

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SPECIAL).

Minutes of a special meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 25 June 2020 at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Provost Helen Moonie.

Present Councillors Laura Brennan-Whitefield, Siobhian Brown, Andy Campbell,
Remotely: Douglas Campbell, Iain Campbell, Ian Cavana, Alec Clark, Ian Cochrane,
Brian Connolly, Peter Convery, Chris Cullen, Ian Davis, Julie Dettbarn,
Martin Dowey, Ian Fitzsimmons, William Grant, Peter Henderson, Hugh Hunter,
Mary Kilpatrick, Lee Lyons, Craig Mackay, Derek McCabe, Brian McGinley,
Bob Pollock, Philip Saxton, Arthur Spurling and Margaret Toner

Attending: E. Howat, Chief Executive; C. Caves, Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services;
and J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer.

Attending D. Hutchison, Depute Chief Executive and Director – People; and D. Gillies,
Remotely: Director – Place.

1. Provost.

The Provost

- (1) welcomed everyone to the meeting;
- (2) intimated that no apologies had been received;
- (3) confirmed that today's meeting was not open to the press and public, which was permissible under the COVID-19 legislation; and
- (4) outlined the procedures for conducting this meeting, including that all votes would be undertaken by means of a roll call.

2. Sederunt.

The Chief Executive called the Sederunt for the meeting.

3. Procedural Matters.

The Provost advised that, in order to consider recommendation 2.1.2 of Item 5 entitled "Appointments to Panel and Representation on Outside Bodies, Working Groups and COSLA" as this was within six months from the date of the previous decision on this matter, the Council would, in accordance with Standing Order No. 22.1, require to agree to do so by a two thirds majority of those present and voting.

On a vote being taken by calling the roll, a two thirds majority was not achieved and it was agreed not to consider this matter.

The Provost further advised that, in order to consider Item 6 entitled "Amendments to Scheme of Delegation" as this was within six months from the date of the previous decision on this matter, the Council would, in accordance with Standing Order No. 22.1, require to agree to do so by a two thirds majority of those present and voting.

On a vote being taken by calling the roll, a two thirds majority was not achieved and it was agreed not to consider this matter.

4. Declarations of Interest.

Having called the roll, the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services confirmed that there were no declarations of interest by Members of the Council in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

5. Appointment of Leader.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 18 June 2020 by the Chief Executive advising of the intimation of resignation by the Leader from his appointed post and inviting the Council to nominate and appoint a replacement Leader of the Council.

The Provost invited nominations for the appointment of Leader of South Ayrshire Council.

Various Members thanked Councillor Douglas Campbell for his service during his term as Leader.

Councillor Grant, seconded by Councillor Saxton, moved that Councillor Peter Henderson be appointed Leader of the Council.

The Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services took the vote by calling the roll and the Council

Decided: unanimously, to appoint Councillor Peter Henderson as Leader of the Council.

6. Appointments to Panel and Representation on Outside Bodies, Working Groups and COSLA.

There was submitted a report of 18 June 2020 by the Chief Executive seeking approval to make alterations to the list of Panels, Outside Bodies, Working Groups and COSLA.

A question was raised by a Member on whether Councillor Brown's appointment on Leadership Panel was a conflict of interests due to her employment by a MP and Councillor Brown responded that she did not deem this a conflict of interest, however she would take legal advice on this where necessary.

Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Saxton moved the recommendations in the report. There was no Amendment.

The Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services then took the vote to by calling the roll as follows, to determine agreement of the Motion:-

Helen Moonie	Agreed
William Grant	Agreed
Laura Brennan-Whitefield	Agreed
Siobhian Brown	Agreed
Andy Campbell	Agreed
Douglas Campbell	Agreed
Iain Campbell	Not Agreed
Ian Cavana	Agreed
Alec Clark	Agreed
Ian Cochrane	Agreed
Brian Connolly	Agreed
Peter Convery	Not Agreed
Chris Cullen	Agreed
Ian Davis	Not Agreed

Julie Dettbarn	Agreed
Martin Dowey	Agreed
Ian Fitzsimmons	Not Agreed
Peter Henderson	Agreed
Hugh Hunter	Agreed
Mary Kilpatrick	Not Agreed
Lee Lyons	Agreed
Craig Mackay	Agreed
Derek McCabe	Agreed
Brian McGinley	Agreed
Bob Pollock	Agreed
Philip Saxton	Agreed
Arthur Spurling	Agreed
Margaret Toner	Agreed

Five Members did not agree the recommendations in the report and Twenty Three Members agreed the recommendations; and the Council

Decided:

- (1) to nominate and appoint Members to Panels, Outside Bodies, Working Groups and COSLA as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) to remove the Interim Ayrshire Development Board from the list of Working Groups;
- (3) not to consider recommendation 2.1.2 of the report relating to the Panels outlined in Appendix 2 as, in accordance with Standing Order No. 22.1, a two thirds majority was not achieved; and
- (4) to request officers to make appropriate changes to Elected Member remuneration.

7. Amendments to Scheme of Delegation.

The Council

Decided: not to consider this matter as, in accordance with Standing Order No. 22.1, a two thirds majority was not achieved.

8. Suspension of Recess.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 18 June 2020 by the Chief Executive requesting that Council consider the proposal to suspend the recess period from 26 June to 18 August 2020 inclusive.

Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Saxton moved that the report be withdrawn and moved the following motion:- “as we cope with the unprecedented situation caused by the Covid19 pandemic, all Councillors have agreed that we will not be taking the planned Summer recess, in order to address any issues without delay. As such, Councillors will be present and available to continue to make decisions and assist constituents over the summer”.

The Council, by a unanimous vote taken by calling the roll

Decided: to agree the withdrawal of the report; and to agree the motion.

9. Formal Question.

The Council noted that no formal questions had been submitted.

The meeting ended at 11.45 a.m.