

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL.

Minutes of a remote meeting
on 2 September 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

Present Councillors Helen Moonie (Provost), Laura Brennan-Whitefield, Andy Campbell, Douglas Campbell, Iain Campbell, Ian Cavana, Alec Clark, Ian Cochrane, Chris Cullen, Ian Davis, Julie Dettbarn, Martin Dowey, Ian Fitzsimmons, William Grant, Peter Henderson, Hugh Hunter, Mary Kilpatrick, Craig Mackay, Derek McCabe, Philip Saxton, Arthur Spurling and Margaret Toner.

Apologies: Councillors Siobhian Brown, Brian Connolly, Peter Convery, Lee Lyons, Brian McGinley and Bob Pollock.

Attending: E. Howat, Chief Executive; D. Hutchison, Depute Chief Executive and Director – People; T. Eltringham, Director of Health and Social Care; L. Reid, Assistant Director – Place; M. Newall, Assistant Director – People; C. Caves, Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services; W. Carlaw, Service Lead – Democratic Governance; J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer; A. Gibson, Committee Services Officer; E. Moore, Committee Services Assistant; and C. McCallum, Committee Services Assistant.

1. Provost.

The Provost

- (1) welcomed everyone to the meeting;
- (2) intimated that apologies had been received from Councillors Siobhian Brown, Brian Connolly, Peter Convery, Lee Lyons, Brian McGinley and Bob Pollock;
- (3) confirmed that today's meeting was not open to the press and public, which was permissible under the COVID-19 legislation;
- (4) outlined the procedures for conducting this meeting, including that this meeting would be recorded for minuting purposes only; and
- (5) outlined that, with the agreement of the Council, the electronic voting system would be utilised. The Council so concurred.

2. Sederunt and Declarations of Interest.

The Chief Executive called the Sederunt for the meeting and, having called the roll, 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.

3. Standing Orders Relating to Meetings.

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 26 August 2021 by the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services seeking approval to amend the Standing Orders Relating to Meetings following review.

Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Saxton moved the recommendations as outlined in the report, together with additional amendments previously circulated to Members.

A Member requested that the vote be taken by calling the roll in accordance with Standing Order No. 23.8(1).

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

Helen Moonie	In favour of the Motion
William Grant	In favour of the Motion
Andy Campbell	In favour of the Motion
Douglas Campbell	In favour of the Motion
Iain Campbell	In favour of the Motion
Ian Cavana	In favour of the Motion
Alec Clark	In favour of the Motion
Ian Cochrane	In favour of the Motion
Chris Cullen	In favour of the Motion
Ian Davis	In favour of the Motion
Julie Dettbarn	In favour of the Motion
Martin Dowey	In favour of the Motion
Ian Fitzsimmons	In favour of the Motion
Peter Henderson	In favour of the Motion
Hugh Hunter	In favour of the Motion
Mary Kilpatrick	In favour of the Motion
Craig Mackay	In favour of the Motion
Derek McCabe	In favour of the Motion
Brian McGinley	In favour of the Motion
Philip Saxton	In favour of the Motion
Arthur Spurling	In favour of the Motion
Margaret Toner	In favour of the Motion

All twenty two Members voted in favour of the Motion and the Council,

Decided:

- (1) to approve the revised Standing Orders Relating to Meetings (attached as [Appendix 1](#)) with effect from 3 September 2021;
- (2) to agree the deletion of Standing Order No. 10.1(4) after 30 September 2021;
- (3) to note that any required change to Standing Orders in respect of planning processes would be brought back to Council in December 2021;
- (4) to replace the reference to Standing Order No. 5.2 with Standing Order No. 5.4 within Standing Order No. 5.1(2);
- (5) to substitute the contents of Standing Order No. 19.1 with the following:-

19.1 “ In relation to items of business on the agenda, the Provost will ask the Council Administration if they wish to propose a motion (except in relation to 13.1(11) Motions, when the proposer of the motion shall be given the first opportunity to propose the motion, which failing, any Member may propose the motion). If a member of the Council Administration does not propose a motion, any Member may propose a motion. Any such motion must be immediately seconded. Thereafter the Provost will seek any amendments, which should also be seconded. The proposer of any motion or amendment may speak to their motion or amendment when proposing it, otherwise shall be allowed to speak to it during debate.”; and

(6) within existing Standing Order 35 X:-

- Replace the word “member” with members”; and
- Add the following additional sentence:-

“where agreement cannot be reached to do so then the Chief Executive shall request Provost to call a Special Meeting in accordance with Standing Order No. 5.4 to allow Council to determine the matter in accordance with Standing Order No. 33.2”.

3. **Appointments to Panels.**

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 26 August 2021 by the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services seeking approval to make alteration to the list of Panels.

Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Grant, moved the recommendation in the report.

Various Members thanked Councillor Andy Campbell for his long and dedicated service on the Regulatory Panel and Local Review Body.

Having heard a Member request a roll-call vote, Provost advised that, in terms of Standing Order No. 19.9 which seeks to determine if members are in general agreement with regard to an unopposed motion, there was no provision for a roll-call vote. The motion was therefore put to the vote in accordance with Provost’s request and the provisions of Standing Order No. 19.9 and the motion was unanimously agreed in the following electronic vote.

The Council

Decided: to appoint Councillor Brian McGinley to replace Councillor Andy Campbell as a member of the Regulatory Panel and the Local Review Body.

4. **Representation on Outside Bodies.**

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 26 August 2021 by the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services seeking approval to make alteration to the list of Outside Bodies.

Councillor Grant, seconded by Councillor Andy Campbell moved the recommendation in the report and thanked Douglas Hutchison for his service on the Trust.

The Council

Decided: to approve the appointment of Mike Newall, Assistant Director – People, as a Governor of C K Marr Educational Trust to replace Douglas Hutchison, Depute Chief Executive and Director – People.

5. **Notice of Motion.**

A Notice of Motion having been submitted in accordance with Council Standing Order No. 18, Councillor Julie Dettbarn, seconded by Councillor Ian Cavana (in the absence of Councillor Brian McGinley), moved:-

“Trauma Informed South Ayrshire

There is a growing evidence base that traumatic life experiences can have a negative impact on people’s social, economic and health outcomes. This can include experiences occurring during childhood (Adverse Childhood Experiences or ACEs) as well as those occurring in adulthood. These kinds of experiences have been found to result in increased risk of poor health and social outcomes, as well as difficulties accessing or maintaining access to services. This can mean that those most in need of help will often be the ones who face the greatest barriers to accessing it.

Recent guidance issued by the Scottish Government and NHS Education for Scotland shows that by organisations being trauma-informed, and adopting the trauma-informed principles of safety, choice, collaboration, empowerment and trust we can help people to overcome the effects of trauma, and improve both access to services and long-term outcomes.

This is particularly important in the context of the Coronavirus pandemic. National and international evidence has shown that the poorest and most marginalised people in society have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, and projections suggest that these communities will be hardest hit from an economic and social perspective in the longer-term. Many inequalities in our society have been brought into sharp contrast, while the role of local authorities and our partners in meeting the needs of the poorest people and communities has never been clearer.

As we now enter a period of recovery in the aftermath of this pandemic, we can anticipate that the people of South Ayrshire – particularly those on low incomes and in our poorest communities – will in many cases turn to the Council and our partners for help. For this reason it is critical that the Council and our partners have a sound understanding of trauma, that our policies reflect our commitments to reducing trauma, and that all customers receive trauma-informed services.

We therefore propose that South Ayrshire Council requests officers to develop proposals which deliver on the following objectives:

- *To become a fully trauma-informed organisation that recognises the impact trauma can have on people’s lives.*
- *To deliver services in a way that responds to individuals’ needs by creating nurturing and supportive environments where people feel valued*
- *To support our partner organisations in adopting a trauma-informed approach as part of a Trauma Informed South Ayrshire*

and that officers present a report with their initial proposals and any associated costs to Leadership Panel within two months.”

A full debate took place regarding the terms of the Motion and the Council

Decided: unanimously, to agree the terms of the Motion.

6. **Formal Questions.**

The Council noted that no formal questions had been submitted.

7. **Closing Remarks.**

Provost thanked all Members for their attendance and contributions.

The meeting ended at 11.15 a.m.