Minutes
of the
Parochial Board
of the
Parish of South Knapdale

(Being concerned with the poor, the lunatic, and the sick; from 1845)

Being a typed copy of the Original Minute Book, with some of the more egregious misspellings corrected (eg, "their" instead of "thier"); the purpose being to ease the business of reading this document, and following its problems and its development in the Community of South Knapdale Parish; and including an index of names, of interest to genealogists. This has been done by Heather McFarlane, in 1999.
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At a meeting of Heritors, and Kirk Session of the Parish of South Knapdale held at Ardrishaig on the 7th October 1845 in terms of Act 8 and 9, Victoria Cap 83.

Present
✓ Alexr Campbell, Esq of Auchandarroch, for himself and as proxy for J. G. Campbell, Esq of Shirvain
✓ Wm Forlong, Esq of Erines
✓ Wm Martin, Esq, Factor for N Malcolm, Esq of Poltollach
✓ John Campbell, Esq of Stonefield
✓ Revd Alexr McKenzie, Minister of the Parish

**John Campbell, Esq of Stonefield in the Chair**

It was unanimously resolved:

**First**
That the present mode of providing for the poor of the Parish of South Knapdale - viz - by collections at the churches, aided by voluntary contributions from the Heritors, be continued.

**Second**
That the Parish be divided into three Districts to be called the Ardrishaig, Tarbert, and Auchosh districts - with separate Inspectors for each.  
**The Ardrishaig District** to comprehend the portion of the Auchandarrach and Poltollach Estates within the Parish.  
**The Tarbert District** to comprehend the portion of the Parish within the bounds of the Mission of Tarbert, excepting such part of W. Forlong of Erine’s property as may be contained in the Mission.  
**The Auchosh District** to comprehend the remainder of the Parish, including the whole of W. Forlong’s property.

**Third**
That the funds requisite for the maintainance of Lunatics and Fatuous persons, and for providing for extraordinary cases of Pauperism, be furnished by the Heritors of the Parish at Large, as at present, each District contributing its proportion according to the relative valued rent.
Fourth
That at each half yearly meeting of the Parochial Board, it shall be decided what are extraordinary cases of Pauperism to be provided for as above.

Fifth
That the two half yearly meetings of the Parochial Board be held on the Thursdays after the first Tuesdays of February and August, each year, within the Ardrishaig Hotel, and that the Inspectors of each District be instructed to give intimation of such meetings to the members of the Parochial Board connected with their respective Districts at least ten days previously, and to attend the said meetings.

Sixth
That Mr. Campbell of Stonefield be appointed chairman of the Parochial Board for the year ending August, 1846.

Seventh
That in case of any prosecution being threatened, the Inspector of the District shall immediately call a meeting of the Parochial Board of the whole Parish.

Eighth
That Mr. John Hunter, Surgeon, Lochgilphead, be appointed Inspector of the Ardrishaig District, with a salary of Five pounds (£5) sterling per annum, medical attendance and medicine included.

Ninth
That Mr. Hugh Campbell, Surgeon near Tarbert, be appointed Inspector of the Tarbert District, with a salary of Four pounds (£4) sterling per annum, medical attendance and medicine included.

Tenth
That Mr. Hugh Campbell, Surgeon near Tarbert, be appointed Inspector of the Achoish District, with a salary of Eight Pounds (£8) Sterling per annum, medical attendance and medicine included.
The lists of the poor of the different Districts of the Parish having been laid before the meeting, in terms of the Act, the Meeting directs the Sections of the Parochial Board connected with the different Districts to instruct their Inspectors to transmit to the Board of Supervision without delay, Rolls of the poor of their respective Districts with the amount of relief given, or to be given to each poor person.

The meeting directs the Inspectors to procure Minute and Cash Books for their respective Districts, the price to be paid out of their respective funds.

The meeting was constituted and closed with prayer.

(Signed)  \textbf{John Campbell}
At Ardrishaig on Thursday, the 5th February, 1846.

Present:
✓ Wm Martin, Esq, Factor for Poltallach and as Proxy for Alexr Campbell, Esq of Auchandarrach

Being the statutory meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale. In consequence of there not being a quorum, the meeting adjourned until Saturday the fourteenth current at 12 o'clock noon, within the Ardrishaig Hotel

(Signed) W. Martin

At Ardrishaig, February 14th, 1846.
Met:
✓ J. A. Campbell Esq of Inveretail and
✓ W. A. Campbell Esq of Ormsary

Being a meeting of the Achnoish District of the Parish of South Knapdale

The Inspector reported that there is no change in the list of Paupers in that District. Since the list presented at the first meeting under the new Poor Law Act, on the 7th October last, the sums given since then are as follows -

Niel Letch, Fernoch, 1/6 p week
Donald Morrison, Clachbreck, 1/6
Widow (Don) Graham, Achnoish, 1/6
Widow Grahame, Tighandaim, 1/ -
Widow McLean, Baranlongart, 1/ -
Mary McAlpine, Tighandaim, 1/ -
Margaret Paterson, Clachbreck, 1/ -
Widow McMillan, Kilmaluag, 1/ -
Peggy McLachlan, occasional relief
At Ardrishaig 14th Feb 1846

Met
✓ John Campbell Esq, of Stonefield
✓ William Campbell Esq, of Ormsary
✓ J. A. Campbell Esq, of Knap and Inverneil
✓ Mr. Dugald McPherson, Ashens Elder
✓ Wm. Martin, Factor for Poltalloch and Mandatory for Auchandarroch

Being a general meeting of the Parochial Board of South Knapdale adjourned to this day to Minute of Meeting of 5th inst.

John Campbell Esq of Stonefield in the Chair

Reports from the different Districts of the Parish were laid before the meeting from which the following annexed list of Paupers was made up for the ensuing half year:

**Tarbert District:**
✓ Widow McAlister £2.12
✓ Wm. McQuarrie £1. 6
✓ Margt McFarlane £1. 6
✓ Mary McCoug £1. 6
✓ Catherine McFarlane £1. 0
✓ Ann Campbell £1. -

£8.10

**AUCHOLISH District**
✓ Niel Lietch £1.19
✓ Donald Morrison £1.19
✓ Widow Graham £1. 6
✓ Widow McLean £1. 6
✓ Mary McAlpine £1. 6
✓ Margaret Paterson £1. 6
✓ Widow McPhail £1. 6
✓ Widow McMillan £1. 6

£13. -

**Ardrishaig District:**
✓ Widow Smith £1.10
✓ A. McLullioh (?) £2.10
✓ Widow McDougall £2.10
✓ Bell McFarlane £1.15

£8. 5

£29.15
In addition to the above considerable amount is expended in each of the Districts of the Parish in Interim aid, but which cannot be more particularly noticed, as it continually varies. Most of the Paupers receive aid in other shapes than money and most of them occupy free houses.

The Inspector of the Ardrishaig District is directed to collect from Heritors the sum of £20 on account of the Bruce family, to be assessed according to the valued Rental. He is also directed to procure all the information he can, relative to this family with a view to relieving if possible this portion of part of the burthen of their support, and also to apply to the Minister of the Parish, for a statement of the sums paid and received on their acct., and immediately thereafter to settle with the Inspector of the Abbey Parish, Paisley, for what is now due.

The Inspector of the Ardrishaig District is directed after all general meetings to copy the proceedings thereof into this Minute Book, the Minute to be then forwarded by him to the Inspector of the Tarbert and Auchnoish Districts for the same purpose, who will then deliver the original minute to the chairman of the Board.

A letter from the Board of Supervision dated 15th Jany 1846 was laid before the Board relative to the mode adopted in the Parish for the provision of medicine and medical attendance in the Parish for the Poor. Both the Inspectors being medical practitioners and as their salaries were to include the duties alluded to, the Board leaves it to them to answer to Queries put by the Board of Supervision.

(No Signature)

At Auchnoish on the 6th day of Jany (sic) 1846, the Kirk Session being ex officio members of the Parochial Board.

Present:
✓ The Revd Alexr McKenzie, Minister of the Parish
✓ Donald Paterson, Elder, and
✓ Duncan Johnson, (?...) Clerk

Mr. Campbell of Tarbert the Inspector of the poor in this District came forward with part of the voluntary assessment from the Heritors which along the
Church collections, the Board have agreed to distribute as follows, SEE CASH BOOK PAGE 1st.
(Signed) Alexr Mackenzie

At AUCHOISH on the 29th day of April 1846 the Kirk Session being ex officio members of the Parochial Board.

Present:
✓ The Revd Alexr McKenzie, Minister of the Parish
✓ Messrs. John McKellar,
✓ Donald Paterson, and
✓ William Johnson, Elders -

Dr. Campbell of Tarbert, the Inspector of the Poor in this District, came forward with part of the voluntary assessment from the Heritors of this District of the Parish which along with the collections at the church door. The Board have agreed to distribute as follows - SEE CASH BOOK -

The Board finds that since their last meeting, one Pauper, viz Widow McMillan, has departed this life.

The Minister of the Parish laid on the table the sum of £2.10 being a fine that was sent to him by the Procurator Fiscal, one pound of which was handed to the Inspector of the Poor of the Tarbert District of the Parish. The Board resolved to meet for the next distribution on the last Tuesday of July next.
(Signed) Alexr Mackenzie

At AUCHOISH on the 28th July, 1846

Met:
✓ The Revd Alexr McKenzie, Minister of the Parish
✓ Messrs. John McKellar, and
✓ Duncan Johnson, Elders

Being a meeting of the Parochial Board of this District of the Parish, Dr. Campbell, the Inspector, reported to the meeting that after paying two installments, he had still to hand, the sum of £15. 7. 9. The meeting agree to pay Dr. Campbell his salary of Eight pounds out of this balance, leaving the sum of £7. 7. 9., to be now distributed to Paupers - to which add the sum of £7. 5. 7, being Church door collections at present in the Kirk Treasurers hands, exclusive of the sum of £4. 2 already distributed as occasional relief to the Paupers on the Roll - The meeting find that they have the sum of £14 13.4 which they accordingly distribute to the following paupers (SEE CASHBOOK).

Several complaints having been lodged with Dr. Campbell, the Inspector, regarding Peggy McLachlan, whose Insanity renders her at present very troublesome to the neighbouring Parishes. The meeting instruct the Inspector if he see cause, to send her to an Asylum.
(Signed) Alexr Mackenzie
At Ardrishaig on the 6th August 1846

Met:
✓ Alexander Campbell, Esq, of Auchandarrach for himself
✓ and as proxy for Shirvain
✓ Wm Campbell Esq of Ormsary for himself
✓ and as Proxy for Stonefield and Kintarbert
✓ The Revd Alexr McKenzie, Minister of the Parish

A letter from John Campbell Esq. Of Stonefield, was laid before the Meeting, expressing a wish that he should be relieved from his duties as chairman for the ensuing year - and requesting that a younger member should be appointed. The meeting there appoint William Campbell Esq of Ormsary as chairman for the remainder of the current year.

On the motion of Auchandarrach, it was resolved to call a general meeting of the Parochial Board to be held at Ardrishaig on the 9th of September, for the purpose of reconsidering the mode of assessment to be adopted for providing funds to meet the expenses of the Poor during the ensuing year.

The meeting having gone over the Roll of Paupers and the allowances granted them thereof.

The Inspector of the Achnoish District reported that he had been in communication with the Board of Supervision regarding Peggy McLachlan a Lunatic Pauper - and that he considered her a proper subject for a Lunatic Asylum. The Board instruct the Inspector to take immediate steps for having her removed to an asylum.

(Signed) Alexr Mackenzie
At a meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale held at Ardrishaig on the 9th September 1846.

Present:
✓ John Campbell Esq of Stonefield for himself
✓ and as proxy for Kintarbert
✓ J. Grahame Campbell Esq of Shirvain
✓ and as proxy for Auchandarrach
✓ Gordon Forlong Esq, proxy for Erines
✓ Revd Alexr McKenzie, Minister of the Parish

Being a meeting called on the motion of Auchandarrach for the purpose of reconsidering the mode of assessment for raising the necessary funds for the support of the Poor during the ensuing year. Several of the principal Heritors being absent, the meeting agree to Adjourn until Thursday the 17th September, and the Inspectors are directed to give notice of such adjournment to the different Heritors in their respective Districts.

(Signed) Alexr Mackenzie

At a meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale Held at Ardrishaig on the 17th day of September 1846 years.

Present:
✓ William Campbell Esq of Ormsary
✓ John Campbell Esq of Stonefield for himself
✓ and as Proxy for Kintarbert
✓ J. Grahame Campbell Esq of Shirvain
✓ Alexander Campbell Esq of Auchandarrach
✓ Gordon Forlong Esq as Proxy for Erines
✓ William Martin Esq Factor for Poltallach
✓ James A Campbell Esq of Invermiel and Knap
✓ Revd Alexander Mackenzie, Minister of the Parish
✓ Messrs Dugald McPherson and
✓ John McKellar, Elders -
Being an adjournment from meeting of 9th Sept,
The meeting having considered Auchandarrach's motion, resolved that
the assessment should continue voluntary as at present for the next half
year.
That Parish for the future be under the management of the whole
Parochial Board, and the Districts abolished.
That the assessment for the future should be on the Real instead of the
Valued Rental. Than an assessment of five pence per pound on the Real
Rent of the Parish for the ensuing six months commencing on the 1st
October be immediately collected.

That Dr. Campbell be appointed Inspector for the whole Parish at a salary
of & 16 per annum, with the understanding that he is to act as Surgeon
as formerly, and that Dr. Hunter be Sub Inspector and Surgeon for the
District he now has charge of with the same salary, and to be collector at
the rate of 2 (two) per cent on the amount collected.
That William Campbell Esq of Ormsary be appointed Chairman for
the current year.
The meeting having gone over the Roll of Paupers, fix their allowances as
noted on the different Rolls and classify them as follows, viz:

First Class - £1.5 per quarter
1. Widow McDougall, Ardrishaig
2. Archd McIllich, Cambuan
3. Widow Dewar, Auchendarroch
4. Mary McIcar, Lochgilphead
5. Donald Morison, Clachbreck
6. Widow McAllister, Tarbert

Second Class - £ - 17. 6 per quarter
7. Mrs. Smith, Ardrishaig
8. Mrs. McFarlane, Ardrishaig
9. Widow Rose, Ardrishaig
10. Neil Letch, Fernoch Knap
11. Widow Brown, Aucholsh
12. Mary McAlpine, Achnish
13. Widow McMillan, Balgueregann
14. Widow McKechnie, Ardnaw Knap
15. Mary McCoag, Tarbert
16. Margaret McFarlane, Tarbert
17. Mrs. McQuarrie, Tarbert
Third Class - $ - 13/6 per quarter
18. Euphemia Morison, Ardrishal	g
19. Widow Donald Graume, Aachoish
20. Widow Graume, Aachoish
21. Margret Paterson, Clachbreck
22. Dugald Paterson, Clachbreck
23. Widow McPhail, Ormsary
24. Catherine McFarlane, Barfuad
25. Widow McFarlane, Tarbert
26. Ann Campbell, Barnellan
27. John McLachlan, Barnellan

Fourth Class - $ - 10/ per quarter
28. Widow McLean, Erines
29. Widow McMillan, Balamore Knap
30. Widow McNair, Doald Knap
31. Widow McCorquodale, Clachbreck
32. Mary McNeil, Ormsary

Occasional Paupers
No. 1. Widow McLachlan, Ardnaw Knap
   2. Rachel Ferguson, Stronefield Knap
   3. Widow McLean, Clagnach
   4. Widow Johnson, Clachbreck
   5. Widow Galbreath, Drimdrisaig
   6. Widow McTaggart, Aachoish
   7. Widow McDougall, Ardnaw Knap
   8. Widow McVicars daughter Anenelyellan (?)
   9. John Campbell, Drimreach
   10. McMillan, Achellach (sic)

The Collector is directed to lodge the money, as he collects it from the different Heritors, in the Western Bank of Scotland, Lochgilphead, to the credit of the Parochial Board of South Knapdale - and the chairman is authorised to draw checks in favour of the Inspectors for the sums required in each quarter.

The Inspector is directed to procure a correct form of Register for the Paupers on the Roll.

The Revd. Mr. Mackenzie submitted to the meeting that he had been put to legal expenses amounting to £7. 7., in consequence of having given a guarded certificate to Lachlan Campbell, who applied to be admitted on the Roll of Paupers in order to carry on a Law Plea. The meeting unanimously agree to pay Mr. McKenzie the above sum and instruct the inspector to do so. (Signed) William Campbell
At a Meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale held at Ardrishaig on the 4th day of February 1847, being the half yearly Statutory Meeting.

Present:
✓ William Campbell Esq of Ormsary
✓ John Campbell Esq of Stonefield
✓ Grahame Campbell Esq of Shirvain
✓ Wm Martin Esq, Factor for Poltallach
✓ Revd Alexr McKenzie, Minister of the Parish

Ormsary Chairman

The minutes of the last meeting having been read - The Collector produced his account of sums collected as follows, viz.,

*Sum assessed for £ 117. 13. 2*

Collected ...................... £ 115. 14. 0
Uncollected ..................... £ 1. 19. 2

£ 117. 13. 2

Of the sum uncollected £1. 6 is recoverable and the remaining 12/6 due from Erines - he objects to pay, as he has a House unlet for which he was assessed. The meeting do not sustain this objection, but they agree not to insist upon payment.

It was resolved that a voluntary contribution of sixpence on the pound of the Real Rental of the Parish should be collected to meet the expense, of the current half year.

It was resolved that a meeting of the Board for the purpose of reconsidering the mode of Assessment, should be held on Thursday the 29th day of April next - within the Ardrishaig Hotel at 12 o'clock noon.

The Inspector produced his accounts for the past quarter viz as follows:

*For the Ardrishaig District: £ 15. 14. 11 ½*
*Tarbert & Auchuish District: £ 39. 13. 4*

**Total** £ 55. 8. 3 ½

Which was found correct and approved of.
An account from Mr. John G. Thomson for rent for a Pauper was presented - however, the Board consider that they are not bound for any Houses taken by Paupers, unless the Inspector authorise their doing so.

Applications were presented from Euphemia McMillan, and John Shaw, Ardrishaig - and also from Robert McFarlane, Albeadh, was presented, and the decision of the Board marked on each: Euphemia McMillan was placed on the 2nd Class.
The case of John Shaw was considered and was in the meantime allowed Interim aid, and the Assistant Inspector was directed to call on the Parish of Greenock for repayment of any sum advanced to him.
The Board refuse the application of Robert McFarlane on the ground that he is in regular employment.

(Signed) W. A. Campbell

At a meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale, held at Ardrishaig on the 29th day of April 1847.
Present:
✓ William Campbell Esq of Ormsary
✓ John Campbell Esq of Stonefield
✓ Alexander Campbell of Auchandarrach
✓ J. Grahame Campbell of Shirvain
✓ Wm. Martin, Factor for Poltallach
✓ Revd. Alexander McKenzie
✓ Messrs Dugald McPherson, and
✓ John McKellar, Elders -

Ormsary Chairman

The minutes of last meeting having been read, it was proposed to the Meeting to determine the mode of assessment for the ensuing year. After some discussion, it was agreed upon that the assessment should remain as now - a voluntary contribution from the Heritors.

A deputation from the Tenantry and Feuars of the Parish also appeared at the Meeting and made an offer on their part, of the sum of Sixty pounds sterling (£60) as a voluntary contribution in aid of the Funds for support
of the Poor during the current year. They agree to contribute the sum of Thirty pounds sterling (£30) during the current half year ending 1st October 1847 - and a farther sum of Thirty pounds for the ensuing half year.

It was a committee be appointed at Ardrishaig consisting of
William Thomsom Esq
William Lochead  -
Peter McKinnon
Gilbert Sinclair and
John McFarlane

And that they inquire into the claims of paupers at present on the Roll and that of all new applicants

The meeting resolve that the voluntary contributions from the Heritors shall after the 1st day of October next, be handed into the Inspector free of expense.

(Signed) W. A. Campbell

At a meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale held at Ardrishaig on the 22nd day of June, 1846 (sic)

Present:
✓ William Campbell Esq of Ormsary
✓ Colin G Campbell Esq Of Stonefield as proxy for Stonefield
✓ J. G. Campbell Esq of Shirvain and as
✓ proxy for Auchandarrach
✓ Revd Alexr McKenzie, Minister of the Parish, and as
✓ proxy for Mr. Forlong Esq of Erines
✓ J. A. Campbell Esq of Invernieul
✓ Dugald McPherson Esq   Elder

Ormsary   Chairman

The meeting having examined the accounts, find them correct and sustain accordingly.
There were laid before the Board three applications for relief, viz.

No. 1 *Duncan Sinclair*, residing at Old Ashen. Application received and relief granted to the amount of one shilling and sixpence per week.

No. 2 *Hector McFadyean*. Application not sustained, but Interim relief be given, not exceeding a Peck of Meal per week.

No. 3 *Widow McArthur* - The Inspector is instructed to take measures for having her settled in the Parish of North Knapdale.

That of *Kenneth McLeod* was in the Meantime refused in as far as relates to permanent relief.

The Board wish it to be understood, that all new cases, all correspondence, and all accounts be referred by the Assistant Inspector to the Inspector and that the mode of giving that relief which has been sanctioned by the Board, be given in the manner whether in money or meal as directed by the Inspector - that all accounts be given in previous to the Meetings to the Inspector and by him laid before the Board - and in short, that he should consider himself as assistant to the Inspector, and act in everything as directed by him, and that no new claims be submitted without having been reported to the Inspector and inquired into by him.

The Board having considered the cases of *John Shaw* and *Duncan McKay*.

In the case of *John Shaw*, the Inspector is instructed to correspond with the Inspector of Greenock and endeavour to establish a residence for him in the West Parish.

In that of *Duncan McKay*, he is instructed to correspond with the Inspector of Inveraray, and to prosecute his case still further.

(Signed) *Alexr Mackenzie*, chairman
At a meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale, being the half yearly Statutory Meeting - held at Ardrishaig, on the 5th day of August, 1847

Present:

✓ William Campbell Esq of Ormsary
✓ J. G. Campbell, Esq of Invermel
✓ Colin G. Campbell, Esq Yr of Stonefield, as Proxy for Stonefield
✓ Revd Alexr McKenzie, Minister of the Parish
✓ Mr. John McKellar, Elder

The Revd Alexander McKenzie was chosen as Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Meeting proceeded to revise the Roll of Paupers, and adjust their allowance. These allowances are fixed for the ensuing half year as noted on the Roll.

The Inspector produced his accounts for the past half year viz as follows:

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\begin{array}{ll}
\text{Ardrihaig District} & £ 88. 18. 2 \\
\text{Auchloish & Tarbert} & 85. 11. 2 \\
\text{Total} & £ 174. 9. 4
\end{array}
\]

The collector produced his accounts as follows viz

\[
\text{Total amount of contribution} & £ 260. 14. 10
\]

of which there has been collected in the bank £ 200. 6. 4

Still unpaid or uncollected 22. 14. 6

Balance in Collector's hands 37. 13. 9

£ 260. 14.10

Deduct Collector's commission 5. 3. 9

£255. 10.10

Which being examined were found correct and he is now directed to pay into Bank of balance of £32. 10. 3

The Inspector is instructed to prosecute the decision of the Parish in the cases of John Shaw and Duncan McKay.

Dr. Hunter having expressed a wish to resign his situation as Assistant Inspector of the Parish - the Board accept his resignation and appoint the Inspector to provide for the performance of the duties of the Parish.

The meeting adjourns until the 3rd day of February 1848.

(Signed) Alexr Mackenzie, Chairman
At a meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale (being the half yearly Statutory meeting), held at Ardrishaig on the 3rd day of February 1848.

Present:
✓ William Campbell, Esq of Ormsary
✓ Colin G. Campbell Esq, as proxy for Stonefield
✓ William Martin Esq, as proxy for Poltallach
✓ Revd Alexr McKenzie, Minister of the Parish
✓ Messrs John McKellar, and
✓ Dugald McPherson, Elders

Revd Alexr McKenzie, Chairman

The meeting proceeded to revise the Roll of Paupers and find all those on the Roll still entitled to relief with the exception of Widow Grahame, Auchoish, Widow McAllister, Tarbert, and John McLachlan, Baranellan, who have died during the preceding half year.

The Inspector produced his accounts of sums expended on the Poor of the Parish during the preceding half year, ending on the 31st Dec., 1847 - Amounting to the sum of Eighty three pounds 16/1d which was found correct and sustained accordingly.

In reference to the case of Duncan McKay, the meeting instruct the Inspector to take legal advice and give him discretionary power for the recovery of the sums expended in said case and also in the case of John Shaw.

The Inspector is instructed to refund Dr. Hunter the amount of rent paid by him for Widow McDougall. In Widow Muir’s case the Board decline to pay any rent not authorised by the Inspector.

The Cases of Nancy Campbell Culnashehraig (?) And Andrew Morton Knap - were remitted to the discretion of the Inspector - he is also authorised to pay Mr. Rankin’s acct being legal expenses incurred in the case of Elizabeth McKichan.

An account was submitted to the consideration of the Board from the General Assembly’s Schoolmaster at Ormsary for the education of Pauper’s children. The Board henceforward agree to pay one half of the regular charge for the education of the children of those on the Roll.
The Committee of the hitherto non contributors viz Messrs Dugald McPherson, Ashen; John McKellar, Lochead; and the Ardrishaig subcommittee having offered to provide the sum of Sixty pound sterling (£60) as on the previous year. The Heritors of the Parish agree to contribute the sum of 6d per pound on the Real Rental of the Parish and appoint the Inspector to collect the said sum from the different proprietors.

(Signed) **Alexr Mackenzie**, Chairman

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**At a meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale held at Ardrishaig on the 22d day of May 1848.**

**Present:**

✔ John Campbell, Esq of Stonefield
✔ John G. Campbell Esq of Shirvain
✔ and as proxy for Auchandarrach
✔ **The Revd Alexr McKenzie, Minister of the Parish, Chairman**

The Inspector laid before the meeting a letter from the Oard of Supervision to which is appended a Minute of said Board relative to the appropriation of the Parliamentary grant of the sum of £10,000 in aid of Medical relief to the Poor of Scotland.

The meeting having considered the said letter and Minute, agree to allocate the sum of nineteen pounds (£19 Sterling) for that purpose and they appoint Mr. Hugh Campbell, Surgeon, Glenreallach near Tarbert as medical attendant on the Poor of the Parish at the above mentioned Salary of £19 (Sterling) including medicine & etc.

The salaries of Inspector having been hitherto combined with the medical attendance. The meeting resolve to separate them, and appoint Mr. Hugh Campbell as Inspector and Collector at a salary of Seventeen pounds (£17 Sterling) be assigned.

(Signed) **Alexr Mackenzie**, Chairman
At a meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale - held at Ardrishaig, the third day of August 1848.

Present:
✓ John Campbell Esq of Stonefield
✓ John G. Campbell Esq of Shirvain and
✓ as proxy for Auchancarrach

The meeting appoint the Rev. Alexr McKenzie, Minister of the Parish, as Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Inspector reported to the Meeting that according to Instructions received at meeting of February last, he had summoned the Inspector of Poor Inveraray for advances made to Duncan McKay - that the case was accordingly heard by the Sheriff substitute of Argyleshire who decided that the said Duncan McKay's residence in the Parish of Inveraray was of such a nature as to preclude a Settlement by residence in that Parish and as Notice was not timeously given to the Parish of Birth, it is feared recourse cannot be had against that Parish - He also reported that he had ascertained that John Shaw had lost his settlement in the Parish of Greenock by non-residence and that he had also corresponded with Dr. Rae, Inspector of Poor for Kilbrandon (the Parish of Shaw's birth) who refused refunding this Parish as timeous notice had not been given. The Meeting think that under these circumstances it is inexpedient to proceed with this case.

The meeting thereafter proceeded to revise the Roll of Paupers and adjust their allowance when they find all those on the Roll at present entitled to relief the amount noted on the roll, with the exception of
• Archibald McLullich, Cambaan
• William Campbell Ardrishaig and
• Widow Dond Graham, Auchoish

who have died during the past half year.
The meeting agree to place Isabella Taylor at 15/; Widow Kechnie at 15/; Widow McVicar's daughter at 10p per quarter on the Permanent Roll. The Inspector produces his accounts which was found correct, the balance of £150, 18/ 8 in favour of the Parish carried to next year's account.

(Signed) Alexr Mackenzie, Chairman
At a Meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale, held at Ardrishaig on the 18th Day of October, 1848.

Present:
- John Campbell Esq of Stonefield
- John G Campbell Esq of Shirvain
- Alexander Campbell Esq of Auchandarrach
- Neil Malcolm of Poltallach
- Anthony Trant (??) Esq as proxy for Inverneill
- Revd Alexander McKenzie, and
- proxy for Mr. Forlong Esq of Erines
- Mr. Dugal McPherson, Elder

**Revd Alexander McKenzie, Chairman**

The meeting being called for the purpose of considering a proposal from the Parish of Glassarie to form a Union to Erect a Poor House -

The meeting having had some preliminary conversation on the subject generally, it was resolved that it would not be expedient to come to any decision until the views of the General Meeting held to day be ascertained and the following gentlemen were named as a committee to attend that meeting and report to an adjourned meeting of the Parochial Board, viz

- Stonefield
- Ormsary
- Auchandarrach

After having received the report of the above gentlemen, it was considered the most advisable course to postpone the farther consideration of this subject until next meeting, which was directed to be called for Thursday, the 16th day of November next. A copy of the Minute of the General Meeting of the Parishes held today to be forwarded to each Heritor for his information requesting his attendance personally or by Proxy.

(Signed) **Alexr Mackenzie**, Chairman
At a Meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale, held at Ardrishaig on the 16th Day of November, 1846 (sic).

Present:
✓ John Campbell, Esq of Stonefield
✓ John G. Campbell, Esq of Shirvain & as
✓ proxy for Auchandarrach
✓ James A Campbell Esq of Invernie
✓ William Martin Esq, Factor for Poltallach
✓ The Revd Alexr McKenzie, minister of the Parish and as
✓ proxy for Wm Forlong Esq of Erines
✓ Messrs Dugald McPherson
✓ John McKellar and
✓ Donald Paterson, Elders

Revd Alexander Mackenzie, Chairman

The meeting after discussion the expediency of joining Kilmichael Glassarie and other Parishes in erecting a Poor's House. It was moved by John Grahame Campbell Esq of Shirvain and seconded by William Martin Esq, proxy for Poltallach - that the Parish should join in erecting said Poor's House.

It was also moved by John Campbell Esq of Stonefield and seconded by Mr. Dugald McPherson, that the Parish should not join in the erection of said Poor's House, and the said motions being put to the vote, the second was carried by a Majority.

The meeting took into consideration Rule 13th of new regulations as to medical relief to the Poor by the Board of Supervision enjoining that the offices of Medical Officer and Inspector shall not be held by the same person. Unanimously agreed in their disapproval of said regulations and resolve respectfully to state to the Board of Supervision not to insist on enforcing the said regulation in this Parish, and the meeting appointed the chairman of the Parochial Board to send a copy of this minute to the Board of Supervision and state their reasons for remonstrating against said regulation.
The Inspector laid before the meeting rules and regulations by the Board of Supervision relating to the provisions of the Act 11 & 12 Vict Cap 120, for the removal of certain nuisances and the prevention of contagious and epidemic diseases. The Meeting approve of such regulations and appoint the Inspector as they hereby appointed to take steps for carrying said regulations into effect.

(Signed) Alexr Mackenzie, Chairman
At a meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale, held at Ardrishaig the 8th day of February, 1849

Present:
✓ John Campbell Esq of Stonefield
✓ John G Campbell Esq of Shrivain and as proxy for Auchandarrach
✓ Capt. James A. Campbell Esq of Inverniei
✓ The Revd Alexr McKenzie
✓ Mr. John McKellar, Elder
✓ Wm Martin, Factor for Poltallach

The Revd Alexr McKenzie, Chairman

The meeting having proceeded to revise the Roll of Paupers, and their allowance, finds all those on the role entitled to relief with the exception of Niel Letch, Fernoch Knap
Anne Campbell, Baranellan and Margaret McFarlane, Tarbert,
who have died since the last revision of the Roll.

An application from John McNell presently residing at Tayavallach in the Parish of North Knapdale but whose settlement appears to be in South Knapdale, was laid before the board and after due consideration of said application, they agree to allow him at the rate of 1/6 per week.

The Inspector laid before the meeting a correspondence with the Inspector of Islay in reference to the case of Margret Crow or Sinclair, a Lunatic apprehended in this Parish, but whose settlement appears to be in Islay. Also, a summons he had from Dun McLullich Esq Procurator Fiscal, Inveraray for the repayment of certain sums advanced by the Clerk of Supply for the Maintainance of said Lunatic in the Prison of Inveraray, and also in the Glasgow Royal Lunatic Asylum. The meeting seeing that the Sheriff has decided that this is the Parish liable, ad interim, instruct the Inspector to refund Mr. McLullich for said advances and intimate to the Islay combination that unless payment is made within ten days, an action shall be forthwith raised for the recovery of said advances.
The Inspector produced his accounts shewing a balance of £ 27. 17/5 as also an arrear of Fifteen pounds Sterling owing by the Ardrishaig Committee when paid will make the Balance to be carried to next year’s accounts to be Forty two pounds 17/5d

The meeting agree to a voluntary contribution during the ensuing year and the Heritors now resolve to contribute the sum of 6d per pound on the Real Rental of the Parish.

Mr. McKinnon and Mr. John McKellar having appeared for the Ardrishaig Auchoish Districts state that they also agree to contribute their proportion as formerly - but in the event of the different Districts not contributing as formerly, then any sums advanced shall be considered as a loan, to be repaid out of a Legal assessment should it become necessary.

The Inspector is requested to ascertain from the different Districts as soon as possible their intentions as to contributing as formerly - and in the event of their refusing then to call a meeting of the Board to consider how the Poor are to be supported.

(Signed) Alexr Mackenzie, Chairman

At a Meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale held at Ardrishaig the 6th day of July, 1849

Present:
✓ John Campbell Esq of Stonefield
✓ John G. Campbell Esq of Shirvain
✓ William Martin Esq Factor of Poltallach
✓ Revd Alexander Mackenzie and as
✓ proxy for Wm Forlong, Esq of Erines
✓ Mr. John McKellar, Elder

The Revd Alexr Mackenzie, Chairman

The meeting having been called for the purpose of considering whether to decline accepting of the Government grant in aid of Medical Relief to the Poor of Scotland and continue the present arrangement, or to accept of said grant and proceed to appoint a medical officer. The meeting
unanimously agree to relinquish the grant, and continue the present arrangement, in having the offices of Inspector and Medical officer combined.

The Meeting fix the Salary of the Medical officer including Medicine at Fifteen pounds Sterlg. per annum, and continue the salary of Inspector as formerly.

The Inspector laid before the meeting a complaint at the instance of Harry McLellan, Miss Stevenson and John McPherson, Householders at Ardrishaig - shewing that a Building used as a Privy with an Ashpit containing stagnant water proves a nuisance to them, owing to the effluvia arising from it. The Inspector having some time ago had said premises examined as also a Medical Report stating that said Privy & etc was injurious to the health of said individuals - and having given notice to the owner and occupier of said premises to have them removed, but which he in the meantime declines to do. The meeting therefore instruct the Inspector to proceed according to the Act for the removal of said nuisance.

(Signed) Alexr MacKenzie, Chairman

At a meeting of the Parochial board of the Parish of South Knapdale held at Ardrishaig the Ninth day of August 1849.

Present:
✓ John Campbell, Esq of Stonefield
✓ John G Campbell Esq of Shirvain
✓ William Campbell Esq of Ormsary
✓ Revd Alexr Mackenzie
✓ William Martin Esq, Factor of Poltallach
✓ Mr. Dugald McPherson, Elder

The Revd Alexander Mackenzie, Chairman

The meeting reappoint the Revd Mr. Mackenzie Minister of the Parish, Chairman for the ensuing year.
The meeting thereafter proceeded to revise the Roll of Paupers and their allowances, and they find all those now on the Roll entitled to their former allowance with the exception of Widow Smith, residing at Lochgilphead, and Widow McMillan or Ferguson, residing at Stronefield Knap, and in respect to some of their family are engaged Herding, and they themselves able bodied and at present in active employment, the Inspector is instructed to put them on the occasional list of Paupers - They also find that Widow Brown residing at Achnoish and Mary McVicar residing at Lochgilphead died since the revision of the Roll in February last.

The Inspector produced his accounts for the past half year ended the Thirtieth day of June last shewing a Balance in his hand, Fifteen pounds 19/6d Sterling, as also the sum of One Hundred and Thirty pounds 5/- Sterling still uncollections which was found correct and he is now directed forthwith to uplift all arrears outstanding.
At a meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale held at Ardrishaig the 7th day of February, 1850.

Present:
✓ John Campbell Esq of Stonefield
✓ John G. Campbell Esq of Shirvain
✓ James A Campbell Esq of Inverneil
✓ Revd A. McKenzie
✓ Messrs Dugald McPherson and
✓ John McKellar, Elders

Revd Alexander McKenzie, Chairman

The meeting proceeded to revise the Roll of Paupers and their allowances, and they find all those now on the Roll entitled to their present allowance with the exception of Widow Fechnie, Ardrishaig, and Widow John McLachlan, Baranellan, who have died since the last revision of the Roll.

The meeting instruct the Inspector to have Euphemia McMillan (a Pauper at present on the Roll) to appear before the first meeting in order to ascertain the fact whether she has any valid Title to the House in which she at present lives or any share of it.

In application from Widow McMillan or Rachel Ferguson was considered and in respect of the reasons given in Minute of 9th August last, the Board see no reasons to change the instructions then given.

The application of John Johnson, lately Inn - keeper at Ardrishaig presently residing there and in respect that he is now old and infirm, the Board fix his allowance at the rate of Two shillings per week from this date, and instruct the Inspector to ascertain if there be a feasible prospect of recovering the debts due by him, and if so, to use Legal measures for that purpose.

The application of Elizabeth Campbell, residing at Strondour, was also considered, and the Board allow her the sum of 10/- per quarter. As to the application of Walter McFarlane, Glenakill, the Board understanding that a short time ago he was possessed of the sum of Forty Pounds Sterling and he and his family being in constant employment until within
the past few months, The Board refuse the application until he makes oath as to the application of these Funds.

In answer to the application for Alexander McFarlane, residing at Baranellan, and in respect that he is at present in a very bad state of health and having a young family, the Board fix his allowance at the rate of Eight shillings per Calendar month. As to the application of Neil Graham, the Board having ascertained that his settlement is in Kilcalmonell and Kilberry, refer him to that Parish.

In reference to the case of Widow Fletcher, residing at Anderstow in the Parish of Barony, the Board approve of the Inspector’s proceedings.

The Inspector produced his accounts for the past half year ended the 30 December 1849, which were found correct - and the balance of Fifteen pounds 7/6 carried to next years account.

The Board agree to a voluntary contribution as on former years viz 6d per pound on the real rental of the proprietors - provided the Feuars and Tenants agree to contribute the sum of sixty pounds as formerly.

(Signed) Alexr Mackenzie, Chairman

At a meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale held at Ardrishaig on the 17th Day of June, 1850.

Present:
✓ John G. Campbell Esq of Shirvain, and as
✓ proxy for Auchandarrach
✓ Revd Alexr McKenzie and as
✓ proxy for William Campbell Esq of Ormsary

Revd Alexr MacKenzie, Chairman

The Inspector having called this meeting specially for the purpose of considering the propriety of defraying the expenses of conveying Widow McLean and her family to America - she having a son there who is willing to support her provided her passage is paid.
The meeting considering that she is herself a Pauper supported by the Parish and her family who are invalids and likely soon to become burdensome to the Parish, unanimously agree to defray the above expense, and instruct the Inspector to arrange the matter in as economical a manner as possible and if necessary to proceed to Glasgow for that purpose.

At a meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale, held at Ardrishaig, the 7th day of August, 1850.

Present:
✓ John Grahame Campbell, Esq of Shirvain
✓ James A. Campbell Esq of Inverneil and Knap
✓ Colin G. Campbell Esq Jun (?) of Stonefield as proxy for Stonefield
✓ Revd Alexander McKenzie
✓ Mr. Dugald McPherson, Elder

Revd Alexander Mackenzie Chairman

The meeting reappoint the Revd. Alexr McKenzie minister of the Parish as Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

The meeting thereafter proceeded to revise the Roll of Paupers and adjust their allowances when they find all those on the Roll entitled to their present allowances.

The following Applications were laid before the meeting viz -
 Neil McMillan, residing at Baranlongarht
 Hector McNeil, residing at Drimdrishaig
 and the Board refer the amount of allowance to be given them to the Minister Kirk Session and Inspector.

The Inspector reported to the meeting that he had corresponded with the Inspector of the Barony Parish and also with the Board of Supervision relative to the case of Widow Fletcher and as she refuses to return to the Parish of Settlement, it is presumed the Parish is in the meantime relieved from the burden.
The Inspector also reported to the meeting that he had arranged for the conveyance of *Widow McLean and her family* (three daughters) to America according to instructions received at meeting of 17th June last. The whole expense of their transit & etc amounting to the sum of Sixteen pounds 17/3d Sterling. The Board approves of the Inspectors proceedings in the above case.

The Inspector produced his accounts for the past half year, which were examined and found correct leaving a Balance of the sum of the hundred and Forty one pounds 17/8d to be accounted for at next meeting.

(Signed) *Alexr Mackenzie*, Chairman
At a meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale held at Ardrishaig on the 7th day of February, 1851.

Present:
✓ John Campbell Esq of Stonefield
✓ William Campbell Esq of Ormsary
✓ William Martin Esq, factor for Poltallach
✓ Revd Alexr McKenzie and
✓ Mr. Dugald McPherson, Elder

Revd Alexr McKenzie, Minister of the Parish, Chairman

The Meeting proceeded to revise the Roll of Paupers and adjust their allowances where they find all those on the Roll entitled to their present allowances with the exception of the following cases, viz -

1st, John Johnson, Ardrishaig - who has presented a petition, craving an addition to his present allowance, of two shillings per week. The meeting agree to allow him sixpence per week additional and authorise the Inspector to give him any temporary aid he may deem necessary.

2nd, Elizabeth McKichan, Ardrishaig - The Board authorise the Inspector to arrange and accommodation for her in the Poors House of the Abbey Parish of Paisley if he deem it necessary.

An Application from Betty Wier, residing at Doad Knap, was laid before the meeting, and seeing her mother with whom she at present lives is receiving aid from this Parish, the Board instruct the Inspector to inquire particularly into her case, and report to the next meeting - and in the meantime to afford her temporary relief not exceeding the smallest allowance.

The Inspector reported to the meeting that he had a communication from the Inspector of the City Parish Aberdeen, relative to the case of Jean Knowles or McArthur, wife of Charles McArthur - a pensioner, and as it is stated that South Knapdale is the Parish of his Birth, and having deserted his wife who has now become chargeable to the Parish of Aberdeen - The Meeting instruct the Inspector to make inquiry regarding him and find out his settlement.
It having become a question whether the reference made in the Minute of Meeting of the 3rd February 1848, with regard to the payment of the one half of the General fees for teaching Pauper children at the Ormsary School; should apply to Schools in general. The Meeting agree that it shall apply to all localities where there is not a Parochial School.

The Inspector produced his accounts which were examined and found correct leaving a Balance in his favour of the sum of Eight pounds 1/4d Sterling. The Meeting agree to a voluntary contribution as in former years, provided the Tenants and Feuars contribute the sum of Sixty pounds Sterling in aid of the contribution from the Heritors.

The Chairman produced a letter from a meeting of the Constabulary Committee for the County of Argyll held at Lochgilphead the 6th day of November, in which it is proposed that the Officers of Constabulary should be appointed sub Inspectors of Poor in the Parishes which form their Districts; their duties as such to be restricted to enforcing the provisions of the Nuisance Act. The Meeting approve thereof and appoint the Officer at Ardrishaig for the time being to act in the above capacity.

(Signed) **Alexr Mackenzie**, Chairman

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**At a meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of Southg Knapdale held at Ardrishaig the seventh day of August 1851**

**Present:**

✓ John Campbell Esq of Stonefield
✓ James A Campbell Esq of Inverniel
✓ Revd Alexr Mackenzie, Minister of the Parish

**The meeting reappoint the Revd Alexander McKenzie, Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.**

The meeting proceeded to revise the Roll of Paupers and adjust their allowances, when they find all those now on the Roll entitled to their present allowance, with the following exceptions, viz. -

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• **Kenneth McLeod**
• **Widow McNair, Knap**
• **Widow Neil Lietch, Do.**

Who have died since the last revision of the Roll and their names are of course struck off.

They also find that **Widow McCorquodale** residing at Tighnahoarin has gone to America, and of course the Parish is now relieved of her burden.

The Board agree to reduce the allowances of the following individuals, in respect that they were given at a period when the price of provisions were very high viz 1847 - and further as it appears that their allowances are at a higher scale than the Paupers of the other parts of the Parish, viz

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The following applications were laid before the meeting, viz.:
1. **James Johnson**, residing at Baliver, in the District of Tarbert, after consideration, the Board instruct the Inspector to give him occasional Relief, but in the meantime refuse a permanent allowance;
2. **Malcolm McFarlane**, formerly Shepherd at Ormsary in the District of Auchoish, and now residing with his son on the Farm of Bardarin in the Parish of Kilcalmonell, and after due deliberation, the Board grant him an allowance of 10/- - per quarter, provided it is found he has no resources from any other quarter.

The Inspector laid before the Meeting a correspondence with the Parish of St. Vigeans, Forfarshire, and other inquiries made by him, in the case of **Alexander Forsyth's orphans**, and as it appears from said correspondence that St. Vigeans is the Parish of Settlement, the Board instruct the Inspector to use means to enforce their claim on said Parish.
There were produced a letter and account from J. Munro, Free Church Schoolmaster at Lochgilphead, claiming payment of the sum of Five pounds 6/11d Sterling for the education of Pauper children. The Board considering that no provision was made for retrospective payments, and that no intention was signified of such a demand - but under the circumstances of the case allow Mr. Munro the sum of one pound Sterling.

The Inspector produced his accounts with an Abstract shewing his Intromissions (sic) with the Funds for the support of the Poor from the 31st December 1850, to the 30th June 1851 - the Board defer the examination of said accounts until next meeting and instruct the Inspector to produce said accts as also the Abstract now signed by the Chairman.

(Signed) Alexr Mackenzie, Chairman
At a meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale, held at Ardrishaig the 5th day of February, 1852

Present:
✓ John Campbell Esq of Stonefield
✓ William Campbell Esq of Ormsary
✓ Anthony Trail Esq for Inverniel
✓ Revd Alexr McKenzie and as mandatory for
✓ William Forlong Esq of Erines
✓ Messrs Dugald McPherson
✓ Donald Paterson &
✓ Duncan Johnson, Elders.

Revd Alexr McKenzie, Chairman

The meeting proceeded to revise the Roll of Paupers and their allowances when they find all those now on the roll entitled to the amount of allowance formerly fixed by the Board, with discretionary power to the Inspector to modify the same where he thought it expedient.

The Inspector reported that the following Paupers had died since the last revision of the Roll, viz.:

✓ Widow McPhail, Tighnaourin
✓ John Johnson, Ardrishaig
✓ Rose McLachlan, do
✓ Widow McQuarrie, Tarbert, and
✓ Donald Morrison's wife, Clachbreck

The Inspector having produced his accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1851, the same were examined and found correct, leaving a Balance of Two pounds 19/11 ½ due the Inspector for which he is to take credit in next account and to charge himself with the sum of Fifty three pounds 4/9 being the arrear of collections now outstanding and the Meeting discharge the Inspector accordingly.
The following applications for relief were laid before the meeting viz.,

1ˢᵗ  *Catherine McTavish or McFarlane*, residing at Tarbert and after consideration, the Board allow her the sum of eight shillings per calendar month on account of her children.

2ⁿᵈ  *Barbara Thomson, widow of Niel Brodie*, residing at Tighnaoarin, the Board considering the youth of her family, grant her an allowance of One pound Sterling per quarter.

3ʳᵈ  *Mary McFarlane*, residing at Baliver, and considering that she is now old and helpless, the Board allow her the sum of Thirteen shillings per quarter.

In regard to the case of *Jean Knowles or McArthur*, the Board admit their liability and direct the Inspector to pay the sum necessary from the date of Notice.

It was proposed by Auchandarrach that the Board should take into consideration the propriety of joining with Glassarie and other Parishes in the erection of a Poors House. The Board deem it unexpedient (sic) under the circumstances to accede to said proposal.

The meeting agree to a voluntary contribution as formerly provided the Tenants and Feuars agree before the next statutory meeting to contribute the sum of Sixty pounds sterling, if not the Inspector is instructed to call a meeting so that a legal assessment may be forthwith levied.

(Signed)  *Alexr MacKenzie*  Chairman

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**At a meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale, held at Ardrishaig the 3ʳᵈ day of February, 1852.**

(sic; probably 1853)

**Present:**

✓  John Campbell Esq of Stonefield
✓  William Campbell Esq of Ormsary
✓  Wm. Martin, Factor for Poltallach
✓  Rev. Alex McKenzie

**Revd Alexr McKenzie, Chairman**

The meeting proceed to revise the Roll of Paupers and their allowances, and find all those now on the Roll entitled to their present allowance.
The Inspector reported that *Margaret McFarlane*, residing at Tarbert had died since the last revision of the Roll.

The following new applications were considered, viz.,

1st. *Isabella McPhail*, or *Paterson*, residing at Cove. The Board in the meantime refuse to admit her on the permanent Roll, but instruct the Inspector to make inquiry as to her means of subsistence and provided her Brother in law, *Dugald Paterson* in want, he is authorized to give them occasional Relief.

2nd. *Catherine Letch*, residing at Kilmory Knap. The Board being at present ignorant of her circumstances, instruct the Inspector to ascertain this fact, and report to the first meeting.

3rd. The Board having considered the case of *Forsythe’s orphans*, and the Inspector having produced a letter from the Inspector of Poor of the Parish of St. Vigeans, dated 24th September 1851, admitting the liability of said Parish for the maintenance of the children, which admission he now refuses to act upon on the score that subsequent decisions have shown it to be erroneous: - desire the Inspector to peruse carefully a decision of Lord Cowan’s, to the effect that an Inspector cannot resign from an admission of liability, once made by him, and to see how far it bears upon the present case and to report to the next meeting or to a meeting to be called for the purpose if necessary.

The Inspector produced his accounts for half year ended June last, which were examined and found correct according to the following abstract.

The Board agree to a voluntary contribution as formerly provided the Tenants contribute the sum of Sixty pounds sterling if not, Mr. Campbell of Stonefield has given notice that a first meeting he will move that a Legal assessment be imposed.

(Signed) *Alexr McKenzie*    Chairman
At a meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale held at Ardrishaig the 5th day of August 1853.

Present:
✓ John Campbell Esq of Stonefield
✓ Captn James A Campbell, Esq of Inverniet
✓ Captn Cole as mandatory for Shirvain
✓ Revd Alexr McKenzie, Minister of the Parish

Revd Alexr McKenzie Chairman

The meeting proceeded to appoint a Chairman and they now reappoint the Revd Alexander McKenzie Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Board having proceeded to revise the Roll of Paupers and their allowances when they find all those now on the Roll entitled to their present allowances with the following exceptions, viz.,
✓ Widow Dewar, from 18/ to 10/ per quarter
✓ Hector McLean to be struck off
✓ Alexander McFarlane to be put on the occasional roll
✓ Malcolm McFarlane from 2/ to 1/6 per week.

The Inspector reported that the following paupers have died since the last revision of the Roll, viz.,
✓ Donald Morrison, Clachbreck
✓ John McNiel, Tayvallach

The Board agree to pay Mr. Campbell of Ormsary the sum of Four pounds in addition to the Eight pounds formerly agreed to, for enabling Widow McTaggart and her orphan grandchildren to emigrate to America, it being understood that this is not of form a precedent, it being necessary always on such occasions to have the previous authority of the Board.

The following new applications were laid before the meeting, viz.,
1st Jane Campbell or McTavish, residing at Barnakill, in the Parish of Glassarie. The Board instruct the Inspector to ascertain that her proper settlement is in this parish and if so, to intimate to her sons that they must support her.

2nd Nancy Campbell, residing at Baranellan, who has for some time past been on the occasional Roll. The Board authorise that she be put on the permanent Roll, at an allowance of 10/- per quarter.
The Inspector reported to the meeting that he had an application from Mrs. Campbell, the sister of Elizabeth Morrison, stating that she is labouring under mental derangement, and dangerous to the Family with whom she lives. The Inspector is now instructed by the Board to make inquiry into said statements, and if necessary to have her conveyed to a Lunatic Asylum.

The Board having examined the Inspector’s Accts for half year ended the 31st December 1852, and also for the half year ended 30 June, 1853 - which they find correctly stated and balanced by the sum of Seventy two pounds 11/7d Sterling, for which the Inspector is entitled to take the credit in his next account.

The Board regret to find that so many of the Feuars and occupants of Houses in Ardrishaig and Tarbert decline to pay their proportion of the voluntary contribution of Sixty pounds Sterling, also the Crinan Canal Co. They Instruct the Inspector to present an account to the Commissioners and state to them as well as all parties that refuse to contribute that the motion as to a legal assessment will be brought forward without delay.

(Signed) Alexr MacKenzie Chairman
### Roll of the Poor of the Parish of South Knapdale as revised by the Parochial Board on the 5th August 1853.

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At a meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale held at Ardrishaig the 17th Day of October of 1853.
Present:
✓ John G. Campbell, Esq for Shirvain
✓ Revd Alexander McKenzie, Minister of the Parish

Revd Alexander Mackenzie Chairman

The Inspector laid before the Meeting certain communications from the Board of Supervision, relative to the Act 11 and 12, Vict. Cap. 123, entitled, "an Act for the removal of certain Nuisances and the prevention of Epidemic and Contagious Diseases."

The Board in compliance with these instructions appoint the Police Constables at Ardrishaig as sub Inspectors for that purpose in terms of Minute of Meeting of Parochial Board of 7th February, 1851, and instruct the Inspector to intimate the same to the Chairman of the Constabulary and request permission for the Officers to act.

The Board also appoint the following as a Committee of General Superintendence to inquire into the health of the inhabitants, viz.,
✓ Messrs C. M. Herbert
✓ McLachlan, Preacher of the Gospel &
✓ John Lochead

and instruct that they immediately report to the Inspector any cases of a contagious nature that may occur.

(Signed) Alexr Mackenzie, Chairman
At a Meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale, held at Ardrishaig, the 14th day of January, 1854.

Present:
✓ Capn W. W. Cole as mandatory for Shirvain
✓ Revd Alexr McKenzie, Minister of the Parish

Revd Alexr McKenzie, Chairman

The minute of the last meeting having been read, the Chairman produced a requisition signed by certain residents of Ardrishaig, requesting him to call a meeting of the Parochial Board, which he accordingly did, viz.,

Ardrishaig, 11th January, 1854

To the Revd Alexr McKenzie, Chairman of the Parochial Board of South Knapdale

Revd Dear Sir

We have had an imported case of Cholera at Ardrishaig, which received attention, but proved fatal - we have had a second case; yesterday a female case connected with the preceding but which I am sorry to learn has been totally neglected; and as I am also told the poor family shut up besides the corpse, and no one to direct aid or take proper measures under the circumstances. We therefore beg of you to call a meeting of the Board without delay to meet here, lay this before the Board and determine what is necessary to be done and by whom to be attended to - and

We remain
Respectfully, Revd Sir
Your obt servts

(Signed) Wilm Thomson
P. McKinnon
Dugald McArthur
Hugh McVicar
Gilbert Sinclair
John Finlay

In regard to the female case of Cholera said to have been totally neglected, the Board is of opinion that no blame can be attached to the Medical Inspector of the Parish. The Inspector is therefore instructed to communicate with his deputy as medical officer of Ardrishaig and require him to attend as soon as possible any and every case of Cholera or reported Cholera, and to provide the necessary Medicine and to communicate immediately with the Inspector stating every circumstance as to what he has done.
The Inspector produced the minute of a meeting held at Ardrishaig on the 11th Inst., viz.,

On the 11th January 1854, at a meeting called in consequence of the appearance of Cholera - Two cases having already occurred at Ardrishaig.

Present:
Alexr Campbell, Esq of Auchandarrach
Wllm Thomison Esq, Ardrishaig
C. M. Herbert, Esq, Ardrishaig
John Lohead Junr
Wm Lohead
Peter McKinnon
John Finlay
Charles Crawford
Gilbert Sinclair

Alexr Campbell, Esq of Auchandarrach, Chairman

The Cases which have occurred being of an aggravated character it appeared necessary to the Meeting to take immediate steps to afford the inhabitants prompt medical attendance and medicines in case of the disease extending. They are aware that this is the proper duty of the Parochial Board, but as it is impossible to leave the village unattended to until (sic) a Meeting of the Board can be called - they consider it their duty to make what appears to them proper arrangements in the first instance, trusting that the Board will approve of and adopt their proceedings.

The arrangements necessary are, First - To appoint some medical man living near Ardrishaig (it being impossible for D. Campbell the Inspector to attend to that duty personally) with instructions - 1st - To visit Ardrishaig daily going from House to House with a view of checking any premonitory symptoms, which may occur amongst any of the inhabitants; and 2nd, To attend immediately in the event of any case occurring leaving a substitute to act in his place in absence; 3rd, To have at Ardrishaig a proper supply of Medicine; 4th, To report daily to the Sanitary Committee on the health of the village and on any sanitary nuisances he may find necessary.

The Meeting appoint Mr. Herbert Lohead Junr and D. Campbell the Inspector a Committee to make an arrangement with one of the medical gentlemen of Lochgilphead fixing the amount of daily salary to be paid him for this duty, and the appointment to be in force until after the meeting of the Parochial Board. The Inspector is instructed to write to Glasgow for a Cholera Nurse under a weekly engagement.

The Meeting further request the Inspector to call a meeting of the Parochial Board as soon as possible.

The Meeting further appoint Mrssrs. Finley, Crawford, McLachlan, Thomson, McKinnon, and Sinclair to act along with the Sanitary Committee already appointed by the Board.

The Meeting instruct the Inspector to have the Bed and body clothes made away with.
Signed in behalf of the Meeting

Alexander Campbell

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The Board approve of the resolutions and adopt them to be acted upon. The Board in approving of these resolutions trust the Sanitary Committee will not incur greater expenses than are absolutely necessary and request them to report to the next Statutory Meeting of their proceedings.

The Board authorise the Sanitary Committee to hire suitable apartments for receiving any new cases of Cholera that may occur.

The Inspector reported the case of Mrs. Robert Wilson that Interim relief had been given her to the amount of six shillings per week for herself and four children. He also reported that the Grandmother and Uncle of the children have consented to take charge of two of them, and that he had further communicated with other relations, Brothers, from whom he has received no answer. The Inspector is therefore directed to take immediate steps for the removal of those children and to reduce the allowance to four shillings per week.

(Signed) Alexr. Mackenzie Chairman

Report of the Sanitary Committee of Ardrishaig

At a meeting of Sanitary Committee appointed by the Parochial Board of the South Knapdale held in Mr. Finlay’s Hotel, Ardrishaig, the 23rd day of January, 1854.

Present:

Messrs. William Thomson
John Lohead
C. M. Herbert
Charles Crawford
P. McKinnon
Gilbert Sinclair
James McLachlan
John Finlay

Mr. John Lohead in the Chair

Two cases of Cholera having been reported to have taken place in the village of Ardrishaig, it appeared advisable to the Committee to have a report from the Doctors appointed to examine into the state of the Health of the inhabitants.

Doctors Jackson and Hunter having appeared, they reported that Dr. Jackson had been in daily attendance.
That no cases of Cholera or premonitory symptoms of said disease had exhibited themselves till towards the end of last week when there were three cases of Diarrohea, which were by application of the proper remedies immediately stopped - that this day, Mrs. McVicar had been seized with a decided attack of Cholera and subsequently her husband with the premonitory symptoms. That the former continued very ill, but the latter was in the meantime better. The nurse appointed by the Inspector of the Parish had been sent for and immediately attended.

The question of dispensing with the services of the Doctors having been considered, the Committee came to the conclusion unanimously that under existing circumstances, it would not be advisable to do so and leave this question for further consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

Signed John Lochead

At a meeting of Sanitary Committee appointed by the Parochial Board of South Knapdale held in Mr. Finlay's Hotel Ardrishaig on the 6th day (Feb) of 1854.

Present

Messrs. P. McKinnon Messrs. C. M. Herbert
Wm. Thomson Gilbert Sinclair
John Finlay James McLachlan

Mr. John Lochead in the Chair.

Since date of last meeting one decided case of Cholera has taken place and along with the other two cases formerly reported, have been favourably got over. The Committee now consider it proper to dispense with the services of the Medical Gentlement and the Nurse from this date, and that Mr. Lochead is directed to intimate this and to request them to hand in their respective accots to the Inspector to be laid before the Meeting of Parochial Board, Thursday first.

Signed John Lochead

At a meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale held at Ardrishaig the 9th day of February 1854 being the Half yearly Statutory meeting.

Present:
✓ Revd. Alexander McKenzie and as mandatory for Stonefield
✓ William Martin, Factor for Poltallach
✓ Dugald McPherson Esq. Elder

Revd. Alexr McKenzie Chairman
The meeting proceeded to revise the Roll of Paupers and their allowances when they find all those now on the Roll entitled to the allowance fixed in August with the exception of the following who have died since the last revision of the Roll, viz.,

1. Mary McMillan  
2. Malcolm McFarlane  
3. Dugald Paterson  
4. Mary McAlpine

The following new applications were submitted to the meeting, viz.,

1. Widow McTavish or Campbell. The Board agree to give her the sum of Ten shillings per quarter to supplement the allowance granted by her children.

2. Widow Henderson, or Janet Paterson. The Board refuse to admit her on the permanent Roll, but in respect that her youngest boy, being at present confined to bed, from disease of the knee joint, the Board granted her a donation of One pound Sterling.

The Inspector produced his accounts of Charge and Discharge which the Board find correct and Balanced by the sum of one pound 12/2 ½ advanced by the Inspector for which he is entitled to take credit in his next account, leaving the sum of Seventy three pounds 19/ 4 ½ still to be collected from the Feuars and Tenants of the Parish also Forty six pounds 5/ - by the Heritors meeting in all the sum of One Hundred and Twenty pounds 4/ 4 ½ which the Collector is instructed to assess.

The Inspector laid before the Meeting the reports from the Sanitary Committee at Ardrishaig from which it appears that there have been no recent cases of Cholera, and therefore the services of the Medical Gentlemen have been cancelled as also that of the nurse, and instruct the Inspector to provide for proper medical attendance in the event of the disease breaking out again, not exceeding the Rates formerly given and continue the original Committee, viz.,

Messrs C. M. Herbert

John Lochead and as Mr. McLachlan, Preacher of the Gospel is soon to remove from Adrishiaig, the Board substitute Mr. McKinnon in his room (sic).
The Board appoint Dr. Hunter, Medical Officer of the Ardrishaig District, he having agreed to attend the Paupers in said District, for the sum of Four pounds 10/- Sterling including medicines. This arrangement not to include attendance on Cholera patients.

The Inspector reported to the Board that he had been served with a summons at the instance of the Inspector of Glassarie for advances to Mary Brown or Campbell. As it appears that Glassarie Parish is pursuing South Knapdale on the grounds of aid having been given to her - in the first instance in this Parish, although she clearly belongs to the Parish of Kilcalmonell, and as it appears that Messrs Wilson and Douglas are not aware of these circumstances, the Inspector is instructed to communicate with them and request they will state whether it would be the better plan for this Parish to join Glassarie in prosecuting Kilcalmonell, and if such should be their opinion, then the Inspector is instructed to proceed promptly in conjunction in conjunction (sic) with the Inspector of Glassarie, in getting the case settled by the Sheriff.

The Inspector is instructed to prosecute the Inspector of Glassarie for the expenses incurred in the internment of John McKay, a pauper of Glassarie. The meeting agree to a voluntary contribution as formerly, provided the Feuars and Tenants contribute the sum of Sixty pounds Sterling.

(Signed) **Alexr Mackenzie, Chairman**

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**At a Meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale, held at Ardrishaig the 22nd day of June, 1854.**

**Present:**

✓ John Campbell Esq of Stonefield
✓ John G. Campbell Esq of Shirvain
✓ Revd Alexr McKenzie and as Mandatory for
✓ William Forlong Esq of Erines

**Revd Alexander McKenzie, Chairman**

The meeting having been called for the purpose of providing accommodation for lodging people infected with contagious disease, a case of small pox and two cases of Cholera having occurred last week.
The board after considering the report of the Sanitary Committee, viz.,

At a meeting of the Sanitary Committee for the District of Ardrishaig Parish of South Knapdale, held at Mr. Finlay's Hotel, Ardrishaig, the 15th Day of June, 1854

Present

Messrs: Peter McKinnon
J Lochead &
C. M. Herbert

Mr. Herbert, Chairman

Mr. Lochead, assistant Inspector for the District represented to the Committee that on Saturday the 3d inst, a man belonging to the Long Island landed from the Steamer Mountaineer...(?).. With the small pox - that the said individual being unable to proceed further on his journey homeward as there was no boat to convey him wished to find accommodation in one of the Inns or Lodging Houses and for which he was quite willing to pay, that no person in the village of Ardrishaig would take him in on account of the fear of Infection, that he then proceeded to Lochgilphead, accompanied by the Police man who reported the case to the Superintendent of Police, by orders of the said Superintendent, the man was not allowed to remain in Lochgilphead, but was compelled to return to Ardrishaig even without being allowed to look out for Lodgings. That after his return, the only place that could be found and that at a very late hour of the night, was the House used by the Fishermen for Barking their Nets, in which a Bed of Straw was made, and the man put up as comfortable as the nature of the place would admit. That on the Monday following, the man was removed to a Shed adjacent, the Barking House being absolutely required for the Fishermen, that he was again made as comfortable as the place would allow. And that although every attention was shewn him and medical advice obtained, the man became worse and eventually died.

Mr. Lochead also represented to the Committee that on Tuesday night, the 13th June, a vessel called the Margaret, of Oban, had arrived in Ardrishaig Harbour - that the following morning the District Surgeon reported that both the Master and the Mate were suffering with Asiatic Cholera and that it was necessary that they should be removed from the close confined cabin in which they were, that no accommodation in Ardrishaig or vicinity could be obtained for them, and no person would go near them to assist them - that the only means of accommodating them was found to be by forming a Tent on the Quay or Breakwater, and that to this said Tent the two invalids were removed, and that the Inhabitants expressed great dismay and dissatisfaction at their being allowed to be brought ashore.

That the committee having taken into their consideration Mr. Lochead's report - deem it their duty to request the Inspector to call a meeting of the Parochial Board without delay dispensing if possible with the usually required Ten days notice.

The Sanitary Committee most earnestly urge upon the consideration of the Parochial Board the absolute necessity of some place of accommodation for individuals situate as those above referred to - that they do not consider that private individuals can be expected or compelled to turn their Houses into Hospitals for accommodation of
parties infected with Infectious diseases - and therefore are of opinion that the said required accommodation should be provided by the Parochial Board. The Committee would wish to draw to the notice of the Parochial Board that the officers of said Board have been severely animadverted on both in Ardrishaig and neighboring Parish for not having provided proper accommodation for these parties, and that the Committee consider that the Village of Ardrishaig, from its being the point to which Steamers from all parts are constantly arriving and departing and is also the resting place (frequently for days together) of Trading vessels is far more in want of accommodation for parties afflicted with disease as those referred to than the neighbouring village of Lochgilphead, which has for many years been provided with the accommodation above referred to.

The Committee most earnestly recommend for the consideration of the Parochial Board that if suitable accommodation cannot be found in Ardrishaig or immediate neighborhood - That a Building either of Stone and Lime, or timber, be immediately erected, and are urged to this recommendation from the fact that Cholera has lately made its appearance in Glasgow, and that to an alarming extent; and the Committee cannot but be afraid that other cases similar to those two referred to will again occur.

The Committee would also recommend that a proper nurse be appointed to take charge of said building or premises having them as her place of residence when not occupied by invalids.

Signed Chas M. Herbert Chairman

The Board after considering the report of the Sanitary Committee resolve to erect with all due speed a small House to be used in the case of any emergency as an Hospital consisting altogether of Four Rooms, and for that purpose correspond with Auchandarrach with a view to obtain a site for said erection in a situation convenient for the reception of such persons, in the meantime in case of any emergency, Mr. Herbert having offered the Shed at the back of the Barking House. The Meeting agree to accept of the same, with thanks to Mr. Herbert, and the Sanitary Committee for their active exertions and instruct the Inspector with the aid of the Sanitary Committee to have said place properly fitted up for reception of such cases -

The Inspector and Sanitary Committee having reported the services and aid given by William Bruce, Fisherman, in Erecting a Tent &c for the Cholera cases, the Board agree to give him a Gratuity of One pound Sterling to mark their approbation of his disinterested and charitable conduct.
The Inspector is requested to call a meeting of the Board to be held at Ardrishaig on Thursday, the sixth day of July, for the purpose of carrying the above resolution into effect and providing the necessary funds.

The members of the Sanitary Committee are requested to procure estimates for the proposed building, to be laid before the first meeting.

The case of Widow Brodie residing at Tighnahoarin, who is about to emigrate to America having been submitted to the Board. The meeting agree to give her the sum of Five pounds to supplement what is wanting of the Funds to enable her to proceed there, and authorise the Inspector to pay her said sum.

(Signed) Alexr Mackenzie Chairman

At a meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale, held at Ardrishaig the 31st August 1854, being the half yearly Statutory meeting adjourned from the (Sic) August 1854 Present:
✓ Revd Alexr McKenzie  
✓ Willm Forlong Esq of Erines  
✓ Captn A. W. Cole, as mandatory for Shirvain & Auchandarrach  
✓ William Martin Esq Factor for Poltallach

Revd Alexr McKenzie Chairman was appointed chairman for the ensuing year.

The meeting proceeded to revise the Roll of Paupers and adjust their allowances, when they authorise the present allowance to all on the roll, during the ensuing six months, viz.,

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The following cases were submitted to the Meeting viz.,

1. **John McFarlane** residing at Tarbert. The Board having considered his case grant him an allowance of two shillings and sixpence per week.

2. **Widow Campbell** residing near Tarbert. The Board admit her on the Roll at an allowance of Ten shillings per quarter.

3. An application by **Widow Mitchell** residing at Ardrishaig on account of the orphans of her son, two Boys. The Board authorise the Inspector to grant temporary relief, and report to the first meeting.

4. The application of **Isabella Taylor** for an increased allowance was refused in respect that her present allowance is sufficient and also having an illegitimate son who is able to assist her.
The inspector submitted to the meeting a correspondence with the Inspector of Oban as to the case of the Mackenzies, who laboured under Asiatic Cholera during the month of June. The Inspector is instructed to submit the case to the consideration of the Law Agent and if the Parish of Oban is liable, for repayment of advances, he is immediately instructed to proceed against them.

The Board instruct the Local Committee consisting of

C. M. Herbert Esq Convener
Mr. John Lochead
Peter McKinnon &
Wm Thomson

to communicate with Dr. Hunter or such other medical man as they may think fit, and make such arrangements as may be desirable to ensure proper medical attendance (and medicine) on all cases of Diarrohea and Cholera.

The Board would also request the Local Committee to take the proper measures as authorised by the Board of Health to remove all filth &c from the dwellings of the Parish. The Inspector is instructed to forward a copy of the Rules and Regulations for the removal of Nuisances to the Local Committee.

Mr. Herbert produced a plan and estimate for the proposed House of Reception for the Casual sick Poor at Ardrishaig, the expense of which would be as follows, viz.,

For the Erection including mason, Carpenter and Slater work £75 " 0 " 0

Materials furnished by Mr. Herbert 15 " 0 " 0

Total £90 " 0 " 0

The Board approved of the above and requested Mr. Herbert to get the Building completed as soon as possible.

The Inspector reported that he had only this morning been furnished with the account of the expenditure of the Ardrishaig District, and that his accounts were not completed. The Board appoint the Inspector to have the accounts prepared to be submitted to a meeting to be held on Friday the 27 October.
The meeting in consequence of the increased outlays required for the attendance on Cholera patients and others, and also the erection of a Hospital or House for the reception of sick Paupers, agreed to a voluntary contribution of Four pence per pound on the Heritors and Two pence on the Feuars and Tenants.

(Signed)  

Alexr Mackenzie

At a meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale held at Ardrishaig on the 27th October, 1854

Present:

Revd. Alexr Mackenzie
William Martin Esq Factor for Poltallach
Captn G. A. Campbell of Invernieil

Revd Alex Mackenzie, Chairman

The meeting having been called for the purpose of examining and auditing the accounts for the half year ended the 30 June 1854, and having duly examined the same, find them correct and Balanced by the sum of Five pounds 11/½ Advanced by the Inspector which he is appoint to carry to his credit in next Half years accounts.

With reference to the circular Letter from the Board of Supervision dated 12th October 1854. The Inspector is instructed to report that a House for the reception and treatment of casual sick Poor is now in course of Erection at Ardrishaig.

The Inspector laid before the Meeting a communication from the Sheriff of the County directing the Parochial Board to appoint a Registrar of Births Marriages and Deaths in conformity with the clauses of the Act 17 & 18, Vict Cap 80

- It appearing that Mr. Duncan Johnson, Parochial Schoolmaster at Achooihnow holds the office of Session Clerk and being perfectly competent for the office. The Board accordingly appoint him Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths for the Parish of South Knapdale.
Mr. Martin reported to the meeting that he had received a communication from Auchandarrach relative to the position chosen for the erection of the House of reception for the sick Poor to the effect that it would be considered objectionable by the parents of the children attending the school situated near it.

The Board accordingly proceeded to examine the state of the Building when they found the mason work complete, and the Carpenters proceeding with their portion of the contract.

It was therefore considered better to let the old work be completed according to contract as the expense of changing the site will be considerable and the Board think that if it is desirable to choose a new site for the House of Reception of Casual sick Poor for the present one may be Let or sold without loss to the Parish or Auchandarrach.
At a meeting of the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Knapdale held at Ardrishaig on the 8th day of February 1855, being the half yearly statutory meeting.

Present:
✓ John Campbell Esq of Stonefield
✓ William Campbell, Esq of Ormsary
✓ William Martin. Esq Factor for Poltallach
✓ Rev Alexander McKenzie, Minister of the Parish

Revd Alexander McKenzie, Chairman.

The meeting proceeded to revise the Roll of Paupers and adjust their allowances, when they find that the following paupers have died since the last revision of the Roll, viz.,

John McFarlane, Tarbert
Betsy Wier, Doad Knap
Wid. Kenneth McLeod, Lochgilphead

Having the petition of Widow McFarlane or Isabella McBrayen, the Board agree to continue her allowance, but under the circumstances, reduce it to the 10 shilling 10/ per quarter.

The Board agree to increase the allowance of Isabella Taylor to one pound Sterling per quarter.

A petition from Isabella McKichan was submitted. The Board refuse her application.