

## BASIS OF LINKING

The congregation of Saline & Blairingone and the congregation of Tulliallan & Kincardine shall be linked as from a date to be determined by the Presbytery of Dunfermline, and that on the following terms and conditions:

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:** Both churches at present used and occupied by the congregations shall be the places of worship of the linked congregations. Services shall be conducted in  
Saline Church at 9.30 am and in  
Kincardine Church at 11.00 am each Sunday.  
These times to be rotated on a yearly basis subject to review jointly by the Kirk Sessions.
3. **Territorial Responsibility:** The bounds to be served by the linked charge shall be as present or as the Presbytery shall determine.
4. **Kirk Session:** The Minister of the linked charge shall be the Moderator of each Kirk Session. The Kirk Sessions may meet together, as they deem it desirable.
5. **Congregational Management:** The temporal affairs of each congregation shall be administered as at present. The portion of listed expenses and maintenance of the manse for each congregation will be based on the average of the Income Base figures for the latest three years, as calculated by the Church of Scotland Stewardship & Finance Department and used by Presbytery for the calculation of Ministry and Mission contributions, and updated each year
6. **Minister:** The Rev. Alec Shuttleworth, presently Minister of Tulliallan & Kincardine, shall be the Minister of the linked charge in terms of Section 11 (1) (b) of Act VII, 2003
7. **Manse:** The manse of Tulliallan & Kincardine shall be the manse of the linked congregations. The manse of Saline & Blairingone congregation shall be sold, let or otherwise disposed of subject to the approval of the Presbytery and, if necessary, of the General Trustees or the General Assembly. The free proceeds of any such sale or let 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 Linking for the congregations now linking, the linked congregations shall be free like other congregations, to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery as need may arise.