

At Fort William, and within the hall of Kilmallie Parish Church, Caol, the sixth day of September 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, 24 full members and 2 corresponding members of Presbytery. Names and apologies as per sederunt sheet.
2. **ROLL OF PRESBYTERY**
 - 2.1 The Clerk laid on the table the Roll of Presbytery for 2005-06 which was approved.
 - 2.2 Elder's Commission was received from Fort William MacIntosh Memorial for Mrs Lin Ramsay to replace Mr Paul Morgan.
 - 2.3 Presbytery noted that no Commission had been received from Acharacle.
 - 2.4 The Moderator welcomed to their first meeting Mr Eric & Mrs Pat Walker, Readers in Training, who have moved into the area.
3. **MINUTES** Minutes of the previous meetings of 7th June 2005 and 19th July 2005, being in the hands of members, were approved.
4. **REPORT** Mr Iain Maciver, who had recently been attached to Duncansburgh and Kilmonivaig as a Probationer Minister, spoke of some of his experiences in the position. The Moderator thanked Mr Maciver both for his report and for his enthusiasm and support, not only to his designated charge, but also to the whole Presbytery.
5. **ORDER OF BUSINESS** The Order of Business as circulated was submitted and approved with the addition of a report from the Mission & Outreach Committee.
6. **CORRESPONDENCE** Clerk laid on the table a Correspondence List of 53 items. These were dealt with as per Presbytery's instructions.
7. **REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE** The Business Convener, the Rev A. Ann Winning, reported. It was moved, seconded and agreed-

The Presbytery:

Nomination:

 - 7.1 Appoint Presbytery Committees for session 2005/06 as set forth in the Year Book (P10).
 - 7.2 Appoint persons for the examination of records as set forth in the Year Book (P12).
 - 7.3 Appoint Congregational Five Yearly Visit Team for session 2005/06 as set forth in the Year Book (P12).
 - 7.4 Appoint Mrs June Cairns and Mrs John Maitland as Assessor Elders to Acharacle Kirk Session.

Business:

 - 7.5 Approve the Sederunt sheet for session 2004/05 – Appendix I.
 - 7.6 Approve, as in good order, the Audited accounts for session 2004/05.
 - 7.7 Approve the Assessments for 2005/06 as per the Year Book (P17).
 - 7.8 Approve the delegation of the General Assembly Overtures

as per the Year Book (P13).

7.9 Approve the Property Surveys for session 2005/06 as per the Year Book (P14).

7.10.1 Note the success of the recent visit by the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rt Rev David Lacy, and thank all those who contributed to the visit.

7.10.2 Thank especially Mr Andrew & Mrs Jean Coke for hosting Mr & Mrs Lacy during their visit.

7.11 Approve the placement of Mrs Morag Muirhead, Reader in Training, to Fort Augustus & Glengarry.

7.12 Note that the Kirk Sessions of MacIntosh Memorial, Kilmallie, Kilmonivaig & Duncansburgh have accepted the terms of assignment for the Rev Dr Ruth Lawson.

7.13 Note the arrangements for the Church Law Refresher on Tuesday 29th November 2005.

7.14.1 Note that the Clerk had received a letter of intention to retire on 31st January 2006 from the Rev A. Ann Winning, minister of Morvern.

7.14.2 Note that the Rev A. Ann Winning had been informed by the Retirement Scheme Committee of her pension entitlement and that she has had time and opportunity to respond and act on that information.

7.15.1 Note that the Clerk had received a letter of intention to retire on 31st January 2006 from the Rev James Carmichael, minister of Ardgour & Kingairloch linked with Strontian.

7.15.2 Note that the Rev James Carmichael was awaiting response from the Retirement Scheme Committee concerning his pension entitlement.

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 Note that Miss Jane Petty, our former mission partner, is going to Burundi to work with Tearfund.

8.2 Note that the committee now has the draft Highland Sexual Health Strategy documents which are available for inspection and comment.

8.3 Note that a new Strategy for Young People development process will be launched on Saturday 15th October 2005 at the Scottish Christian Resources Exhibition at Ingleston. Entry is free, but venue places are limited. Further information from the convener.

9. REPORT OF THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Rev Dr Ruth Lawson, on behalf of the Convener of the Property Committee, reported.

It was moved, seconded and agreed-

The Presbytery:

9.1 Approved the application of Mallaig Board to the General Trustees for a grant of £1,800.00 to assist in meeting the cost of dampness repairs.

9.2 Note that Professional Survey Reports have now been received for Acharacle & Ardnamurchan and that review meetings will be arranged as soon as possible.

9.3 Thank the office bearers and others who undertook the glebe inspections and who completed the check lists.

9.4.1 Note that Messrs Campbell, Builders, of Spean Bridge have now been awarded the contract to build the Kilmallie Manse.

9.4.2 Note that the total cost of building Kilmallie Manse is still within the total budget cost of £205,130 approved at the October 2004 meeting of Presbytery.

10. VACANCIES

10.1 Arisaig I/w Mallaig

The Clerk reported that the Rev John L. Paterson was now in place as Interim Moderator and Locum to the linked charge.

10.2 Acharacle I/w Ardnamurchan

The Interim Moderator, the Rev Dr Richard Corbett, asked Presbytery to note that Mr John Fraser had agreed to become locum to the linked charged and that his appointment had been approved by both Kirk Sessions.

11. OVERTURE

Overture Anent Presbytery Membership, Amending Acts II and III 2000, Act II 2002 and Act XIII 2003

The Clerk outlined the reasons behind the proposed changes. The Motion that "Presbytery approves the Overture Anent Presbytery Membership, Amending Acts II and III 2000, Act II 2002 and Act XIII 2003" was approved by 18 votes for approval and 5 votes for disapproval.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Presbytery adjourned to meet for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 25th October 2005 at 7.00 pm within Kilmallie Parish Church, Caol.

Closed with prayer

8.20 pm

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

Appendix I - Sederunt of the Presbytery of Lochaber Session 2004/2005

P = Present A = Apologies 0 = Neither

Name	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date
	7 Sep	26 Oct	9 Nov	7 Dec	6 Jan	1 Feb	22 Mar	1 May	7 Jun
David Anderson	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Alison Burnside	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	P
William Burnside	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
James Carmichael	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Richard Corbett	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	P	A
Alan Lamb	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ruth Lawson	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	A	P
Heather Olsen	A	A	P	P	P	0	0	0	0
Donald MacQuarrie	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
Ian Pittendreigh	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
Peter Rae	A	P	A	P	0	P	P	0	P
Alan Ramsay	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Archie Speirs	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Adrian Varwell	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Ann Winning	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jamesina Beaton	A	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
June Cairns	P	A	0	P	A	P	P	P	P
Bridget Cameron	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	A	P
Hugh Cameron	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
Rena Cameron	P	P	A	P	A	A	A	A	P
Gillian Castles	P	P	A	P	A	A	P	A	P
Kate Cruickshank	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	P
Mike Dixon	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	0	A
William Forbes	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Fraser	0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
George Haggart	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
John Hanna	P	A	A	P	A	A	A	A	P
Catherine MacAngus	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	0	P
Hugh MacKinnon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Maitland	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
Paul Morgan	P	0	0	0	0	A	P	0	0
Margaret Patten	P	P	0	P	P	P	P	A	P
Jacqui Pittendreigh	P	P	A	P	P	A	P	P	P
William Redfern	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	P
Alex Sandilands	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Donald Simpson	-	P	0	A	P	P	P	P	0
Gordon Smith	P	0	P	P	P	P	P	0	P
Helen Lamb	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P