

**THE CARRICK CENTRE, 7<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2019.**

At The Carrick Centre, on the Seventh Day of May, Two Thousand and Nineteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met, and was constituted in prayer.

**6. SEDERUNT** Rev Brian Hendrie, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retentis. Ministers, 31; Elders, 40; Corresponding Members, 3; **Total 74.**

Apologies were received from 8 Ministers, 9 Elders, 1 Youth Representative and 3 Corresponding Members.

**7. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH DE FIDELI**

Rev David Prentice-Hyers, Minister Troon: Old.

In the absence of the Clerk and pursuant to Standing Order Section 2 g) the Rev David Prentice-Hyers, Minister of Troon: Old, took the Oath de fideli. The Moderator gave the right hand of fellowship and the Rev David Prentice-Hyers took his place at the table.

**8. INSTALLATION OF DEPUTE PRESBYTERY CLERK**

Rev Alastair Symington, Minister emeritus Troon: Old.

Pursuant to the resolution of 5<sup>th</sup> March (Minute 999.3) the Rev Alastair Symington, Minister emeritus Troon: Old, took the Oath de fideli. The Moderator gave the right hand of fellowship and the Rev Alastair Symington took his place at the table.

**9. TRIBUTE**

Mrs Christina Stewart, Locum at Ayr: Castlehill, paid fitting tribute to the Rev Bill Johnston. Quoting John 14:27 she remembered a recent service of communion at which Bill Johnston presided saying: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Bill began his sermon with the simple question: “Would you like to have that kind of peace?”

Mrs Stewart shared fitting words evoking the Peace of Christ that Bill Johnston shared in his joyful life and care filled ministry. She reminded the Presbytery of the full peace that Bill Johnston now shares with God. Deo gratias.

The Moderator led the Presbytery in prayer.

**10. READER ANNIVERSARY**  
**50 Years: Dr James Anderson**

The Moderator paid tribute to Dr James Anderson upon reaching 50 years as a Reader. Dr Anderson was Set Apart as a Reader by the Presbytery of Ayr in Troon: Portland Parish Church on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1969.

**11. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, being in the hands of members were taken as read and approved.

**12. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Order of Business presented by the Rev Alastair Symington was approved.

**13. INTIMATIONS.**

1. Pianist required for Cumnor Hall Services. With the aid of local Guilds a Service is held fortnightly on a Tuesday afternoon at 2.30pm, from the end of September to March. Further information from Mrs Betty Gordon Tel: 01292 283367.
2. Appeal for Street Pastors.

3. The Ayr Presbytery Golf Event takes place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm on Seafield Golf course. Everyone welcome! Entry fee of £10 for Christian Aid plus green fee. Refreshments afterwards at the Balgarth - £12.50. Format is a Texas Scramble with teams of three. You don't need a complete team to play we will make them up on the day. Names and handicaps to David Gemmell by the 12<sup>th</sup> of May. PS we would like more ladies to come and join us!!!

#### **14. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 2019. APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS**

- a. The Presbytery note that the Rev Helen Cuthbert, Minister of New Cumnock, has withdrawn from being a Commissioner at the 2019 General Assembly.
- b. The Presbytery nominate the Rev Lynsey Brennan, Minister of Dundonald Parish Church, and Mrs Lorna Paterson, Elder at Ayr: St Columba, as Commissioners to the ensuing General Assembly convened to meet in Edinburgh on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.

#### **15. COMMISSIONING OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The Moderator addressed the Commissioners and put to them the prescribed Question which was answered satisfactorily.

The Moderator, with prayer, commissioned the Commissioners to serve at the forthcoming General Assembly.

#### **16. RURAL CHURCH CONFERENCE REPORT -**

The Rev Gerald Jones, Minister of Kirkmichael linked with Straiton, gave a report on the Rural Church Conference held in the Carrick Centre Maybole on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

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**17. STUDY LEAVE REPORT -**

The Rev Ian Stirling, Minister of Fisherton linked with Kirkoswald, gave a report on his Study Leave which took place 18<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March. This was a World Mission Council tour of Israel/Palestine.

**18. ORDER OF THE DAY - 7.30pm****1. VACANCY BUSINESS**

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

**a. EXTENSION TO AYR: ST QUIVOX**

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery grant an extension of Leave to Call to Ayr: St Quivox for a further period of one year.

**b. VACANCY SCHEDULE FOR BALLANTRAE LINKED WITH ST COLMON**

The Presbytery approve the Vacancy Schedule, for the above as agreed by the Interim Moderator, and instruct the Clerk to forward this to Mrs Elaine Macadie, Finance Manager, Ministries Council, along with an Extract Minute.

**c. COYLTON LINKED WITH DRONGAN**

i) The Presbytery agree that Coylton Parish Church linked with Drongan Parish Church may be listed for Ministers from Non-EEA Countries excluding Switzerland.

ii) The Presbytery affirm that the procedures contained in Appendix 7, Sections 1.2 to 1.4, of the Ministries Council “Update for Presbyteries and Congregations on the Sponsorship of Personnel coming to Scotland from outside the European Economic Area & Switzerland” dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013, have been completed.

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- iii) The Presbytery are satisfied that there are no outstanding issues of superintendence or other factors that would make such listing inappropriate.

**d. AYR: ST ANDREWS**

- i) The Presbytery agree that Ayr: St Andrews may be listed for Ministers from Non-EEA Countries excluding Switzerland.
- ii) The Presbytery affirm that the procedures contained in Appendix 7, Sections 1.2 to 1.4, of the Ministries Council “Update for Presbyteries and Congregations on the Sponsorship of Personnel coming to Scotland from outside the European Economic Area & Switzerland” dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013, have been completed.
- iii) The Presbytery are satisfied that there are no outstanding issues of superintendence or other factors that would make such listing inappropriate.

**2. SICK LEAVE – REV DAVID ALBON.**

- a. The Presbytery note that the Rev David Albon, Minister of Mauchline Parish linked with Sorn Parish Church, was recently off on sick leave.
- b. The Presbytery homologate the appointment by the Clerk of the Rev Robert Mayes, Minister emeritus Dundonald Parish Church, as Interim Moderator of Mauchline Parish linked with Sorn Parish Church

**3. AYR: ST JAMES**

The Presbytery note that on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March the Service of Worship at Ayr: St James Parish Church took place in the Church Hall. This was due to an unexpected breakdown of the heating system. The problem has now been resolved.

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**4. STRAITON PARISH CHURCH**

The Presbytery note that on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019 the Service of Worship at Straiton Parish Church took place in the McCandlish (*Village*) Hall. This was due to the installation of new radiators in the Church.

**5. UNITARY DEED OF CONSTITUTION ISSUED BY DELEGATION OF ASSEMBLY.**

The Presbytery note the Unitary Constitution has been issued to Crosshill Parish Church and Maybole Parish Church.

**19. BUSINESS & NOMINATION COMMITTEE**, given in the Rev Alastair Symington, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.**1. NOTICE OF MOTION**

The Presbytery agree to formulise the change in Standing Order Section 2 g) at the June meeting in accordance with the new appointment of the Depute Clerk.

**2. PRESBYTERY MEETING OCTOBER 2019**

The Presbytery agree to hold the Ordinary October Meeting of Presbytery within Ayr: Castlehill Parish Church.

**3. THE PRESBYTERY PROTOCOL – ANNUAL REPORT**

- a. The Presbytery note that the Presbytery Protocol was used once during the past year.
- b. The Presbytery recognise that the Protocol is to be used when complaints and matters of concern involving Ministers are received, including occasions when other persons are also involved in the complaint or matter of concern.

- c. The Presbytery note that for the purpose of the Protocol all references or use of the word Minister shall also refer to Readers, Ordained Local Ministers, Auxiliary Ministers and Deacons.

#### **4. PRESBYTERY PRECENTOR**

- a. The Presbytery note the retirement of the Rev Fraser Aitken, Minister emeritus Ayr: St Columba, as Precentor and express their thanks.
- b. The Presbytery appoint the Rev Chris Blackshaw, Pioneer Farming Minister, as the new Precentor.

#### **5. APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL ELDER**

The Presbytery appoint Mrs Lorna Paterson, Elder at Ayr: St Columba Parish Church, as an additional Elder.

#### **6. HEALTH AND HEALING CORRESPONDENT**

- a. The Presbytery note the recent demission of the Rev Richard Moffat to become Minister at Dyke and Edinkillie.
- b. The Presbytery thank the Rev Richard Moffat for his conscientious work as Health and Healing Correspondent since February 2017.
- c. The Presbytery appoint the Rev Ken Yorke, Minister emeritus of Dalmellington Parish Church linked with Patna Parish Church, to be their Health and Healing Correspondent.

#### **7. SUPERVISOR FOR CANDIDATES IN TRAINING**

The Presbytery nominate the Rev Ian Stirling, Minister of Fisherton Parish Church linked with Kirkoswald Parish Church, to take part in national training as a supervisor for candidates in training.

**20. MISSION COMMITTEE**, given in by the Rev Abi Ngunga, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.

**1. CONFERENCE ON NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS**

The Presbytery note that there will be a conference on ‘New Housing Developments within Parish Areas’ on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June at Monkton Church between 9.30am – 12.30pm (*time to be confirmed.*)

The Presbytery agree to cover the cost of the conference, approximately £300

**2. COVER FOR DALMELLINGTON LINKED WITH PATNA**

The Presbytery note the plan to cover Pastoral Work and Worship Services for Dalmellington Parish Church linked with Patna Waterside Parish Church from the beginning of June to the end of December and ask for the support and encouragement of Congregations.

**3. PRAYING ACROSS SCOTLAND SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY  
AYR: NEWTON WALLACETOWN AT 3PM.**

That Presbytery commend the annual Praying Across Scotland Service which will be held in Ayr: Newton Wallacetown Parish Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00pm.

This Service will highlight the forthcoming General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. It is hoped all Commissioners, members or Presbytery and Congregations will support this Service.



21. **COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS**, given in by the Rev Ian Stirling, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.

**CARE FOR CREATION**

The Presbytery in light of increased awareness of environmental issues encourage individuals and congregations to take time to reflect on ways in which they can care for creation.

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

1. **RELEASE OF FUNDS FROM THE CONSOLIDATED FABRIC FUND**

The Presbytery note that while Presbytery rules and procedures for the carrying out of repairs or alterations to Churches, Halls and Manses require the approval of the Presbytery for works costing £20,000 or over, requests to the General Trustees for the release of any amount of capital or the release of revenue in excess of £10,000 require the support of Presbytery and should be accompanied by an appropriate Extract Minute.

2. **OLD CUMNOCK: OLD PARISH CHURCH LINKED WITH LUGAR PARISH CHURCH: MANSE ACQUISITION**

- a. The Presbytery note that Old Cumnock: Old l/w Lugar Parish Churches are currently pursuing the purchase of a property in Cumnock to replace the existing Manse at Barrhill Road, Cumnock, that will be sold on the open market. The disposal of this property was agreed with the General Trustees and approved by Presbytery on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Examination of the Sales Schedule and Home Report for the proposed property has been carried out on behalf of Presbytery, and the property viewed on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019, by David Reid, Sub-Convener, Benefice and Fabric and Mrs Robina Whalen representing Old Cumnock: Old.

It can be confirmed that the property is fully compliant with the current requirements of the General Trustees as defined in their publication “Guidelines and Regulations for Manses”, and the building is deemed to be eminently suitable for use as a Manse.

- b. The Presbytery approve the acceptance of a short term loan, offered by the General Trustees, for the full purchase price of the new Manse until such time as the sale of the present Manse is concluded.

It should be noted that marketing of the present Manse will not commence before the conclusion of the purchase and occupancy of the new property

A further inspection will be necessary, if the purchase is satisfactorily concluded, prior to occupancy.

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

### 3. ALLOWAY PARISH CHURCH AND MANSE

The Presbytery homologate the decision taken, through delegated powers vested in the Presbytery Clerk, the Convener of the Administration Committee and the Sub-Convener (Benefice and Fabric), to approve the under noted works as they collectively exceed £20,000.

#### **Church**

Refurbishment of Session Kitchen

£3020.12

Replacement of Session Boiler

£2,390.00

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**Manse**

Refurbishment of Manse Bathroom

£4,995.00

Refurbishment of Manse Kitchen

£19,500.00

**Total                                    £29,905.12**

The cost of the works will be met in full from Congregational funds.

**4.            ATTESTATION OF CONGREGATIONAL RECORDS**

The Presbytery note that the attestation of Congregational Records has now been undertaken throughout Presbytery, and warmly thank all those involved in the attestation process.

**23.          REVIEW AND REFORM COMMITTEE REPORT,**  
given in by the Rev Neil McNaught, Convener.**24.          CORRESPONDENCE**

All Correspondence had been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

**ADJOURNMENT**    The Presbytery rose at **8:40pm**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Ayr: St Leonard's Parish Church on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June**, 2019, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June**, 2019, at 7pm.

**MODERATOR****PRESBYTERY CLERK**

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