

AYR: ST COLUMBA PARISH CHURCH, 24th October, 2019. At Ayr: St Columba Parish Church, on the Twenty Fourth Day of October, Two Thousand and Nineteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted in prayer.

79. SEDERUNT. Rev Brian Hendrie, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 12; Elders, 13; Corresponding Members, 1; Deacon, 1; **Total 27.** Apologies were received from 3 Ministers and 2 Elders. 7 others were associated with the Presbytery.

80. INDUCTION OF THE REV DR SCOTT McKENNA TO AYR: ST COLUMBA 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 the Rev Dr Scott McKenna, the Presbytery resolved to proceed to the Induction of the Rev Dr Scott McKenna to the Pastoral Charge of Ayr: St Columba Parish Church.

Public Worship was conducted by the Rev Mandy Ralph, Minister of Annbank linked with Tarbolton, 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 Dr Scott McKenna signed the Formula.

The Moderator, the Rev Brian Hendrie, did induct the Rev Dr Scott McKenna to the Pastoral Charge of Ayr: St Columba Parish Church. With other Presbyters, the Moderator gave him 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

CARRICK CENTRE MAYBOLE, 3rd December, 2019.

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

81. SEDERUNT. Rev David Gemmell, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retentis. Ministers, 27; Elders, 39; Corresponding Members, 6; **Total 72.** Apologies were received from 9 Ministers, 10 Elders, 1 Youth Representative and 1 Corresponding Member.

82. WELCOME

The Moderator welcomed the Rev Dr Scott McKenna, Minister of Ayr: St Columba

**83. ADMISSION TO SEAT OF PRESBYTERY
THE REV JEANETTE WHITECROSS, MINISTER
EMERITUS KILWINNING OLD PARISH CHURCH.**

Having applied for a Seat in the Presbytery, the Moderator called on the Rev Jeanette Whitecross to affirm the vows taken on Ordination. The Rev Jeanette Whitecross made affirmation and signed the Formula. The Moderator admitted the Rev Jeanette Whitecross to a Seat in the Presbytery and gave her the right hand of Fellowship.

84. MINUTES

The Minutes of the 22nd October, 2019, and 24th October, 2019, being in the hands of members were taken as read and approved.

85. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Order of Business presented by the Rev David Prentice-Hyers was approved.

86. INTIMATIONS

1. General Assembly Youth Rep. Nomination Forms to Presbytery Clerk by 1st February 2020.
2. Carol Singing for Christian Aid. Morrisons Thursday 19th December, 2pm – 4pm and Asda Sunday 22nd December 2pm – 4pm. Only requirements are enthusiasm and a smile.

87. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 2020. APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS

MINISTER	POSITION	ELDER	CHURCH
Barbara-Suchanek-Seitz	Ayr: St James		
		James Kirk	Straiton
Alwyn Landman	Coylton / Drongan	Ian McGregor Anne Robertson	Coylton Drongan
David Clarkson	Monkton & Prestwick North	Janet Armour	Monkton & Prestwick North
		Kenneth McKelvie	Troon: Portland
Alastair Symington	Retired	Gordon MacDonald	Prestwick: Kingcase
John Paterson	Old Cumnock	Marge Paterson	Old Cumnock
Kenneth Elliott	Presbytery Clerk	Bill Duncan	Alloway
TOTAL	6	TOTAL	8

88. COMMISSION OF ASSEMBLY

The Presbytery nominate the following Commissioners to be members of the Commission of Assembly: Rev Alastair Symington, Minister emeritus Troon: Old, and, Mr Kenneth McKelvie, Presbytery Elder at Troon: Portland

89. REPORT OF DILIGENCE

The Presbytery appoint Gordon MacDonald, Additional Presbytery Elder, to report Diligence.

90. ORDER OF THE DAY - 7.30pm

1. VACANCY BUSINESS

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

a. TROON: PORTLAND LOCUM

The Presbytery note that the Rev Eddie Simpson, Minister emeritus of Giffnock South, is currently the Locum at Troon: Portland. This appointment was effective from the 1st November and will terminate on the 31st December 2019.

b. BARR LINKED WITH DAILLY LINKED WITH GIRVAN: SOUTH

i) The appoint the Rev Ian Stirling, Minister of Fisherton linked with Kirkoswald, as Interim Moderator at Barr linked with Dailly linked with Girvan: South.

ii) The Presbytery record their thanks to the Rev Jim Guthrie, Minister emeritus Corsock and Kirkpatrick Durham linked with Crossmichael for Parton, for serving as Interim Moderator at Barr linked with Dailly linked with Girvan: South since 23rd October 2018.

c. CROSSHILL LINKED WITH MAYBOLE

i) Demission of the Rev Dr Robert Pickles. Congregation Representatives welcomed. Compeared Mrs Lynne Rankin, Presbytery Elder at Maybole Parish Church, and Mrs Pam McIlwraith, Ruling Elder at Crosshill Parish Church, paid fitting tribute to the ministry of the Rev Dr Robert Pickles. The Rev Dr Robert Pickles made a suitable reply.

ii) The Presbytery note that the Rev Dr Robert Pickles, Minister at Crosshill linked with Maybole, successfully preached as Nominee for Langholm Eskdalemuir, Ewes and Westerkirk on the 24th November. **For 65 Against 1**

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- iii) The Presbytery agreed to the translation, subject to the Call being sustained.
- iv) The Presbytery note that an Interim Moderator and Locum will hopefully be appointed in the near future.

d. MUIRKIRK LINKED WITH OLD CUMNOCK: TRINITY

- i) The Presbytery note that the Rev Helen Cuthbert has resigned as Interim Moderator at Muirkirk linked with Old Cumnock: Trinity from 3rd December 2019.
- ii) The Presbytery record their thanks to the Rev Helen Cuthbert for serving as Interim Moderator at Muirkirk linked with Old Cumnock: Trinity since 1st July 2016.

e. DESTRUCTION OF VACANCY PAPERS

In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Clerk reported that the Vacancy Papers for Ayr: At Columba had been destroyed.

2. FESTIVE SERVICE CHANGES

a. DALMELLINGTON AND PATNA

- i) The Presbytery note that there was no service at Dalmellington Parish Church on Sunday 17th November. A joint Songs of Praise took place at Patna Waterside Parish Church at 10.00am
- ii) The Presbytery note that on Sunday 8th December there will be no service at Patna Waterside Parish Church. A joint Service of Lessons & Carols will take place at Dalmellington Parish Church at 11.00am.

b. ALLOWAY PARISH CHURCH

The Presbytery note that there will be only one Service at Alloway Parish Church on the 29th December and 5th January, at 10.30am

c. TROON CHURCHES

The Presbytery note on Sunday 29th December there will be no Service at Troon: Old, Troon: Portland and Troon: St Meddan's. A joint Service will take place at Seagate Evangelical Church.

91. BUSINESS & NOMINATION COMMITTEE, given in by the Rev Alistair Morrison, Vice Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.

1. NOMINATION OF PRESBYTERY MODERATOR

The Presbytery appoint the Rev David Prentice-Hyers, Minister of Troon: Old, to be Moderator of the Presbytery of Ayr, beginning 16th June 2020.

2. CENTRAL MISSION FOCUS GROUP

i) The Presbytery appoint Mrs Paula Lennox as Rapporteur for the Central Area Mission Focus Group.

ii) The Presbytery records their thanks to Mrs Claire Pirrie who served as Rapporteur of the Central Area Mission Focus Group until October 2019.

3. PRESBYTERY PRAYER PROMOTER

The Presbytery appoints Christine Stewart to be Presbytery Prayer Promoter.

4. ACCOUNTS INSPECTION COMMITTEE

The Presbytery appoint Miss Moira Wilson, Ruling Elder, and Mr James Kirk, Ruling Elder, as joint Conveners of the Accounts Inspection Committee until 31st December 2020.

5. THREE PRESBYTERIES

- a. The Presbytery resolve to engage with the Presbyteries of Ardrossan and Irvine & Kilmarnock with a view to achieving the union of the Presbyteries of Ardrossan, Ayr and Irvine & Kilmarnock.

- b. The Presbytery appoints the Rev Neil McNaught, Review and Reform Convener, the Rev Alistair Morrison, Vice Convener of Business and Nomination Committee and the Rev Kenneth Elliott, Presbytery Clerk, to serve on a Steering Group which will bring proposals for the union of the Presbyteries of Ardrossan, Ayr and Irvine and Kilmarnock to the March meeting of Presbytery.

92. MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT, given in by Mrs Isabell Montgomerie, Convener.

93. COMMUNITY & WORLD CONCERNS

COMMITTEE, given in by the Rev Ian Stirling, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.
Presentation on Climate Change from Iona Murdoch.

1. CARING FOR CREATION:

- a. The Presbytery of Ayr notes with concern that progress towards implementing the Paris climate agreement is falling short of expectations and call upon the Scottish and UK governments to make the rapid transition to a low carbon economy a priority.

- b. The Presbytery urge all congregations to actively consider what transformative actions they can take to help the transition to a low carbon economy in their lives, their finances, communities and worship.

- c. The Presbytery urge all congregations to actively engage in climate change matters.

**2. SUPPORTING EU NATIONALS IN OUR
 COMMUNITIES**

The Presbytery note the following resources:

- a. The Church of Scotland’s Law Department (lawdept@churchofscotland.org.uk) provides legal support for congregations and presbyteries in relation to those who the Church employs and/or is responsible for, this includes safe recruitment advice.
- b. The EU Citizens’ Right scheme is run with the European Commission Representation (EU Rep) in the UK and delivers non-political non-commercial information sessions to anyone impacted by or confused about ‘Settled Status’ and the Brexit-related immigration changes across the UK (www.eurights.uk).
- c. The EU Settlement Scheme is run by the UK Government and is designed for the majority of EEA/ Swiss nationals and their family members to make applications, without the need of a lawyer.

94. EDUCATION COMMITTEE, given in by the Mrs Pat Bogle, Vice Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.

CHAPLAIN FOR READERS AND OLM’s.

- a. The Presbytery note that there is an expressed desire by readers and O.L.M’s to have a nominated chaplain, distinct from their mentors.
- b. The Presbytery would request that any Minister willing to fulfil this role contact the Presbytery Clerk.

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

1. MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CONGREGATIONS FOR 2020

- a. The Presbytery approve the Ministries and Mission contributions being sought from Congregations in 2020 as per the schedule held in retentis.

Congregations are reminded that these contributions should be paid in equal monthly payments unless the prior consent of Presbytery has been given.

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

2. PROPERTY INSPECTION LEVY 2020

The Presbytery approve the under noted figures, being the proposed property levy charges for 2020:

£486 per Charge, £243 per Congregation in a linked charge, and £162 for each of the Congregations in a triple linkage.

It should be noted that the charges have been held for a further year at the 2015 rate.

3. DISCRETIONARY ALLOWANCE COMMITTEE

- a. The Presbytery agree to the following reductions to Ministry and Mission Contributions:

Dundonald	£10000
Dalmellington & Patna Waterside	£6700
Ayr Presbytery Malawi Committee	£6000
(Troon: Portland, Alloway & Prestwick: St. Nicholas)	
Maybole	£6000
New Cumnock	£6000
Ochiltree & Stair	£6000

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Prestwick: Kingcase	£5000
Ayr Newton Wallacetown	£3000
Troon: Portland	£2500
Girvan: North	£1000

- b.** The Presbytery agree to instruct the Clerk to forward Deliverance (a) above to the General Treasurer of the Church of Scotland.
- c.** The Presbytery note these reliefs are granted for the following reasons:

Dundonald	To Promote Mission Outreach and Improve the Church's Outdated Social Technology and Media Platform
Dalmellington & Patna Waterside	Reclaim of Travel Expenses
Ayr Presbytery Malawi Committee	To Support Malawi Visit in May 2020 (Troon: Portland, Alloway & Prestwick: St.Nicholas)
Maybole	Annual Assistance with Costs
New Cumnock	Ongoing Fabric Maintenance
Ochiltree & Stair	Manse Emergency & After-School Club £2000 (Manse) + £4000 (Mission)
Prestwick: Kingcase	Urgent Replacement of Two Boilers
Ayr: Newton Wallacetown	To Promote Room/Sixty Project
Troon: Portland	To Promote Mission Outreach to Young People in Partnership with the Cinnamon Network
Girvan: North	Assistance with Locum's Travel Costs

- d.** The Presbytery note that the amount available for 5% Discretionary Allowance purposes is now £37000. Accordingly, the fund will be able to support some emergency building issues and mission-related projects, if applications are received by the date of the next Presbytery Committee meetings on 20th February 2020.

This assumes that congregations are striving to meet their commitments by keeping Stewardship firmly before them, while also examining their unrestricted reserve funds, before making a formal application.

- e. The Presbytery note a short report on the use of the Allowance is expected and should be submitted to the Administration Committee in due course.

4. PRESBYTERY BUDGET

- a. The Presbytery approve the Budget for the year ending 31 December 2020, a copy to be held in retentis with the Minutes.
- b. The Presbytery approve the Congregational assessment of £1.1312 per £100 of average annual Christian Liberty.
- c. The Presbytery instruct the Acting-Presbytery Treasurer to transmit these assessments to Congregational Treasurers.
- d. The Presbytery thank Mr Keith McKellar for his work in this regard.

5. ARCHITECTURAL QUINQUENNIAL VISITATIONS

The Presbytery note the provisional list of Architectural Quinquennial Visitations to the under noted Charges in 2020: -

Alloway

Ayr: Castlehill

Ayr: Newton Wallacetown

Ayr: St Columba

Dundonald

Kirkoswald

Prestwick: St Nicholas

Troon: St Meddans

6. OCHILTREE & STAIR PARISH MANSE

- a. The Presbytery note that as a consequence of significant dampness issues within the manse at 10 Mauchline Road, Ochiltree, it has been necessary to vacate the property until such time as the matter can be fully resolved. With the kind agreement and cooperation of the Kirk Session of Portland Parish Church, Troon it has been agreed that the manse at 89 South Beach, Troon be made available while matters at Ochiltree are concluded.

It should be noted that while the manse at 89 South Beach, Troon is occupied by Ochiltree & Stair Parish, ownership of the building will at all times be retained by Portland Parish Church. Costs associated with the occupancy, e.g. Council Tax, Utility bills etc., will be met by Ochiltree & Stair Parish through local agreement with Portland Parish Church.

The relocation to the Troon manse took place on 20/21 November 2019.

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

**7. MAUCLINE AND SORN PARISH:
MANSE INSPECTION AT 4 WESTSIDE GARDENS,
MAUCLINE KA5 5DJ**

The Presbytery note that an inspection of the above Manse was carried out on Tuesday 12th November 2019 on behalf of Presbytery. Minor works were identified that will be dealt with in the near future, and decoration as necessary will be carried out at a later date so as to afford the new minister a choice of colour scheme. All work will be completed prior to occupation. The Manse is therefore deemed fit for occupation and no further inspection will be necessary.

- 96. REVIEW AND REFORM COMMITTEE**, given in by the Rev Alistair Morrison, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 11th JANUARY 2020

The Presbytery are reminded of 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.

97. CORRESPONDENCE .

All Correspondence had been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

ADJOURNMENT. The Presbytery rose at **8.20pm**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Carrick Centre Maybole on **Tuesday 3rd March**, 2020, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on **Thursday 20th February**, 2020, at 7pm.

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Induction at 6.45pm on **Wednesday 11th December**, 2019, within Ayr: St Quivox.

MODERATOR

PRESBYTERY CLERK

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AYR: ST QUIVOX PARISH CHURCH, 11th December, 2019. At Ayr: St Quivox Parish Church, on the Eleventh Day of October, Two Thousand and Nineteen Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted in prayer.

98. SEDERUNT. Rev David Gemmell, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 10; Elders, 10; Corresponding Members, 1; **Total 21.** Apologies were received from 1 Ministers and 4 Elders. 7 others were associated with the Presbytery.

**99. INDUCTION OF THE REV JOHN McCUTCHEON TO
AYR: ST QUIVOX PARISH CHURCH. (*Dalmilling*)**

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 the Rev John McCutcheon, the Presbytery resolved to proceed to the Induction of the Rev John McCutcheon to the Pastoral Charge of Ayr: St Quivox Parish Church.

Public Worship was conducted by the Rev Dr Scott McKenna, Minister of Ayr: St Columba, 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 John McCutcheon signed the Formula.

The Moderator, the Rev David Gemmell, did induct the Rev John McCutcheon to the Pastoral Charge of Ayr: St Quivox Parish Church. With other Presbyters, the Moderator gave him 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