

**PORTLAND PARISH CHURCH, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2011.** At Troon: Portland Parish Church, on the Third Day of November, Two Thousand and Eleven Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met, and was constituted in prayer.

**136. SEDERUNT.** Mr W Mackie, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 24; Elders, 23; Total 47. Apologies were received from 4 Ministers and were similarly recorded. 21 others were associated with the Presbytery.

**137. INDUCTION OF THE REV JAMIE MILLIKEN TO TROON: PORTLAND 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 Jamie Milliken, the Presbytery resolved to proceed to the Induction of the Rev Jamie Milliken to the Pastoral Charge of Troon: Portland.

Public Worship was conducted by the Rev David Albon, Minister of Mauchline linked with Sorn, 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 Jamie Milliken signed the Formula.

The Moderator, with prayer, did induct the Rev Jamie Milliken and admit him to the Pastoral Charge of Troon: Portland. 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 confirm the Rev Jamie Milliken's name on the Roll of Presbytery and inform all interested parties. Those taking part were thanked and the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

**MODERATOR**

**PRESBYTERY CLERK**

Scottish Charity Number SC020676

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**ALLOWAY, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2011.**

At Alloway Church on Tuesday the First Day of November, Two Thousand and Eleven Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted.

**124. SEDERUNT.** Mr W Mackie, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in retenitis. Ministers, 29; Elders, 45; Deacon, 1; Corresponding Members, 1; Total 76. Apologies were received from 9 Ministers and 6 Elders.

**125. MINUTES.** The Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> October 2011, being in the hands of Members, were taken as read and approved.

**126. NOTICE OF MOTION.**

A Notice of Motion was presented by the Rev Neil McNaught to include a Deliverance under Community and World Concerns relating to the Scottish Government's Consultation Document concerning religious ceremonies for civil partnerships and the possible introduction of same sex marriage.

The Presbytery approved the Notice of Motion.

**127. ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

The Order of Business was approved

**128. INTIMATIONS.**

1. **Holy City 2011 – 2012 Choice / Cuts.**      *(Leaflets to be uplifted.)*
2. **Breaking Barriers, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> December** Tulliallan Police Training College, Fife.
3. **Malawi Presentation** – Collected at Ayr St James.
4. **Annual Candlelight Christmas Memorial Service** at Masonhill Crematorium – 18<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm.
5. **Chaplaincy Service.** Next date for Dialogue – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 from 2pm – 4pm, Room 1, The Training Centre, Ayrshire Central Hospital. (A skills Development and Education sessions.)

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129. ASSEMBLY PAPER.

Report by Business and Nomination Committee, given in by the Rev Robert McCrum, Convener, who moved the Deliverance, which was adopted:-

Overture Anent Discipline of Ministers, Licentiates, Graduate Candidates and Deacons.

The Presbytery approve the Overture simpliciter.  
There voted, FOR APPROVAL 58.  
There voted, FOR DISAPPROVAL 0.  
The Presbytery resolved accordingly.

Overture Anent Bullying.

The Presbytery approve the Overture simpliciter.  
There voted, FOR APPROVAL 58.  
There voted, FOR DISAPPROVAL 0.  
The Presbytery resolved accordingly.

Overture Anent Discrimination.

The Presbytery approve the Overture simpliciter.  
There voted, FOR APPROVAL 58.  
There voted, FOR DISAPPROVAL 0.  
The Presbytery resolved accordingly.

Overture Anent Discipline of Elders, Readers and Office Bearers.

The Presbytery approve the Overture simpliciter.  
There voted, FOR APPROVAL 58.  
There voted, FOR DISAPPROVAL 0.  
The Presbytery resolved accordingly.

2. Bandawe - report by Mrs Meg Peacock on Ballantrae's link with Bandawe Presbytery.

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTATION DOCUMENT, given in by the Rev Neil McNaught, who moved the Deliverance, which was adopted:-

The Presbytery encourage church members to respond to the Scottish Government's Consultation Document concerning religious ceremonies for civil partnerships and the possible introduction of same sex marriage.  
Responses should be sent to familylaw@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

135. CORRESPONDENCE.

All Correspondence had been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

ADJOURNMENT. The Presbytery rose at 8.12pm

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Alloway Parish Church Hall on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, at 7pm.

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for Induction on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2011, at 6.45pm within Troon: Portland Parish Church.

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**2.    AYR: ST COLUMBA**

The Presbytery approve the application by Ayr: St Columba to undertake essential masonry work and re-leading of the Church roof, including restoration works to the sandstone cross on the east gable and re-alignment of copings, in a total sum of £40,000 (inc VAT). Funds are available . No disruption of Church services is anticipated.

**3.    MONKTON & PRESTWICK NORTH**

The Presbytery note the favourable response from the General Trustees regarding the approval of a grant in the sum of £3,000 from the Central Fabric Fund, to be drawn-on at various stages throughout the renovations.

**4.    MAYBOLE PARISH CHURCH**

The Presbytery recommend that representatives of the Administration Committee meet with the Office Bearers of Crosshill, Maybole and the Rev Brian Hendrie, to discuss the option of Crosshill having an equity share in the new manse.

**5.    PRESBYTERY BUDGET, given in by Mr George Kitcheman, Treasurer, who moved the Deliverance, which was adopted:-**

The Presbytery approve the Budget for the year ending 31st December 2012 and the proposed assessment of £50 per Congregation plus £0.86 per £100 of Christian Liberty, a copy of the Budget to be held in retentis.

**134.    COMMUNITY    AND    WORLD    CONCERNS    REPORTS.****1.    Church & Society Newsletter and Relevant Websites - given by Miss Muriel Wilson, Vice Convener.****130.    ORDER OF THE DAY - 8.00pm.****1.    3% AD HOC COMMITTEE, given in by Mr Jim Skinner, who moved the Deliverance, which was adopted:-**

- a.    The Presbytery receive the Report.
- b.    The Presbytery accept the percentages for Mission, Relief and Contingencies within the 3% Discretionary amount for 2012 as Mission 30%, Relief 50% and Contingencies 20%; for 2013 as Mission 40%,Relief 40%, and Contingencies 20%; for 2014 and thereafter Mission 50%, Relief 30% and Contingencies 20%.
- c.    The Presbytery agree to establish a sub committee to consider and recommend approval / declinature of applications from Congregations for Reduction in full Ministry & Mission contributions. This permanent sub committee to comprise of three members from Administration Committee, one of whom must be the Vice Convener Finance, two members from the Mission Committee and one member from the Education Committee. Their recommendations to be reported for ratification by Presbytery via the Administration Committee.
- d.    The Presbytery agree that henceforth applications for Reduction in full Ministry & Mission contributions from Congregations should be in writing, in the first instance, to the Vice Convener Finance and supported by additional information as outlined in the Report. The Vice Convener Finance will within 7 days acknowledge the communication and thereafter call a meeting of the committee to consider the application.
- e.    The Presbytery instruct the Administration Committee to produce for Presbytery each September a list of those Congregations who have been granted Reduction detailing the reason for reduction and the amount involved.

f. The Presbytery agree that the Trustees of each Congregation whose Ministry & Mission contributions are more than £1000 below the scale figure should at an early date be visited by 3 members of the Administration Committee with a view to encouraging a review of giving arrangements and consideration of entering a Giving Agreement with Presbytery. The Administration Committee to report the outcome of such meetings to Presbytery by no later than May 2012.

g. The Presbytery thank and discharge the ad hoc committee.

**2. JOINT SERVICE OF WORSHIP - AUCHINCUIVE AND DALMILLING.**

The Presbytery note a Joint Service of Worship will take place at Dalmilling Parish Church on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.

**131. BUSINESS AND NOMINATION COMMITTEE, given in by the Rev Robert McCrum, who moved the Deliverance, which was adopted:-**

**1. MISSION COMMITTEE VICE CONVENER.**

The Presbytery agree to the following appointment: Rev David Gemmell, to the post of Vice-Convener of the Mission Committee.

**2. 'RUNNING A COMMUNITY FESTIVAL' TRAINING DAY.**

The Presbytery nominate the Rev David Gemmell to attend the 'Running A Community Festival' Training Day, to be held in Glasgow on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

**3. EDUCATION COMMITTEE.**

The Presbytery agree to the Education Committee's request to allow Mr Andrew Graham to continue in membership of the Education Committee beyond the normal 4 year term.

**4. PROPOSED CHAPLAINCY APPOINTMENT.**

The Presbytery confirm that the Rev Kenneth York is a suitable person to be appointed to work among young people within Ayr Training Corps.

The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the Rev Colin Brockie, Chaplain to the West of Scotland Wing of the Air Training Corps.

**132. MISSION COMMITTEE, given in by the Rev Liz Crumlish, Convener, who moved the Deliverance, which was adopted:-**

**PULPIT EXCHANGE ROTA**

The Presbytery note the Pulpit Exchange rota and commend this to Ministers and congregations as an opportunity for growth.

**133. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, given in by Mr Colin Cameron, Convener, who moved the Deliverance, which was adopted:-**

**1. STUDY LEAVE**

The Presbytery note and approve study leave for the Rev Liz Crumlish for the purpose of writing liturgy for the season after Pentecost.