

TARBOLTON PARISH CHURCH, 2nd October, 2019. At Tarbolton Parish Church, on the Second Day of October, Two Thousand and Nineteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted in prayer.

60. SEDERUNT. Rev Brian Hendrie, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 13; Elders, 18; Corresponding Members, 3; **Total 34.** Apologies were received from 3 Ministers and 3 Elders. 20 other was associated with the Presbytery.

61. INDUCTION OF REV MANDY RALPH TO ANNBANK PARISH CHURCH LINKED WITH TARBOLTON PARISH CHURCH.

All relevant matters being in order and the Clerk having laid on the Table the prescribed Edict duly executed, no one having appeared to object to the life or doctrine of the said Rev Mandy Ralph, the Presbytery resolved to proceed to the Induction of the Rev Mandy Ralph to the Pastoral Charge of Annbank linked with Tarbolton.

Public Worship was conducted by the Rev Theo Corney, Minister of Ballantrae linked with St Colmon, who preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion. The Narrative and Preamble having been delivered and the prescribed Questions asked and answered satisfactorily, the Rev Mandy Ralph signed the Formula.

The Moderator, the Rev Brian Hendrie, did induct the Rev Mandy Ralph to the Pastoral Charge of Annbank linked with Tarbolton. With other Presbyters, the Moderator gave her the Right Hand of Fellowship. Thereafter, the Moderator put to the Congregations the required Questions which were answered satisfactorily, and gave the Charges.

Public Worship being concluded, the Presbytery instructed the Clerk to inform all interested parties. Those taking part were thanked and the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

MODERATOR

PRESBYTERY CLERK

AYR: CASTLEHILL PARISH CHURCH, 22nd October, 2019.

At Ayr: Castlehill Parish Church, on the Twenty Second Day of October, Two Thousand and Nineteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met, and was constituted in prayer.

62. SEDERUNT. Rev Brian Hendrie, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retentis.

Ministers, 26; Elders, 40; Youth Representative, 1; Corresponding Members, 3; **Total 70.** Apologies were received from 3 Ministers and 4 Elders and 2 Corresponding Members.

63. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Presbytery suspend Standing Order 2 g) to enable the administration of Oath De fideli to the Rev Dave Prentice-Hyers.

To Suspend Standing Orders

For --- 67

Against --- 0

64. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH DE FIDELI

Rev David Prentice-Hyers, Minister Troon: Old.

In the absence of the Clerk and Depute Clerk 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.

65. REINSTATE STANDING ORDERS

The Presbytery reinstate Standing Orders.

66. WELCOME

The Moderator welcomed Rev Mandy Ralph, Minister of Annbank linked with Tarbolton.

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67. MINUTES

The Minutes of the 3rd September, 2019, and 5th September, 2019, being in the hands of members were taken as read and approved.

68. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Order of Business presented by the Rev Alistair Morrison was approved.

69. INTIMATIONS

1. The Presbytery Yearbook.
2. Glasgow Ayrshire Society
3. Applications for any Vacancies for the 2020 General Assembly should be made in writing to the Clerk prior to the 21st November 2019. Please note that the General Assembly 2020 starts on Saturday 16th May. Further to the decision made at the 2019 Assembly, Commissioner Names for General Assembly 2020 require to be with the Principal Clerk's office by 31st January 2020.

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

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

a. VACANCY SCHEDULE FOR AYR: ST COLUMBA

- i) The Presbytery homologate the decision by the Clerk to forward the Vacancy Schedule for Ayr: St Columba, as agreed by the Interim Moderator, to Mrs Elaine Macadie, Finance Manager, Ministries Council.
- ii) The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to Ministries Council of the Church of Scotland.

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ii) In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery note that the Call to the Rev John McCutcheon has been sustained. The Call was signed by **62**. Paper of Concurrence **45**.

iii) The Presbytery note the following arrangements for Induction:

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Induction at 6.45pm on Wednesday 11th December, 2019, within Ayr: St Quivox (Dalmilling), the Rev Dr Scott McKenna, Minister of Ayr: St Columba, to conduct Worship and preach; the Moderator to Induct and give the Charges; the Interim Moderator to be responsible for serving the Edict.

d. PRESBYTERY PLAN FOR EAST AREA

Mrs Isabell Montgomerie, Mission Convener reporting on behalf of the Mission Committee:

i) The Presbytery agree the attached tables as the tabulated plan for the East Area from 2020-2030.

ii) The Presbytery note the intention to move from resource centred planning towards more mission centred planning.

iii) Instruct the clerk to send copies of the tables and an extract minute to the Presbytery Planning Task Group of the Ministries Council.

(See attached Ayr Presbytery Plan 2020-2030a East Area.pdf).

e. MAUCLINE AND SORN

Congregational Representatives welcomed.

The Presbytery grant Mauchline and Sorn permission to Call, subject to the concurrence of the Presbytery Planning Task Group.

f. EXTENSION TO OLD CUMNOCK: TRINITY LINKED WITH MUIRKIRK:

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery grant an extension of Leave to Call to Old Cumnock: Trinity linked with Muirkirk for a further period of one year.

g. LETTER OF DEMISSION

The Presbytery note that the Rev Helen Cuthbert, on grounds of retirement, will demit her Charge of New Cumnock Parish Church on the 19th April 2020.

h. TROON: ST MEDDAN'S APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM MODERATOR

The Presbytery homologate the decision of the Clerk and Vacancy Procedure Committee in appointing the Rev James Hogg, Ordained Local Minister, as Interim Moderator at Troon: St Meddan's from 1st October 2019

i. TROON: PORTLAND LOCUM

i) The Presbytery note that the Rev Jack Brown, Minister emeritus Applegarth, Sibbaldie and Johnstone linked with Lochmaben, has given notice that he will resign as Locum at Troon: Portland, effective from 31st October 2019.

ii) The Presbytery record their thanks to the Rev Jack Brown for serving as Locum at Troon: Portland since the 7th May 2018.

j. TROON: CHURCHES

Congregations of Troon: Old, Troon: Portland and Troon: St Meddan's cited to attend. Mr John Reid, Session Clerk at Troon: Portland, addressed the Presbytery.

Deliverance in the name of the Committee, given in by the Rev Ken Yorke, Convener:

- i) The Presbytery note that Troon churches will be reduced from three to two full time stipendiary ministers, one OLM/Auxiliary minister, an attached Reader, Youth Worker and, if available, other forms of local ministry.
- ii) The Presbytery instructs the North Area Mission Focus Group, informed by the Troon/Dundonald Parish Grouping to support the congregations of Troon in bringing to the Mission Committee of Presbytery by June 2020 an initial outline of a radical way forward for the churches in Troon with suggestions for the process and timetable by which their way forward might be achieved.
- iii) The North Area Mission Focus Group and Troon Dundonald Parish Grouping are asked to bear in mind the following thoughts in their discussions regarding Troon Churches:-
 - i) In the 2022 Presbytery Plan Troon will be allocated two full time stipendiary ministers with 1 OLM/Auxiliary minister, 1 attached reader one youth worker and other forms of local ministry.
 - ii) Consider a future formation of two churches/congregations with one Kirk Session or one united church.
 - iii) Consider working towards the possibility of having two worship centres, one in Troon town centre and one in North Troon in a leased or new building.
 - iv) Consider forming a joint mission/outreach group or equivalent from the existing Kirk Sessions to coordinate mission activities, steps that may need to be taken in the initial stage of development.
(A willing retired minister might be asked to convene such meetings.)

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- v) Consider abolishing current parish boundaries and developing a new area or areas.
- vi) Consider different and more radical approaches other than union and linking.

k. DESTRUCTION OF VACANCY PAPERS

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Clerk reported that the Vacancy Papers for Ayr: Castlehill, and Annbank linked with Tarbolton had been destroyed.

2. AYR: ST JAMES

The Presbytery note that Ayr: St James Parish Church have returned to worshipping in the Church. Due to a biohazard affecting the vestibule and sanctuary Sunday Worship was conducted in the Hall from 25th August until 22nd September.

3. ASSEMBLY PAPERS - ALLOCATION OF REMITS

The Assembly Papers were distributed to all members of Presbytery. The Instructions contained in the Assembly Papers had already been highlighted to Committee Conveners and Vice Conveners.

4. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY CHANGE OF TIME

a. TROON: PORTLAND AND TROON: ST MEDDAN'S

The Presbytery note that Troon: Portland Parish Church and Troon: St Meddan's Parish Church will join with Troon Old Parish Church for the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 10th November and, accordingly, there will be no Service at Portland or St Meddan's on that day.

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- 5. FINAL REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTS INSPECTION COMMITTEE**, give in by Moira Wilson.
- a. Having failed to complete the attestation process by 30th September, the Presbytery agree that the Congregational Accounts that have been received and inspected for 2018 conform to the Regulations for Congregational Finance, subject to points of detail and guidance raised with local office-bearers, and reported to the General Treasurer of the Church of Scotland.
 - b. The Presbytery note that these Congregations have been authorised and instructed to submit an original signed copy of their 2018 Accounts to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator together with their Annual Return.
 - c. The Presbytery thank all of these Congregational office-bearers involved in the production of the Accounts for their diligence and efforts.
 - d. The Presbytery note the inability of the Inspection Committee to complete its work by 30th September, the date for the final return to the Stewardship and Finance Department, due to the illness of the Treasurer of Auchinleck preventing her from, so far, submitting the Accounts and Trustees Report of her congregation for 2018. It is noted that she hopes to be in a position shortly to do so and we pray for her health and strength to enable her to complete this task.
 - e. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute of **a.** to **d.** above to the General Treasurer of the Church of Scotland.

71. BUSINESS & NOMINATION COMMITTEE, given in by the Rev Alistair Morrison, Vice Convener.

1. CHAPLAIN TO STUDENTS

The Presbytery appoint the Rev Lynsey Brennan, Minister of Dundonald Parish Church as Chaplain to students. A Chaplain for readers will be brought forward in due course.

2. INVITATION FOR GUEST SPEAKER

The Presbytery agree to invite Mr Fred Vincent, Project Co-ordinator, Chance to Thrive, to be a Guest Speaker at the March 2020 Presbytery meeting.

72. COMMUNITY & WORLD CONCERNS COMMITTEE, given in by the Rev Ian Stirling, Convener.

1. OLIVE GROVE CHAPEL

The Presbytery Encourage congregations to actively support The Olive Grove Chapel project at Tent of Nations, Bethlehem.

2. CHRISTIANS LIVING IN A MINORITY SITUATION

a. The Presbytery encourage congregations to become familiar with the report ‘If One Suffers’.

b. The Presbytery encourage congregations to imaginatively and meaningfully express solidarity with partner churches in contexts where the Christian community comes under severe pressure because of its minority status

c. The Presbytery encourage congregations to engage in inter-faith dialogue.

- d. The Presbytery encourage congregations to witness to, raise awareness of, become advocates of justice and peace in complex situations facing the minority church across the world

3. **ALTERnativity**

The Presbytery encourage congregations to engage actively with the latest ALTERnativity: Just God, Simply Christmas resource

73. **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**, given in by the Rev Barbara Suchanek-Seitz, Convener.

CONDUCTING WORSHIP

The Presbytery agree to allow successful participants of worship training to conduct worship outwith their parish bounds, if they so wish, subject to the permission of their Parish Minister or Interim Moderator.

74. **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**, given in by the Rev Gerald Jones, Convener.

1. **DRONGAN: THE SCHAW KIRK**

- a. The Presbytery approve the application to seek approval from CARTA (Committee on Church Art and Architecture) for the installation of replacement windows to the Sanctuary and Hall. The existing windows are of steel construction, single glazed and are 56 years old and have now reached the end of their practical life. It is proposed to replace the windows, 4 in the Chancel and 10 in the Hall, with Rosewood PVCu having Georgian internal fret detail with fenestration matching that of the existing windows.

The cost of the works is in the order of £15,600.

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The Congregation seek approval to make grant applications to help meet the cost of the works. No work will proceed until full funding has been secured.

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

**2. DALMELLINGTON & PATNA WATERSIDE 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-Convenor (Benefice and Fabric), to approve the letting of the Manse at 4 Carsphairn Road, Dalmellington, during the period of the current vacancy.

3. COYLTON 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-Convenor (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: -

- Installation of new Audio-visual System, including the incorporation of existing audio equipment.
- Removal of one pew to accommodate the audio/visual equipment and reusing the timber of the pew to construct a new control desk. The removal of the pew will also facilitate the creation of a wheelchair friendly space.

The cost of the works is in the order of £6,500 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.

4. **AYR: AULD KIRK**

- a. The Presbytery approve the application by the Congregation of the Auld Kirk of Ayr to proceed to seek grant funding to carry out essential repairs to the Halls, to preserve the integrity of the buildings through the entire replacement of the halls roof covering due to the gradual degradation over its 50 year lifespan. The new roof build-up will incorporate additional insulation to comply with the current Technical Standards of the Scottish Building Regulations.

Estimates have been obtained and the cost of the works is in the order of £99,800 inclusive of VAT and professional fees.

A further application for Presbytery approval to proceed with the works will be required once the necessary funding has been secured.

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

75. **MISSION COMMITTEE**, given in by Mrs Isabell Montgomerie, Convener.

1. **MODELS OF ADJUSTMENT**

The Presbytery instruct the Mission Committee to explore models of adjustment that might achieve composite parishes with team ministries, in support of South, North and Central MFGs, who are seeing interest in this idea emerging from congregations in their areas.

2. DALMELLINGTON AND PATNA

- a) The Presbytery regret the delay in reporting the findings of the Dalmellington and Patna review group from Irvine and Kilmarnock Presbytery and instruct the clerk to write to Irvine and Kilmarnock Presbytery expressing concern and requesting that representatives of the review group meet with members of our Mission Committee to discuss the current situation at an early date.

- b) The Presbytery regret that the Ministries Council appeared to be unwilling to assist the Priority Area charge of Dalmellington and Patna and instruct the clerk to enquire of the Ministries Council whether the moratorium on MDS appointments will last beyond the end October which we understood was the period for which the moratorium would last.

3. BARONY CAMPUS

- a) The Presbytery agree in principle to exploring the possibility of a project to assist the new Barony Campus with possible funding from the Growth Fund and possibly other sources. To this end the Presbytery authorise the East Area Mission Focus Group to organise a meeting with the Head of the Barony Campus and with representation from East Ayrshire Education Authority. Short presentations on the successful partnership between Alloway Parish Church and Alloway and Doonfoot Primary Schools would form the background to this meeting. The possibility of using this model as a template for adapting and applying in the East Area of the Presbytery would be explored.

- b) The Presbytery instruct the clerk to send an extract minute to Martin Johnstone, Interim Head of Staff and Secretary of the Church of Scotland's Church and Society Council.

- c) The Presbytery instruct the clerk to write to the Presbytery of Irvine and Kilmarnock reminding them that the Church representative on the East Ayrshire Education Committee is there to represent Ayr Presbytery as well as Irvine and Kilmarnock Presbytery and to express concern at the lack of reports to Ayr Presbytery.

This is particularly concerning as the development of the Barony Campus at Cumnock is clearly a mission opportunity for the Church and it would be interesting to hear what representations have been made to the Authority on this matter. Ayr Presbytery therefore request that the representative attends a meeting with members of the Ayr Presbytery Mission Committee and Education Committee to advise on progress.

76. REVIEW AND REFORM COMMITTEE REPORT,
given in by the Rev Neil McNaught, Convener.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 11th JANUARY 2020

The Presbytery note the arrangements for the annual conference on Saturday 11th January 2020 in Alloway Parish Church.

The Presbytery encourage those coming for breakfast to intimate their intention to the secretary
ayroffice@churchofscotland.org.uk by 30th December 2019.

CHANGE AND THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH
Speaker Rev Prof David Ferguson

Breakfast Served	9am- 9.45am
Worship	10 am
Session One	10.15- 11am
<i>Comfort break</i>	
Session Two	11.15am- 12 noon
Plenary	
Close	12.30pm

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77. CORRESPONDENCE

All Correspondence had been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

78. EXPRESSION OF THANKS

The Moderator expressed his thanks to Ayr: Castlehill Parish Church for hosting the Presbytery of Ayr.

ADJOURNMENT. The Presbytery rose at **8.15pm**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Carrick Centre Maybole on **Tuesday 3rd December**, 2019, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on **Thursday 21st November**, 2019, at 7pm.

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Induction at 6.45pm on **Thursday 24th October**, 2019, within Ayr: St Columba.

MODERATOR

PRESBYTERY CLERK

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