

**AYR: ST LEONARD'S PARISH CHURCH, 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2019.**

At Ayr: St Leonard's Parish Church, on the Eighteenth Day of June, Two Thousand and Nineteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met, and was constituted in prayer.

**25. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2019, being in the hands of members were taken as read and approved.

**26. 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 Ayr: St Leonard's Parish Church.

**27. SEDERUNT** Rev Brian Hendrie, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retentis. Ministers, 28; Elders, 41; Corresponding Members, 5; **Total 74**. Apologies were received from 10 Ministers, 4 Elders, and 1 Corresponding Member.

**28. WELCOME** The Moderator welcomed Mr Nick Sibley, new Presbytery Elder for Ayr: Newton Wallacetown.

**29. MINISTERIAL ANNIVERSARY**

**25 Years: Rev John Paterson, Minister Old: Cumnock Old linked with Lugar.**

The Rev Helen Cuthbert paid tribute to the Rev John Paterson upon reaching 25 year as an Ordained Minister. John was Ordained and Inducted into the charge of Lugar and Old: Cumnock Old in 1994.

The Moderator expressed the good wishes of the Presbytery.

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**30. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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

**31. INTIMATIONS**

1. Presbytery Yearbook.
2. Entries are invited from any member of Presbytery for the Moderator's Cup to be held on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September from approximately 8.30am over Seafield Golf Course. An entry fee of £2 is paid on the day and handicaps are used (or an appropriate one given if you don't have an official handicap). We plan to have lunch afterwards in the Clubhouse. This is a very informal and friendly competition and is great fun. If you wish to take part please preferably e-mail David Harper at d.l.harper@btinternet.com or phone him on 01292 312626 if you don't have e-mail.
3. Reminder of Rota for Dalmellington & Patna that was recently circulated.
4. Articles for Newslines by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 to the Rev Ian Stirling.
5. Reminder to Congregations of the opportunity to share 'Good News' items with the Presbytery.

**32. ORDER OF THE DAY - 8.15pm.****1. PRESBYTERY PLAN**

The Rev Abi Ngunga reporting on behalf of the Mission Committee:

- a. The Presbytery note that the Mission Committee remind Presbytery of the 2018 Deliverance 929 that we are working towards the agreed Presbytery Plan of 26 Ministers + 5 FTE MDS by 2022. Area allocation being Central 6, East 9, North 6 and South 5.

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- b. The Presbytery instruct that Mission Focus Groups (MFGs) submit a clear plan by June 2020 or as such time as they can produce same, on how they will achieve their areas agreed allocation. If a plan is not submitted by June 2020 then the Mission Committee will oversee the allocation for the area.
- c. The Presbytery instruct that all new and unadvertised vacancies that are given permission to call will only be allowed a 5 year reviewable charge until such time as the Mission Focus Group's plan has been submitted.
- d. The Presbytery instruct that until Mission Focus Group's plan has been agreed all vacancies that reach their review after two, or subsequent, years of vacancy be allowed to call as a 5 year reviewable charge.
- e. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to the Ministries Council Presbytery Planning Task Group.

## 2. VACANCY BUSINESS

The Rev Gerald Jones reporting on behalf of the Vacancy Procedure Committee:

### a. AYR: NEWTON WALLACETOWN

- i) Demission of the Rev Abi Ngunga. Congregation Representatives welcomed. Compeared Mr John Bell, Session Clerk, paid fitting tribute to the ministry of the Rev Abi Ngunga. The Rev Abi Ngunga made a suitable reply.
- ii) The Presbytery appoint the Rev David Clarkson, Minister of Monkton & Prestwick North Parish Church, as Interim Moderator, effective from the 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 and the Rev Rona Young, Minister emeritus of Ayr: St Quivox Parish Church, as Locum, effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2019.

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**b. PRESTWICK: ST NICHOLAS**

- i) Demission of the Rev George Fiddes. Congregation Representatives welcomed. Compeared Miss Margaret McIntosh, Session Clerk, paid fitting tribute to the ministry of the Rev George Fiddes. The Rev George Fiddes made a suitable reply.
- ii) The Presbytery appoint the Rev David Gemmell, Minister of Ayr: The Auld Kirk, as Interim Moderator, and the Rev Alastair Symington, Minister emeritus of Troon: Old Parish Church, as Locum, effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019.

**c. COYLTON LINKED WITH DRONGAN**

Congregations Representatives welcomed. Mrs Ann Hope, Session Clerk at Drongan, speaking on behalf of the Congregations.

Report on behalf of the Vacancy Procedure Committee:

- i) In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery note that the Rev Dr Alwyn Landman preached as Nominee at Coylton linked with Drongan on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.

For      **106**                      Against              **4**

- ii) In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery note that the Call to the Rev Dr Alwyn Landman has been sustained. The Call was signed by **151 + 34 = 185** (Coylton: 58 and Drongan: 93)  
Paper of Concurrence 34 (Coylton: 16 and Drongan: 18)

- iii) The Presbytery note the following arrangements for Induction:

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Induction at 6.45pm on Tuesday 25th June, 2019, within Drongan: The Schaw Kirk, The Rev Lynsey Brennan, Minister of Dundonald Parish Church, to conduct Worship and preach; the Moderator to Induct and give the Charges; the Interim Moderator to be responsible for serving the Edict.

*(Numbers indicating attendance 18)*

**d. BALLANTRAE LINKED WITH ST COLMON**

Congregations Representatives welcomed. Mrs Claire Pirrie, Session Clerk at St Colmon, speaking on behalf of the Congregations.

Report on behalf of the Vacancy Procedure Committee:

- i) In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery note that the Rev Theo Corney preached as Nominee at Ballantrae linked with St Colmon on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.

For **110** Against **1**

- ii) In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery note that the Call to the Rev Theo Corney has been sustained. The Call was signed by **116 + 28 = 144.** (Ballantrae 57 and St Colmon 59)  
Paper of Concurrence 28 (Ballantrae 10 and St Colmon 18)

- iii) The Presbytery note the following arrangements for Induction:

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Induction at 6.45pm on Tuesday 13th August, 2019, within Ballantrae Parish Church. The Rev Dr Alwyn Landman, newly Inducted Minister at Coylton linked with Drongan, to provisionally conduct Worship and preach; the Moderator to Induct and give the Charges; the Interim Moderator to be responsible for serving the Edict.

*(Numbers indicating attendance 15)*

**e. TROON: CHURCHES**

Congregational Representatives welcomed. Interim Report from the Rev Douglas Moore.

**f. EXTENSION TO ANNBANK LINKED WITH  
TARBOLTON**

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery grant an extension of Leave to Call to Annbank linked with Tarbolton for a further period of one year.

**g. DALMELLINGTON LINKED WITH PATNA**

The Presbytery appoint Mr Bill Mackie, Ruling Elder, as Interim Moderator at Dalmellington Parish Church linked with Patna Parish Church.

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

Rev James Hogg, OLM, reported Diligence and was thanked.

**4. ATTESTATION OF ACCOUNTS INTERIM REPORT**

- a.** The Presbytery note that all congregations, with the exception of Auchinleck Parish Church and Troon: Old Parish Church, may submit their accounts and Trustees Reports to OSCR along with their Annual Return on the basis that these Accounts shall be properly signed and dated.
- b.** The Presbytery note that despite Auchinleck Parish Church being instructed to have their Accounts etc. lodged with the Presbytery Office by the first Tuesday in April they have not yet been able to do so due to the illness of the Treasurer.
- c.** The Presbytery note that Troon: Old Parish Church Accounts and Trustees Report have not yet been lodged with the Presbytery Office.
- d.** The Presbytery approve the submission to OSCR along with Annual returns of the Accounts and Trustees Reports of Auchinleck Parish Church and Troon: Old Parish Church upon satisfactory attestation.

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- e. The Presbytery thanks the Treasurers and all concerned with compiling Trustee Reports, especially for their efforts to produce Accounts which conform to the Church's requirements for submission to OSCR.
- f. The Presbytery note that a final report of the Accounts Attestation Committee will be given at the October meeting.
- g. The Presbytery agree to transmit these deliverances to The Stewardship and Finance Department of the Church of Scotland, along with the Interim Report on Accounts Attestation required by 30<sup>th</sup> June.

## 5. SUMMER CHANGE OF TIME SERVICES

### a. FISHERTON & KIRKOSWALD

The Presbytery note that a joint Service will be held at Kirkoswald Parish Church on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2019, therefore there will be no service at Fisherton Parish Church on that Sunday. In addition a joint Service will be held at Fisherton Parish Church on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2019, therefore there will be no Service at Kirkoswald Parish Church on that Sunday.

### b. OCHILTREE & STAIR

The Presbytery note that joint Services will be held in Stair Parish Church on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 21<sup>st</sup> July and 4<sup>th</sup> August, therefore there will be no Services at Ochiltree Parish Church on these Sundays. In addition joint Services will be held at Ochiltree Parish Church on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 28<sup>th</sup> July and 11<sup>th</sup> August, therefore there will be no Service at Stair Parish Church on these Sundays. All Services will begin at 10.30am.

**c. ALLOWAY**

The Presbytery note that from the 23<sup>rd</sup> June until 18th August inclusive there will be one service at 10.30am in Alloway Parish Church.

**d. AYR: NEWTON WALLACETOWN**

- i) The Presbytery note that the morning service on 21<sup>st</sup> July at Ayr: Newton Wallacetown Church will be held at 10am instead of 11am to allow some of those wishing to travel to St Andrews for the induction of Rev Dr Abi Ngunga.
- ii) The Presbytery also note that during the vacancy the evening Services at Newton Wallacetown Church will be suspend until further notice.

**e. AYR: ST LEONARD'S AND DALYMPLE**

The Presbytery note that joint Services will be held in Dalymple Parish Church on 7th & 21st July, therefore there will be no Services at Ayr: St Leonard's Parish Church on these Sundays. In addition joint Services will be held at Ayr: St Leonard's Parish Church on 14th and 28th July, therefore there will be no Services at Dalymple Parish Church on these

**f. MUIRKIRK & OLD CUMNOCK: TRINITY**

The Presbytery note that joint Services will be held in Muirkirk Parish Church on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> August and 18<sup>th</sup> August, therefore there will be no Services at Old Cumnock Trinity on these Sundays. In addition joint services will be held in Old Cumnock Trinity Church on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 28<sup>th</sup> July 28<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> August and 25<sup>th</sup> August, therefore there will be no services at Muirkirk Parish Church on these Sundays. All Services will begin at 10.30am.



**g. PRESTWICK KINGCASE**

The Presbytery note that Prestwick Kingcase Parish Church will hold one Service only at 10.30am on the Sundays from 30<sup>th</sup> June to 18<sup>th</sup> August.

**6. NOTICE OF MOTION**

The Business and Nomination Convener, the Rev Alastair Symington, had given notice under Standing Order 5(f) and Standing Order 8(b) that, at the May 2019 meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr he would propose the following Deliverance:

**NEW STANDING ORDER AMENDMENT**

The Presbytery agree in terms of Standing Order 8 (b) to adopt the following amended Standing Order Section 2 g):

In the absence of the Clerk, the Depute Clerk shall act in his/her room pro tempore.

For the Motion 46      Against the Motion 0

**7. AMENDMENT TO LINKAGE BETWEEN MAUCLINE AND SORN**

Given in by the Rev Abi Ngunga, Convener of Mission Committee

**a. The Presbytery agree to the following amendment to Clause 5 of the Basis of Linkage:**

All repairs or replacements of existing fixtures and fittings of the Manse, for which the Congregation are responsible will be classed as maintenance and such repairs or replacements shall be agreed by both Congregational Managements before the commencement of the repair or replacement of any such fixtures or fittings.

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Any extension or addition to the Manse would be deemed capital expenditure and the cost would be met by the Mauchline Congregation, the owners of the Manse, unless a determination or allocation of costs by the Presbytery of Ayr deemed otherwise.

- b. The Presbytery note that Extract Minutes have been received from both Congregations.
- c. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to Ministries Council.

**33. BUSINESS & NOMINATION COMMITTEE**, given in by the Rev Alastair Symington, Convener who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.

**1. CONVENERS AND VICE CONVENERS 2018 – 2019**

	BUSINESS	ADMIN	EDUCATION	COMM	MISSION	R & R
CONVENER	Dave Prentice-Hyers	Gerald Jones	Barbara Suchanek-Seitz	Ian Stirling	Isabell Montgomerie	Neil McNaught
VICE CONVENER	Alistair Morrison	Douglas Moore	Pat Bogle	Alan Bruce	Brian Duncan	Bob Mayes

The Presbytery note the completion of the following appointments:

**2. INTERIM MODERATOR TRAINING**

The Presbytery note that the Rev Barbara Suchanek-Seitz, Minister of Ayr: St James, Mr Brian McIlwraith, Elder of St Colmon recently completed their Interim Moderator training session.

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

**1. ANNBANK AND TARBOLTON PARISH CHURCH 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 letting of the Manse at 1 Kirkport, Tarbolton, during the period of the current vacancy.

**2. GIRVAN NORTH PARISH CHURCH**

**a.** 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 application to seek approval from CARTA (Committee on Church Art and Architecture) to carry out the various under noted works: -

- Alterations to Audio-visual System, Disabled Toilet, furnishings and lighting.
- Replace Grand Piano in Sanctuary along with handrail on steps of existing Sanctuary.
- Removal of 2 pews, repositioning of front screen and fitting of carpet/laminate to exposed floor.

The cost of the works is in the order of £1500 and will be met in full from Congregational funds.

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

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**3. APPLICATION FOR STUDY LEAVE**

The Presbytery note the application for study leave by the Rev Robert Pickles, Minister of Crosshill linked with Maybole:

**Part 1** from 9<sup>th</sup> August until 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

Attending a Temple Studies Conference with Margaret Barker entitled The Lady in the Temple held in Derby.

**Part 2** from 20<sup>th</sup> September to 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019

Examining the work of the Rev Roderick Lawson of Maybole and contrasting it with that of the Rev Dr A B Scott, both of whom created local history to produce a paper on Victorian Scottish Historiography.

All preaching and pastoral care arrangements are in place.

**4. PRESBYTERY ACCOUNTS 2018**

- a. The Presbytery, acting as Trustees of the relevant Charity, approve the Accounts for year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018, a copy to be held in retentis, and thank all those involved in the presentation of the Accounts, and Milne Craig, Independent Examiner, for their work.
- b. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send a copy of the Accounts to the General Treasurer of the Church of Scotland.

35. **MISSION COMMITTEE**, given in by the Rev Abi Ngunga, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.  
(Report from the Rev Chris Blackshaw, Pioneer Farming Minister.)

**THE PIONEER MINISTRY POST FOR FARMING**

- a. The Presbytery agree in principle that the pioneer minister post for farming should be continued beyond its current term. To this end it appoints Isabell Montgomerie, John Paterson, Gerald Jones and Robert Pickles to:
- i) draw up a detailed application for this post as one of the MDS posts in the Presbytery Plan and to submit this to the East and South Mission Focus Groups for onward transmission to the Presbytery for inclusion in the plan. They should also consider contingency plans to cover any gap in continuity caused by a moratorium on MDS posts.
  - ii) prepare an application for “go for it” / “growth fund” support and investigate other funding opportunities and the possibilities to expand the scheme to other Presbyteries.
- b. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to the PPTG at the Ministries Council.

**36. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**, report given in by the Rev Barbara Suchanek-Seitz, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.

**1. YOUTH WORKSHOP**

The Presbytery encourage Congregations to take part in the Youth Workshop to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> September from 10am in Ayr: The Auld Kirk.

**2. FUNERAL WORKSHOP**

The Presbytery encourage elders to take part in this year’s funeral workshop to be held in November at a date convenient to the participants

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**3. INVITATION TO READERS**

The Presbytery encourage organisers of fraternal to include readers in their invitation, especially when they serve as locums.

**4. CHAPLAINCY FOR CANDIDATES AND READERS**

The Presbytery agree to establish a chaplaincy for candidates and readers. The person taking up that role is yet to be confirmed.

**37. REVIEW AND REFORM COMMITTEE REPORT,**  
given in by the Rev Alistair Morrison.**1. THREE PRESBYTERIES**

The Presbytery note that a joint meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr, Presbytery of Ardrossan and the Presbytery of Irvine & Kilmarnock will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The venue will be Kay Park Parish Church Kilmarnock and will commence at 7pm.

**2. COMMITTEE RESTRUCTURING**

- a.** The Presbytery thank all those who responded to the request for suggestions and comments concerning the reorganisation of Presbytery Committees.
- b.** The Presbytery note that, due to on-going discussions with the Presbytery of Ardrossan and the Presbytery of Irvine and Kilmarnock, no change to Committee organisation will take place for the time being. However, the suggestions and comments have been helpful and will be useful in the discussions with the other two Presbyteries.

**38. CORRESPONDENCE**

31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

Dear Kenneth,

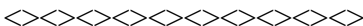
It is with great reluctance that I must retire from readership.

I have been greatly blessed by time spent in serving so many congregations in over 20 years.

I have made a wonderful and somewhat unexpected recovery from cancer and wish to thank my many friends in Presbytery for their prayers on my behalf, however, now in my fourth quarter- century and with greatly diminished stamina the moment to step down has come.

With best wishes

*Elizabeth Riome*



**39. EXPRESSION OF THANKS**

The Moderator expressed his thanks and good wishes to all retiring members of Presbytery.

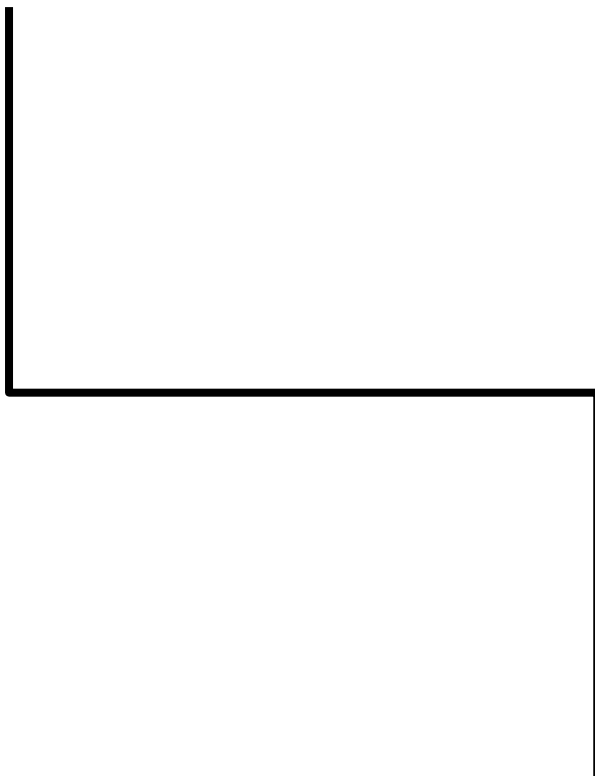
**ADJOURNMENT.** The Presbytery rose at **10.05pm**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Carrick Centre on Tuesday **3<sup>rd</sup> September**, 2019, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on Thursday **22<sup>nd</sup> August**, 2019, at 7pm.

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Induction at 6.45pm on Tuesday **25<sup>th</sup> June**, 2019, within Dronan: The Schaw Kirk.

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Induction at 6.45pm on Tuesday **13<sup>th</sup> August**, 2019, within Ballantrae Parish Church.



**MODERATOR**

**PRESBYTERY CLERK**