES

The Presbytery approve the Vacancy Schedule, for the above as agreed by the Interim Moderator, and instruct the Clerk to forward these to Miss Elizabeth Dailly, Finance Supervisor, Ministries Council, along with an Extract Minute.

f. DALMELLINGTON AND PATNA

The Presbytery note that the application for an Interim Minister to be assigned to Dalmellington and Patna has been successful. A Service of Introduction will provisionally take place on the 12th March 2015.

2. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS, given in by the Rev Robert Mayes, Convener of Business and Nominations Committee

a. NOTICE OF MOTION

The Presbytery approve the Notice of Motion to review Standing Order 2 i).

For 77 Against 0

b. PASTORAL CARE SUPPORT CHAPLAINS

The Presbytery shall appoint two Pastoral Care Support Chaplains, on such terms and conditions as may be determined.

For 77 Against 0

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

1. ADDITIONAL ELDERS

- **a.** The Presbytery appoint Mr Andrew Graham, Elder at Ayr: Castlehill Parish Church, as an additional Elder.
- **b.** The Presbytery appoint Mr Robert Leitch, Elder at Alloway Parish Church, as an additional Elder.

2. ACCOUNTS INSPECTION COMMITTEE

The Presbytery appoint the Rev Stewart Birse, Minister emeritus Ayr: Newton Wallacetown, and Miss Moira Wilson, Ruling Elder, as joint Conveners of the Accounts Inspection Committee until 31st December 2015.

3. MISSION AND DISCIPLESHIP

The Presbytery nominate the Rev Richard Moffat, Minister at Girvan: North, and Mr Bill Mackie, Ruling Elder, to attend the Mission and Discipleship Council Presbytery Representative gathering in Glasgow on Wednesday 4th March 2015.

4. VACANCY PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

- **a.** The Presbytery appoint the Rev Gerald Jones, Minister of Kirkmichael and Straiton, as Convener of the Vacancy Procedure Committee while the Rev Neil McNaught is Moderator of the Presbytery of Ayr.
- **b.** The Presbytery appoint the Rev David Prentice-Hyers, Minister of Troon: Old, to serve on the Vacancy Procedure Committee.

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5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Following the translation of the Rev Dave Whiteman to the Presbytery of Ardrossan, the Presbytery note the appointment of the Rev Morag Garrett, Minister of Ayr: St Andrews, as Convener and the Rev Brian Hendrie, Minister of Crosshill linked with Maybole, as Vice-Convener.

6. LEARN ELDERSHIP

The Presbytery nominate Mr Bill Mackie, Ruling Elder, as their representative at the event in Glasgow to launch the "Learn Eldership" publication.

7. RECRUITMENT OF NATIONAL ASSESSORS FOR THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND DISCERNMENT PROCESS

The Presbytery nominate Mrs Madge Irving to the role of assessor to engage in assessment work as part of the Discernment Scheme, related to selection of Candidates for Ministry.

8. COORDINATOR FOR MODERATOR'S VISIT

The Presbytery appoint the Rev Bill Hannah, Minister emeritus Muirkirk, as the Co-ordinator for planning the visit of the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland to the Presbytery of Ayr from $5^{th} - 14^{th}$ March 2016.

541. EDUCATION COMMITTEE, given in by the Rev Morag Garret, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-

1. SAFEGUARDING CHECK

The Presbytery instruct Congregations to add the requirement to submit the 'Self-Assessment Safeguarding Questionnaire' to the other documents submitted for annual attestation.

In the event that this is not done, the attestor should notify the Safeguarding Co-ordinator of the Presbytery (*currently Mr Bill Mackie*) who will contact the Congregation.

542. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, given in by the the Rev Jamie Milliken, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-

1. 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 for attestation.

Therefore, all Ministers using Log Books are asked to submit their 2014 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 3rd March 2015.

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.

2. ATTESTATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTE BOOKS

The Presbytery note that all Committee Minute Books will be attested by members of the Administration Committee prior to the next Committee Meeting in Ayr: Auld Kirk Halls on Thursday 19th February, at 6.30 pm.

3. ATTESTATION OF CONGREGATIONAL RECORDS

The Presbytery request that those appointed to examine and attest Congregational Records in their respective areas of the Presbytery should make arrangements to do so as soon as possible.

4. ATTESTATION OF CONGREGATIONAL ACCOUNTS AND TRUSTEES REPORT FOR 2015

- 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 2014 with the Presbytery Office, no later than Tuesday 7th April 2015 for attestation thereof.
- b. The Presbytery instruct all Congregations within the bounds not to send their 2014 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 annual Trustees report for 2014 with the General Treasurer of the Church of Scotland no later than the 31st March 2015.

5. ARCHITECTURAL QUINQUENNIAL VISITATIONS

The Presbytery note the following Architectural Quinquennial Visitations to the following charges in 2015:

Prestwick: St Nicholas Troon: St Meddans

Dundonald Alloway

Ayr: Castlehill Ayr: St Columba

Kirkoswald Ayr: Newton Wallacetown.

6. PROPERTY REGISTERS AND MANSE CONDITION SCHEDULES

The Presbytery note: A large number of Congregations are failing to maintain the correct records and to provide them for attestation at the appropriate time. Without these records, there is no way of ensuring that the proper maintenance of properties, including safety inspections, is being carried out.

This situation needs to be addressed and appropriate action implemented to ensure that the Presbytery meet their responsibilities in relation to the attestation of the records.

As it is not practical to visit all Congregations and individually inspect the documents, the following procedure will be implemented:-

All applications made to the Presbytery for approval of work or applications for grants in relation to work at Churches, halls or manses must include the appropriate Property Register or Manse Condition Schedule if it has not been satisfactorily attested at the last attestation date. The documents will then be attested and returned.

7. HEALTH AND SAFETY, SAFE WORKING PRACTICES

The Presbytery are reminded of the need to ensure that safe working practices are in place at all times. Congregations should have in place a Health and Safety Policy as described in the "Letting it Happen" book. Church-owned ladders and access equipment must only be used by designated trained personnel and should be examined regularly, and before use, to ensure that they are not damaged and are safe to use. All contractors must provide their own ladders and equipment.

8. BARR PARISH CHURCH

The Presbytery approve the closing of the 'Barr and Dailly Motor Car Fund'. The fund has never been used for its primary purpose. It is proposed that the fund be closed down and the capital, comprising around £7,325 be transferred into the Congregation's Consolidated Fabric Fund holding and the accrued revenue, amounting to £17,211, to be transferred to the Congregation for general purposes. The General Trustees have been consulted.

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

Following discussion it was proposed and seconded that this Deliverance be remitted back to the Administration Committee.

For 29 Against 22

The Presbytery resolved to remit the Deliverance back to the Administration Committee for further exploration and discussion.

9. AYR: ST LEONARDS PARISH CHURCH: MANSE INSPECTION AT 35 ROMAN ROAD, AYR

The Presbytery note that an inspection of the above Manse was carried out on Thursday 8th January 2015 on behalf of Presbytery. All work recommended in the previous inspection has been carried out and the Manse is now deemed habitable.

10. DALMELLINGTON PARISH CHURCH: MANSE INSPECTION AT 4 CARSPHAIRN ROAD, DALMELLINGTON

The Presbytery note that an inspection of the above Manse was carried out on Thursday 8th January 2015 on behalf of the Presbytery. Several works were noted that require to be carried out prior to occupation. The Manse is therefore not deemed fit for occupation and a further inspection will be necessary when all essential works have been completed.

11. STEWARDSHIP

- a. The Presbytery note the request for details of Congregational Stewardship activity and personnel, and instruct Congregations to return the completed Stewardship Information Form to the Sub Convener no later than 3rd March 2015.
- b. The Presbytery note the Lenten Resources available for Stewardship in 2015 and encourage Congregations to explore these with a view to raising awareness of Stewardship amongst individuals and groups at a local level. Details of these resources are available at the National Stewardship Campaign website which can be found at:

http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/
resources/subjects/national_stewardship_programmes

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

1. TERRORIST THREAT

The Presbytery, in noting the recent events in France and Belgium, would remind Presbyters of the terrorist situation in Sub Saharan Africa and would commend to your prayers all the various people and groups who are suffering at this time.

2. DAIRY FARMERS

The Presbytery note the difficult situation facing our dairy farmers at this time and encourage members to support their local farmers whenever possible.

544. CORRESPONDENCE

Gary Noonan has conveyed his thanks to the Presbytery for the £300 received from the Girvan Bursary.

ADJOURNMENT. The Presbytery rose at **8.40pm**.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within the Carrick Centre Maybole on **Tuesday 3rd March**, 2015, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on **Thursday** 19th February, 2015, at 7pm.

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Induction on Thursday **5**th **March 2015**, at 6.45pm within Ayr: St Leonard's.

MODERATOR PRESBYTERY CLERK

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