

URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 3 July 2017. Minute of Meeting of the URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Laing, Convener; Councillor Lumsden, Vice-Convener; and Councillors Allard, Cameron, Donnelly, Jackie Dunbar, Duncan, Flynn, Grant, Houghton, Nicoll, Reynolds (as substitute for Councillor Boulton) and Yuill.

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DETERMINATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

1. In terms of Standing Order 28(6)(vi) of the Council's Standing Orders from 2014, which had been retained, and in accordance with Section 50(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Committee was informed that it had to determine (1) that the items on the agenda were of an urgent nature; and (2) that the Committee required to consider the items and take decisions thereon.

Councillor Yuill moved as a procedural motion, seconded by Councillor Flynn:-

That item 3, Election of Depute Provost, was not urgent and did not require to be considered this day.

On a division, there voted:- for the procedural motion (6) - Councillors Allard, Cameron, Jackie Dunbar, Flynn, Nicoll and Yuill; against the procedural motion (7) - Convener; Vice Convener; and Councillors Donnelly, Duncan, Grant, Houghton and Reynolds.

The Committee resolved:-

to reject the procedural motion, and thereby agree that the item was of an urgent nature and required to be considered this day, in order that a replacement for Councillor Mason MSP could be in place at the earliest opportunity.

The Committee further resolved:-

to agree that items 2 and 4, Appointments to Outside Bodies and Amendment to Standing Orders, were of an urgent nature and required to be considered this day, in order to comply with the decision of Council of 21 June 2017 in connection with those items.

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APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

2. With reference to Article 16 of the minute of meeting of Council of 21 June 2017, the Committee had before it a list of outside bodies prepared by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services which required to be appointed to.

The Committee resolved:-

to approve the following compositions/appointments to outside bodies and request that Group Leaders submit names to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services by 7 July 2017:-

Body	Composition/Appointment
Aberdeen Area Support Team (Children's Panel)	1 Administration
Aberdeen Bulawayo Trust	4 Administration and 3 Opposition
Aberdeen Endowments Trust	2 Administration and 1 Opposition
Aberdeen Foyer	1 Administration and 1 Opposition
Aberdeen Heat and Power	1 Administration and 1 Opposition
Aberdeen Inspired/Aberdeen Business Improvement District Board	Leader of the Council
Aberdeen Lads Club	3 local members
Aberdeen Outdoor Access Forum	1 Administration and 1 substitute (Opposition)
Aberdeen Performing Arts	3 Administration and 1 Opposition
Aberdeen Sports Village	1 Administration and 1 Opposition
Alcohol and Drugs Partnership	1 Administration and 1 Opposition
Aberdeen Renewable Energy Group	1 Administration
Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE)	1 Administration
Care and Repair Initiative Scotland - Aberdeen Agency	2 Administration and 1 Opposition
Champions Board	1 Administration and 1 Opposition
Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee	2 Administration and 1 Opposition
Disabled Persons Housing Service	1 Administration
East Grampian Coastal Partnership Management Group	1 Administration and 1 Opposition
Fairer Aberdeen Fund Board	3 Administration and 1 Opposition
Garthdee Alpine Sports	3 local members

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Body	Composition/Appointment
Board	
Gordon Highlanders Museum Board	Lord Provost, 2 Administration and 2 Opposition
Grampian Houston Association	Lord Provost (honorary member), 2 Administration and 2 Opposition
Grampian Regional Equality Council (GREC)	1 Administration and 1 Opposition
Grampian Valuation Joint Board	3 Administration (Councillors Donnelly, Graham and Reynolds) and 3 Opposition (Councillors Allard, Cormie and Sandy Stuart) 6 reserve members also to be appointed as above
Highland Reserves Forces and Cadets Association	1 Opposition
MacDonald Art Committee	2 Administration and 2 Opposition
Marguerite McBey Trust	1 Administration and 1 Opposition
North East Agricultural Advisory Committee	3 Administration and 2 Opposition
North East of Scotland Climate Change Partnership	1 Administration
North East of Scotland Port Welfare Committee (Merchant Navy Welfare Board) (MNWB)	1 Opposition
North East Scotland Fisheries Development Partnership	2 Administration and 2 Opposition
North East Sensory Services (NESS)	1 Administration (Councillor Lumsden)
Opportunity North East	Leader of the Council plus 1 substitute
Peacock Visual Arts Ltd.	1 Administration
Printfield Community Project/Woodside Network	1 Administration and 1 Opposition
Proctor's Orphanage Trust	3 Administration and 2 Opposition
Robbs Trust	1 Administration and 1 Opposition
Robert Gordons College Board of Governors	2 Administration and 2 Opposition
Robert Nichol Trust	1 Administration
Rubislaw Field Committee	2 Administration and 1 Opposition
Satrosphere (Aberdeen)	1 Administration and 1 Opposition

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Body	Composition/Appointment
Science Centre)	
Shopmobility Management Committee	1 Administration
Sport Aberdeen	2 Administration and 1 Opposition
St Machar Parents Support Project	1 Administration
Transition Extreme Limited Board	1 Administration
University of Aberdeen - University Board	1 Administration (Leader of the Council)
Veterans Champion	1 Administration (Lord Provost)
Violence Against Women Forum	1 Administration and 1 Opposition
Visit Aberdeen Destination Marketing Organisation	1 Administration
William Harvey Trust	Lord Provost and 1 Opposition
World Energy Cities Partnership	Lord Provost

ELECTION OF DEPUTE PROVOST

3. The Committee was advised that Councillor Mason MSP had submitted a letter to the Chief Executive which confirmed his resignation from the role of Deputy Provost. Accordingly, the Convener sought nominations for the role of Deputy Provost.

The Vice Convener proposed, seconded by Councillor Houghton:-
That Councillor Donnelly be appointed Deputy Provost.

Councillor Flynn further proposed, seconded by Councillor Jackie Dunbar:-
That Councillor Cormie be appointed Deputy Provost.

Councillor Donnelly spoke in support of his candidacy. The Committee noted that Councillor Cormie was unable to be in attendance and therefore could not speak in support of his candidacy.

There being two nominations, the Committee voted as follows:- for Councillor Donnelly (7) - Convener; Vice Convener; and Councillors Donnelly, Duncan, Grant, Houghton and Reynolds; for Councillor Cormie (6) - Councillors Allard, Cameron, Jackie Dunbar, Flynn, Nicoll and Yuill.

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The Committee resolved:-

to appoint Councillor Donnelly to the role of Depute Provost with immediate effect.

In terms of Standing Order 29.7, Councillors Allard, Cameron, Jackie Dunbar, Flynn, Nicoll and Yuill intimated their dissent against the foregoing decision.

AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS - CG/17/080

4. With reference to Article 16 of the minute of meeting of Council of 21 June 2017, the Committee had before it a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services which proposed that the Council's Standing Orders be amended to include a Standing Order with regard to the cancellation, advancement or postponement of ordinary meetings of Committees and Sub Committees.

The report recommended:-

that the Committee approve that Standing Orders be amended to incorporate the following additional Standing Order to the Ordinary Meetings heading within the Council and Committee Meetings section:-

6.3 It shall be within the discretion of the Convener of a Committee or the Convener of a Sub Committee to cancel, advance or postpone to a later date an ordinary meeting if in his/her opinion there is good reason for doing so.

The Committee resolved:-

to approve the recommendation.

- JENNIFER LAING, Convener.

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