

At Fort William, and within the hall of Kilmallie Parish Church, Caol, the sixth day of December 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 1 corresponding member of Presbytery. Names and apologies as per sederunt sheet.
2. **WELCOME** The Moderator received and welcomed: Readers Mr John Fraser & Mr John Maitland; Readers in Training Mrs Morag Muirhead, Mr Eric Walker & Mrs Pat Walker; the Rev Canon Gerald T. Kaye; Presbytery Child Protection Co-ordinator Mrs Sallie Parish; and Presbyterial Council Representatives Mrs Margaret Varwell, Mrs Jean Coke, Mrs Helen Lamb & Mrs Lin Ramsay. Moderator thanked them all for their service to Christ's Church and commended them to God's care.
3. **MINUTES** Minutes of the previous meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> October 2005, being in the hands of members, were approved.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE** Clerk laid on the table a Correspondence List of 24 items which were dealt with as per Presbytery's instructions.
5. **REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE** In the absence of the Business Convener, the Rev Donald MacQuarrie reported.  
It was moved, seconded and agreed-  
**The Presbytery:**  
**Business**  
5.1 Approve the Order of Business as circulated.  
5.2 Approve a request from Fort Augustus Kirk Session to process a Grant Application to the William & Ann MacGregor Bequest to the sum of £676 to fund the printing of a welcome pack for outreach purposes.  
**Church Law Refresher Course**  
5.3 Receive a report from the Presbytery Clerk on the Church Law Refresher Course on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2005 held at the Grand Hotel, Fort William.  
**Mission & Discipleship Council**  
5.4 Receive a report from the Presbytery Clerk on the meeting organised by the Mission & Discipleship Council held in Inverness on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2005.
6. **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:**  
6.1 Adopt the Disciplinary Code contained in Appendix I (P 38, 39 & 40) of the "2005 Remits to Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions" while recognising that commonsense must prevail.  
6.2 Adopt the list of procedures contained in Appendix II (P 41 & 42) of the "2005 Remits to Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions".  
6.3 Agree to hold a service on the *World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims* in November 2006. This service to be organised by the Presbytery Mission & Outreach Committee.

## 7. REPORT OF THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

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

It was moved, seconded and agreed-

### **The Presbytery:**

#### **Acharacle & Ardnamurchan**

7.1 Note that reviews of the recent professional surveys carried out on Acharacle and Ardnamurchan Churches were held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2005.

#### **Acharacle Glebe**

7.2 Approve a twenty five year Lease of the area of the Glebe of Acharacle Church as shown on Appendix I to Highland Council for use as a recreational playing field. Further details of the Lease to be as agreed with the General Trustees.

#### **Arisaig Church Roof**

7.3 Approve the renewal of the roof of Arisaig Church with the proviso that the congregation can secure the necessary funding.

7.4 Approve the application of Arisaig Church to the General Trustees for a grant to assist with the cost of renewal of the church roof.

#### **Morvern Manse**

7.5.1 Agree to the sale to Mr & Mrs Ballingall of the piece of land measuring eighteen yards by thirty one yards presently leased by them from Morvern Church and also agree to the sale to them of an additional piece of land measuring ten yards by thirty one yards as shown in Appendix II.

7.5.2 Instruct the General Trustees to consider including a "Covenant" clause into the sale of this land to give to Morvern Church a percentage of the gain should Mr & Mrs Ballingall sell that land for new development.

#### **Glencoe St. Munda's Church Hall**

7.6 Approve in principle the upgrading of kitchen facilities at the church hall of Glencoe St. Munda's subject to further examination by the Presbytery Property Committee.

## 8. 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:**

#### **Hospital Chaplaincy**

8.1 Receive the Reports from the Part-Time Hospital Chaplains and thank them for their work over the last year.

8.2 Recommend the appointment of the Rev Peter Rice of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Glencoe, as Chaplain to Glencoe Hospital for the duration of the forthcoming Maternity Leave of the Rev Alison Burnside.

#### **Readers in Training**

8.3 Note that Mr Eric and Mrs Pat Walker are now continuing their training at Fort William Duncansburgh and Kilmonivaig under the supervision of the Rev Donald MacQuarrie.

## 9. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

It was moved, seconded and agreed-

### **The Presbytery:**

9.1 Forward to the Council of Assembly the collated responses

to the Budget Consultation – Appendix III.

9.2 Note that it hoped that the Presbytery Finance Committee would provide a training course for Congregational Treasurers in February 2006.

**10. VACANCIES**

**Arisaig I/w Mallaig**

10.1 The Interim Moderator, the Rev John L. Paterson, reported that it was hoped that an advert would be placed, inviting applications for the charge, during January 2006.

**Acharacle I/w Ardnamurchan**

10.2 The Interim Moderator, the Rev Richard Corbett, reported that the Electoral Register of both congregations had been prepared and attested by the Presbytery Clerk.

**11. OVERTURE**

Overture Anent Licentiates of the Church of Scotland, Amending Acts II 2000 and IX 2002.

The Rev Donald MacQuarrie outlined the reasons behind the proposed changes. The Motion that “Presbytery approves the Overture Anent Licentiates of the Church of Scotland, Amending Acts II 2000 and IX 2002” was approved by 25 votes for approval and no votes for disapproval.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Presbytery adjourned to meet for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2006 at 7.00 pm within Kilmallie Parish Church, Caol. Presbytery will gather at 6.00 pm that evening for a “tea and cakes” reception to mark the retirement of the Rev A. Ann Winning and the Rev James Carmichael.

Closed with prayer

8.25 pm

.....Moderator

.....Clerk