

Item 6: Ministry and Resources Committee Report

Dumfries: Maxwelltown West

Having spent the last 12 months exploring different options and opportunities with the Kirk Session of Maxwelltown West, the committee have agreed to recommend to Presbytery that Dumfries: Maxwelltown West, be allowed to call a minister on the basis of an Unrestricted Tenure.

Auchencairn & Rerrick with Buittle & Kelton and Castle Douglas

Agreement has now been sought from these congregations and the Basis of Union between Auchencairn & Rerrick and Buittle & Kelton is included in the Ministry and Resources Appendix (see page 4.)

This union will then link with Castle Douglas. The Basis of Linkage is included in the Ministry and Resources Appendix (see page 4.)

Lochend and New Abbey with Kirkgunzeon

It has been agreed that the linkage of Lochend and New Abbey with Kirkgunzeon will be severed. Kirkgunzeon will unite with Dalbeattie and the church building at Kirkgunzeon will be closed. Consult the Ministry and Resources Appendix for the Basis of Severance (page 5), the revised Basis of Union of Lochend and New Abbey (page 6), and the Basis of Union of Dalbeattie with Kirkgunzeon (page 6.)

Review of the Presbytery Plan

Part of the remit of the Ministry & Resources Committee is to review the Presbytery Plan on, at least, an annual basis. In order to do this we feel that we should spend some time looking at the Dumfries churches in a little more detail and so have organised a meeting with representatives from the five congregations in Dumfries town centre. This will take place on 6th November 2013 in St George's Church Hall when we plan to talk with each congregational group individually, then asking them to go back to their congregations and discuss the situation with a view to giving us written feedback by the end of 2013.

Reader Training

Mr Geoff Monk is beginning training as a Reader.

Mr David Matheson has completed his training as a Reader.

The deliverances are as follows:

1. The Presbytery agrees to allow Dumfries: Maxwelltown West to call a minister on Unrestricted Tenure.
2. The Presbytery agrees to the Basis of Union for Auchencairn & Rerrick and Buittle & Kelton (to be known as The Bengairn Parishes)
3. The Presbytery agrees to the Basis of Linkage of The Bengairn Parishes with Castle Douglas.
4. The Presbytery agrees to the Basis of Severance of the Linkage between Kirkgunzeon and Lochend with New Abbey
5. The Presbytery agrees to the amended Basis of Union of Lochend and New Abbey.
6. The Presbytery agrees to the Basis of Union of Dalbeattie with Kirkgunzeon.

Sally Russell, Ministry and Resources Convener

Item 8: Business Committee Report

1. **Irongray, Lochrutton and Terregles** have been issued with the new Unitary constitution.
2. **Review of Presbytery Meetings.** When we moved to our new structure of fewer meetings, Presbytery agreed that we would review the new structure after two years. We have now reached that point. If anyone has comments to make about the new structure, please give them to the Clerk, and the agenda for the November meeting will include time for discussion on this.
3. **Assembly Remits.** Conveners are encouraged to check the General Assembly Remits book and deal with anything which is relevant to their committee's work. There is an overture regarding the Appeals Act and it is suggested that an *ad hoc* committee consisting of the Business Convener, the Clerk and Robin Braidwood be appointed to consider it.
4. **Presbytery Yearbook:** The new Presbytery Yearbook is now ready for collection. It contains fewer contact details than in previous years due to data protection issues, i.e., permission is required from every individual whose details are given.
5. **Membership.** We have received a request for transfer of membership from Rev Mary McLauchlan from the Presbytery of Wigtown and Stranraer. She holds a valid Practising Certificate.

Deliverance

Presbytery agree to admit Rev Mary McLauchlan to membership.

Val Ott, Business Convener

Item 9: Vacancy Procedure Committee Report

Call from Dunscore linked with Glencairn and Moniaive

We have received a call from Dunscore linked with Glencairn and Moniaive to the Rev Joachim Jan Hendrik du Plessis. As you may guess, Jannie du Plessis is not from Scotland, he is from South Africa. Presbytery may recall giving permission to Dunscore linked with Glencairn and Moniaive to look for a minister from outwith the EEA. The appointment will be for 3 years in the first instance with the possibility to extend for a further 3 years.

149 people have signed the call, 88 from Dunscore and 61 from Glencairn and Moniaive and the VPC recommend that the call is sustained.

Deliverance:

1. Presbytery agree to sustain the call from Dunscore linked with Glencairn and Moniaive to Rev Joachim Jan Hendrik du Plessis.
2. Presbytery resolve to hold an induction service for Rev Joachim Jan Hendrik du Plessis on November 6th in Glencairn Church, with Presbytery meeting at 6:45 p.m. and the service beginning at 7 p.m., the Moderator to preside, the Rev Willem Bezuidenhout to preach.

Val Ott, Vacancy Procedure Committee Convener

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Item 10: Mission and Discipleship Committee Report

The Committee met to look at our remit and plan for action and events during this session.

Looking to **support young people** in our congregations we propose holding an evening reception to which we will invite twenty five 17 to 25 year olds. We hope to have input from the M and D Council Young Peoples' Worker. We will make this a social evening and include food and discussion. It will be an opportunity for our young people to come together and tell us what they would like Presbytery to be doing for them. It will also be an encouragement for those from rural areas who feel isolated in small congregations with few youth activities. We would ask Presbytery to financially support this.

We are also planning a **BIG event** for spring 2014. Many people down here ask what goes on behind the doors of 121 George Street? We hope to have input from the Councils of the Church of Scotland. We will invite representatives to come down here and showcase their work in a day conference. The proposed date is March 29th 2014.

The **Scottish Bible Society** has offered to facilitate a training session for us. Venue and date is still to be decided. If any church would like to host this event please let me know soon and I will pass on the information.

The new national **Congregational Development Worker**, David Plews, is trying to compile an up-to-date and fit-for-purpose Presbytery Adult Trainer's network. One of our committee will attend this consultation in November and report back

Future Focus: The Way Ahead, is a new resource, which can help congregations to move forward. There is a DIY version (following a handbook) and a more in depth version which is delivered by a facilitator. The Mission and Discipleship Council is looking to train more facilitators. If you are interested in this please speak to Pam for details.

Deliverance: Presbytery agree to allocate £250 for the proposed youth event to be organised by the Mission and Discipleship Committee.

Pam Mitchell, Mission and Discipleship Committee Convener

Item 11: Treasurer's Report

I present the proposed Budget to Presbytery for the year 2014.

Clerks stipend and oncost	£ 6882
Fabric Surveys	£ 3000
Hall Rentals and Insurance	£ 1500
Travel, Committee and Assembly Expenses	£ 900
Stationery, Postage ,Telephone & Copier Dues	£ 1100
Other Expenditure including Year Book	<u>£ 600</u>
Total	<u>£13982</u>

With 9902 members in Presbytery as per the new Year Book I would propose a levy of £1.50 per member. This would realise income of £14853 which would cover the budget set out as above and leave a little over for unexpected expenditure. Last year the levy was set at £1 per member to help reduce the balance in the bank account and this has been achieved.

Deliverance; Presbytery notes the proposed budget and accepts the levy of £1.50 per member to raise the necessary income.

David Gibson, Presbytery Treasurer

APPENDIX for Ministry and Resources Report (Item 6)

Basis of Union between Auchencairn & Rerrick and Buittle & Kelton

The congregation of Auchencairn and Rerrick Church of Scotland (Scottish Charity Number SCO16850) and the congregation of Buittle and Kelton Church of Scotland (Scottish Charity Number SCO03844) shall be united on a date to be agreed by Presbytery, on the following terms and conditions:

1. **Name.** The name of the united congregation shall be The Bengairn Parishes (Church of Scotland). The Scottish Charity Number SC016850 shall be retained as the Scottish Charity Number of the united congregation.
2. **Transference of Property and Funds.** The property and funds belonging to or held on behalf of each congregation shall belong to or be held on behalf of the united congregation and any transference necessary shall be duly effected.
3. **Places of Worship.** The two churches used and occupied by the uniting congregations shall continue to be used by the united charge. Services shall be held in Kelton Church on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of any month and in Auchencairn Church on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of any month. The service held on the 5th Sunday shall be held in the church designated by the Kirk Session.
4. **Territorial Responsibilities.** The bounds to be served by the united charge shall be those served at present by the uniting congregations or as the Presbytery shall determine.
5. **Kirk Session.** The elders of both Kirk Sessions shall form, with the minister, the Kirk Session of the united congregation.
6. **Congregational Management.** The temporal affairs of the united congregation shall be administered by a Congregational Board constituted as in the Model Deed of Constitution, the Delegation of Assembly being authorised to issue the appropriate Deed of Constitution to the said congregation.
7. **Minister.** The charge being vacant and subject to adjustment under the Presbytery Plan, no steps shall be taken to fill the vacancy until such adjustment is agreed.
8. **Manse.** The Manse of the linked congregations at Auchencairn, Castle Douglas DG7 1QS shall be the Manse of the united congregation.
9. **Ministerial Support.** The stipend of the minister shall be payable in terms of the National Stipend Scheme.
10. **Power to Readjust.** While these articles and terms shall form a Basis of Union for the two congregations now uniting, the united congregation shall be free, like other congregations to adjust arrangements under authority of Presbytery and with the approval of the Presbytery Planning Task Group of the Ministries Council as need may arise.

Basis of Linkage between Castle Douglas and the Bengairn Parishes

The congregation of the Bengairn Parishes (Church of Scotland) (Scottish Charity Number SCO 16850) and the congregation of Castle Douglas Parish Church of Scotland (Scottish Charity Number SCO11037) shall be linked as from a date to be determined by the Presbytery, and on the following terms and conditions:

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1. **Transference of Property and Funds.** The property and funds belonging to or held on behalf of each congregation shall remain the property and funds of each congregation as at present.
2. **Places of Worship.** All churches at present used and occupied by the congregations shall be the places of worship of the linked congregations, the churches at Castle Douglas, Auchencairn and Kelton being designated the principal places of worship. Services shall be held in Castle Douglas Church each Sunday and in Auchencairn on the 2nd and 4th Sundays and Kelton on the 1st and 3rd Sundays; 5th Sunday as intimated. Other services may be held at the discretion of the minister, but the minister shall not be required to conduct more than two services on any Sunday.
3. **Territorial Responsibility.** The bounds to be served by the linked charge shall be the bounds of the parishes of Castle Douglas and the Bengairn Parishes or as the Presbytery shall determine.
4. **Kirk Session.** The minister of the linked charge shall be the Moderator of each Kirk Session. The two Kirk Sessions may meet together as they deem it desirable.
5. **Congregational Management.** The temporal affairs of each congregation shall be administered as at the date of linking. The office bearers of the two congregations shall meet annually to decide on their portion of the contribution made to stipend and other shared expenses, and the maintenance of the manse, as may be agreed from time to time by the office bearers and subject to the approval of Presbytery.
6. **Minister.** Both congregations being vacant, the linked congregations shall proceed to the election of a minister.
7. **Manse.** The Manse at 1 Castle View, Castle Douglas, DG7 1BG shall be the manse of the linked charge. The Manse at Auchencairn will be sold, let or otherwise disposed of, subject to the titles on which they are held, and subject to the approval of the Presbytery and, if necessary, of the General Trustees of the General Assembly. The free proceeds of any such sales or lets shall (a) if falling within the scope of Act VII 1995, be credited to the benefit of the congregation in the Consolidated Fabric Fund or (b) if not falling within the scope of the said Act, be held and applied for fabric purposes in connection with the properties of the congregation.
8. **Ministerial Support.** The stipend of the minister shall be payable in terms of the National Stipend Scheme.
9. **Power to readjust.** While these articles and terms shall form the Basis of linkage for the two congregations now linking, the linked congregations shall be free, like other congregations to adjust arrangements under authority of Presbytery and with the approval of the Presbytery Planning Task Group of the Ministries Council as need may arise.

Basis of Severance: Kirkgunzeon linked with Lochend and New Abbey

The congregation of Kirkgunzeon Church of Scotland (Scottish Charity Number SC002286) being linked with the congregation of Lochend and New Abbey Church of Scotland (Scottish Charity Number SC014590) in terms of the Basis of Linking approved by the Presbytery of Dumfries and Kirkcudbright on 24th June 2009, the said linking shall be severed as of the 25th September, 2013. Kirkgunzeon will remain vacant until the union with Dalbeattie Parish Church of Scotland (Scottish Charity Number SC002443) subject to the revised Presbytery Plan being approved and the Basis of Union for Lochend & New Abbey being amended to implement the 50% Ministry agreed in the Presbytery Plan.

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Basis of Union for Lochend and New Abbey

The congregation of Lochend and the congregation of New Abbey having been united on 6th June 2006 under the name Lochend and New Abbey Church of Scotland (Scottish Charity Number SC014590), the terms and conditions of that union are amended as follows:

1. **Transference of Property and Funds.** The property and funds belonging to, or held on behalf of, each congregation shall become the property and funds of the united congregation and any transference necessary shall be duly effected.
2. **Places of Worship.** The church used and occupied by the congregation at New Abbey shall be the place of worship of the united congregation. In addition, a service of worship shall be conducted in Beeswing. Services shall be conducted at the times to be decided by the Minister and Kirk Session subject to the approval of the Presbytery.
3. **Territorial Responsibility.** The bounds to be served by the united charge shall be the bounds served at present by the uniting congregations or as the Presbytery shall determine.
4. **Kirk Session.** The elders of the two Kirk Sessions shall form, with the minister, the Kirk Session of the united congregation.
5. **Congregational Management.** The temporal affairs of the united congregation shall be administered by the Kirk Session, constituted as in the Deed of Unitary Constitution approved by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.
6. **Minister.** Being vacant, the congregation shall proceed to call a minister on the basis of a 50% part time basis.
7. **Manse.** The manse of the linked charge, postal address, New Abbey Manse, 32 Main St. New Abbey DG2 8BY shall be the manse of the united charge.
8. **Ministerial Support.** The stipend of the Charge shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the National Stipend Scheme.
9. **Power To Readjust.** While these articles and terms shall form a Basis of Union for the two congregations now uniting, the united congregation shall be free, like other congregations to adjust arrangements under authority of Presbytery and with the approval of the Presbytery Planning Task Group of the Ministries Council as need may arise.

Basis of Union for Dalbeattie and Kirkgunzeon

The congregation of Dalbeattie Parish Church of Scotland (Scottish Charity Number SC002443) and the congregation of Kirkgunzeon Church of Scotland (Scottish Charity Number SC002286) shall be united on a date to be agreed by the Presbytery, under the following terms and conditions.

1. **Name.** The name of the united congregation shall be Dalbeattie and Kirkgunzeon Church of Scotland. The Scottish Charity Number SC002443 shall be retained as the Scottish Charity Number of the united congregation.
2. **Transference of Property and Funds.** The property and funds belonging to, or held on behalf of, each congregation shall become the property and funds of the united congregation and any transference necessary shall be duly effected.
3. **Places Of Worship.** The church used and occupied by the congregation at Dalbeattie shall be the place of worship of the united congregation. The church building at

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Kirkgunzeon shall be closed. Services shall be conducted at times to be decided by the Minister and Kirk Session subject to the approval of the Presbytery. The said Church at Kirkgunzeon will be sold, let or otherwise disposed of, subject to the titles on which they are held, and subject to the approval of the Presbytery and, if necessary, of the General Trustees of the General Assembly. The free proceeds of any such sales or lets shall (a) if falling within the scope of Act VII 1995, be credited to the benefit of the congregation in the Consolidated Fabric Fund or (b) if not falling within the scope of the said Act, be held and applied for fabric purposes in connection with the properties of the congregation.

4. **Territorial Responsibility.** The bounds to be served by the united charge shall be the bounds served at present by the uniting congregations or as the Presbytery shall determine.
5. **Kirk Session.** The elders of the two Kirk Sessions shall form, with the minister, the Kirk Session of the united congregation.
6. **Congregational Management.** The temporal affairs of the united congregation shall be administered by the Kirk Session, constituted as in the Model Deed of Constitution , the Delegation of Assembly being authorised to issue the appropriate Deed of Constitution to the said congregation
7. **Minister.** Being vacant, the congregation shall proceed to call a minister.
8. **Manse.** The manse of Dalbeattie, postal address, Millbrook House, 36 Mill Street, Dalbeattie DG5 4HE shall be the manse of the united charge.
9. **Ministerial Support.** The stipend of the Charge shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the National Stipend Scheme.
10. **Power To Readjust.** While these articles and terms shall form a Basis of Union for the two congregations now uniting, the united congregation shall be free, like other congregations to adjust arrangements under authority of Presbytery and with the approval of the Presbytery Planning Task Group of the Ministries Council as need may arise