

At Fort William, and within the hall of Kilmallie Parish Church, Caol, the twenty fifth day of October 2005, at 7.00 pm, which place, date and time the Presbytery of Lochaber met and was constituted with prayer.

1. **SEDERUNT** Present were the Rev Archie Speirs, Moderator, the Rev David M. Anderson, Clerk, 26 full members, one assessor minister appointed under Act V, 2001 and 2 corresponding members of Presbytery. Names and apologies as per sederunt sheet.
2. **ROLL OF PRESBYTERY** The Moderator welcomed the Rev John L. Paterson, assessor minister, to his first meeting of Presbytery. Welcome was also made to Mrs Margaret Varwell, Mr Melville Paton and to Mrs Lin Ramsay.
3. **MINUTES** Minutes of the previous meeting of 6th September 2005, being in the hands of members, were approved with the addition of “- Appendix I.” at the end of 2.1.
4. **REPORT** The Rev Dr Richard Corbett gave a report from Kilmallie Parish.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE** Clerk laid on the table a Correspondence List of 37 items which were dealt with as per Presbytery’s instructions.
6. **REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE** The Business Convener, the Rev A. Ann Winning, reported. It was moved, seconded and agreed-
The Presbytery:
Business
 6.1 Approve the Order of Business as circulated.
 6.2 Approve the arrangements for the Church Law Refresher Course on Tuesday 29th November 2005.
 6.3 Approve the arrangements for the December Presbytery meal.
 6.4 Approve that an annual Report from the Guild be presented to each February meeting of Presbytery.
Nomination
 6.5.1 Appoint an Examination Committee to inspect the Presbytery’s Minute Book (Act III 2000 – section 32) prior to the February 2006 meeting of Presbytery
 6.5.2 Appoint the Rev A. Ann Winning & Mrs Kate Cruickshank to be the members of that Examination Committee.
 6.6 Invite recommendations for nomination to Assembly Committees (Corresp. 24).
 6.7 Appointment the Rev William Burnside as Interim Moderator to Glencoe l/w Duror from 20th February 2006, or from the commencement of Maternity Leave of the Rev Alison Burnside.
Superintendence
 6.8 Note that the Presbytery Clerk is in consultation with officials at the Safeguarding Office with the aim of reviewing Presbytery’s supervision of congregations’ child protection procedures.
 6.9 In order to assist the Presbytery’s supervision of congregation’s child protection procedures, admit to the roll of Presbytery for session 2005/06, as an Additional Elder, the Presbytery Child Protection Co-ordinator Mrs Sallie Parrish.

Mrs Parrish was welcomed by the Moderator.

7. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Rev Dr Ruth Lawson, Convener of the Finance Committee, reported.

It was moved, seconded and agreed-

The Presbytery:

7.1 Notes the imminent changes anent congregational accounts, in particular those concerning the requirement for a Trustees' Report and the restrictions concerning the appointment of Auditors/Inspectors of Accounts.

7.2 Approves the Congregational allocations and discretionary allowances for 2006 - Appendix I.

7.3 Notes the following shortfalls on payments to Central Ministry Funds as at August 12th 2005: Morvern Parish Church, 1997 - £4,974.98; Fort Augustus, 2004 - £1,076.00.

7.4 Notes that three congregations are behind with their payments to Central Funds for 2005: Ardnamurchan; Arisaig & the Small Isles; Mallaig St. Columba's and Knoydart.

7.5 Agrees to respond to the Budget Consultation from the Council of Assembly and notes that questionnaires are to be returned to the Presbytery Convener of Finance by 15th November 2005 with a draft response to be submitted to the December meeting of Presbytery.

7.6 Approves the arrangement of a Saturday seminar concerning stewardship programmes and support in spring 2006.

8. REPORT OF THE MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Rev Alison Burnside, Convener of the Mission & Outreach Committee, reported.

It was moved, seconded and agreed-

The Presbytery:

8.1 Welcomes the introduction of training for Elders to prepare them to become Interim Moderators, and encourages Elders to consider being Interim Moderators and to attend the training, while acknowledging that it should first encourage and make best possible use of both Elders who are Readers and Auxiliary Ministers, recognising that these two groups have had training that is relevant to fulfilling this role.

Draft Sexual Health and Relationships Strategy 2005-2010

8.2 Welcomes the Draft Sexual Health and Relationships Strategy 2005-2010.

8.3 Encourages NHS Highland to continue to promote the acceptability among young people of saying 'no' and abstaining from sexual intercourse; while recognising that there are those who will experiment or not abstain and must be encouraged to act in a responsible manner.

8.4 Congratulates NHS Highland on seeking to use a multi-agency approach that will reach all young people in identifiable and understandable ways, in an attempt to reduce the number of unplanned teenage pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections; while encouraging people to respect both themselves and other people.

8.5 Affirms that that they will continue to encourage NHS Highland to work for, and promote, a society that does not encourage sexual relationships outwith marriage and also upholds the family by encouraging informed parental

responsibility.

8.6 Will continue to work with young people in local parish contexts and support NHS Highland's view, backed by 'clear evidence' that 'young people who have the opportunity to develop a strong values base from which to view sex and relationships are more likely to delay first sexual intercourse'.

8.7 Are pleased that NHS Highland recognises that people other than young people, including the elderly, those with disabilities and the homeless need to have specific sexual health needs met.

8.8 Are pleased that the Highland Sexual Health Strategy Group included a Church of Scotland minister and request that a representative of the Church of Scotland continues to serve on the group.

Ecumenical Relations

8.9 Receive a report from the Rev Alan Lamb updating Presbytery on recent activities of the Church of Scotland Committee on Ecumenical Relations.

World Mission

8.10 Receive a report from Mrs Lin Ramsay on the work of the World Mission Council.

9. REPORT OF THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Mr George Haggart, Convener of the Property Committee, reported.

It was moved, seconded and agreed-

The Presbytery:

9.1 Notes that discussions have taken place between representatives of Highland Council and the Acharacle congregation regarding a lease of part of their Glebe for recreational use.

9.2 Request an extract of minute from the Acharacle congregation referring to their agreement with Highland Council which includes a specific detailed plan and terms.

10. REPORT OF THE APPRAISAL & MINISTRY COMMITTEE

The Rev Dr Adrian Varwell, Convener of the Appraisal & Ministry Committee, reported.

It was moved, seconded and agreed-

The Presbytery:

10.1 Receives and approves the Annual Report for Glencoe Hospital from the Rev Alison Burnside and expresses thanks for her valued ministry therein.

10.2 Notes the Rev Alison Burnside's forthcoming maternity leave commencing on 20th February 2006.

10.3 Notes the National Stipend figures for 2006 with the associated allowances and expenses – Appendix 2.

10.4 Agrees to request the Ministries' Council to review its decision not to fund a two day weekly locumship for Acharacle linked with Ardnamurchan, stressing the very great time involved in serving the more distant parts of this charge.

11. VACANCIES

The Presbytery Clerk reported that the Vacancy Procedure Committee (Act VIII 2003) proposed:

11.1 Presbytery approves the demission of the charge of Morvern by the Rev A. Ann Winning on 31st January 2006 by retirement.

11.2 The date of the vacancy at Morvern to be Wednesday 1st

February 2006.

11.3 The Rev Archie Speirs be appointed as Interim Moderator to the charge of Morvern.

11.4 That the question of permission to call in Morvern be referred to Presbytery in terms of Act IV 1984.

11.5 Presbytery approves the demission of the charge of Ardgour & Kingairloch linked with Strontian by the Rev James Carmichael on 31st January 2006 by retirement.

11.6 The date of the vacancy at Ardgour & Kingairloch and Strontian to be Wednesday 1st February 2006.

11.7 The Rev Dr Ruth Lawson be appointed as Interim Moderator to the charge of Ardgour & Kingairloch linked with Strontian.

11.8 That the question of permission to call in Ardgour & Kingairloch linked with Strontian be referred to Presbytery in terms of Act IV 1984.

11.9 Intimation of these proposals be made to the respective congregations on Sunday 6th November 2005.

12. OVERTURE

Overture Amending Act VII 2003 Anent Appraisal & Adjustment (as amended)

The Rev Dr Adrian Varwell outlined the reasons behind the proposed changes. The Motion that "Presbytery approves the Overture Amending Act VII 2003 Anent Appraisal & Adjustment (as amended)" was approved by 24 votes for approval and no votes for disapproval.

13. ADJOURNMENT

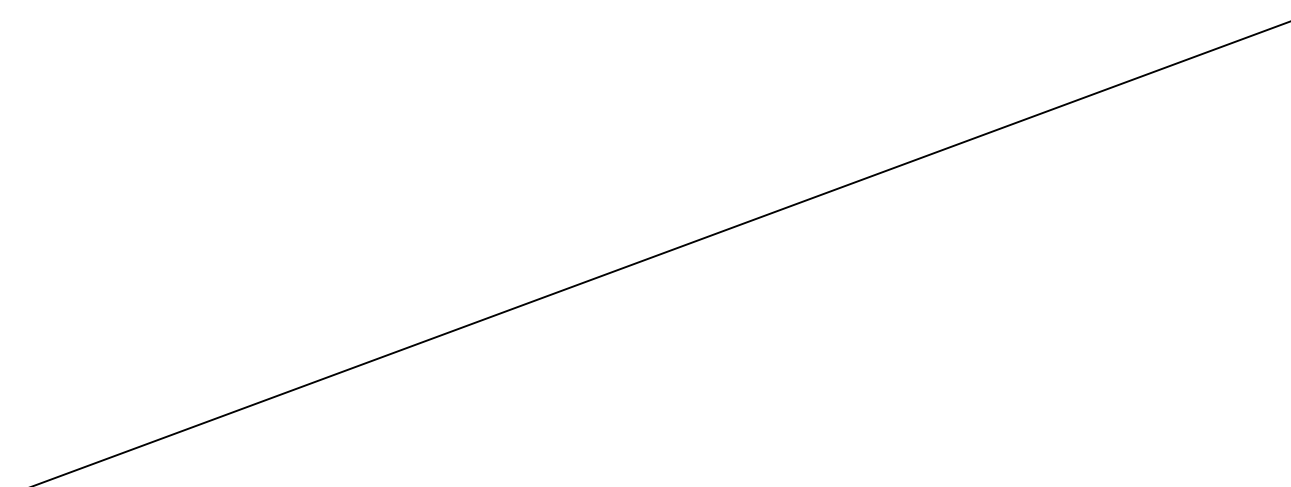
There being no further business, Presbytery adjourned to meet for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 6th December 2005 at 7.00 pm within Kilmallie Parish Church, Caol.

Closed with prayer

8.45 pm

.....Moderator

.....Clerk



APPENDIX I – Congregational Allocations and Discretionary Allowances for 2006.

CONG	CONGREGATION	2006 CAPPED SCALE ALLOCATION	Proposed Discretionary Allowance	2006 REVISED ALLOCATION
382168	Acharacle	£ 8,473	5% £ 424	£ 8,049
382169	Ardgour	£ 8,616	5% £ 431	£ 8,185
382170	Ardnamurchan	£ 4,761	5% £ 238	£ 4,523
382171	Arisaig & the Small Isles	£ 6,604	5% £ 330	£ 6,274
382172	Duror	£ 3,890		£ 3,890
382173	Fort Augustus	£ 11,012		£ 11,012
382174	Duncansburgh	£ 38,185	lump £ 1,000	£ 37,185
382175	Macintosh Memorial	£ 28,815		£ 28,815
382176	Glencoe	£ 9,346		£ 9,346
382177	Glengarry	£ 6,811		£ 6,811
382178	Kilmallie	£ 29,126		£ 29,126
382179	Kilmonivaig	£ 14,823	lump £ 681	£ 14,142
382180	Kinlochleven	£ 10,481		£ 10,481
382181	Mallaig & Knoydart	£ 17,201	5% £ 860	£ 16,341
382182	Morvern	£ 7,782	5% £ 389	£ 7,393
382183	Nether Lochaber	£ 8,691		£ 8,691
382184	Strontian	£ 4,255	5% £ 213	£ 4,042
	<i>Retained Allowance</i>		£ 2,000	

Appendix II – National Stipend Scale for 2006

Year 1	£	20965	Year 6	£	24362
Year 2		21643	Year 7		25042
Year 3		22323	Year 8		25722
Year 4		23003	Year 9		26402
Year 5		23683	Year 10		27082

Other allowances and expenses are as follows: -

Travel for Ministers	40p per mile for 10,000 miles then 25p per mile plus £80 per month
Auxiliary Ministers & Locums	40p per mile for 10,000 miles then 25p per mile
Pulpit Supply	£47 for one diet of worship plus £10 for each additional diet
Vacancy Allowance	£520 per month