



COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR

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Minute of Meeting held in the Council Chamber
(and through Microsoft Teams), Council Offices,
Stornoway on Tuesday 17 May 2022 at 10.30am.

Welcome In accordance with Section 3(3) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Returning Officer chaired the meeting and welcomed all present to the twelfth statutory meeting of the Comhairle.

Prayer The Meeting was preceded by prayer, led by Mr Angus Morrison.

CONSTITUTION

Return of Election: 1 The Returning Officer submitted the Return of Local Election held on Thursday 5 May 2022 as follows:

WARD	NAME	ADDRESS	POLITICAL PARTY
BARRAIGH AGUS BHATARSAIGH	Kenneth John Maclean	4 St Brendan Road, Castlebay, Isle of Barra HS9 5XJ	Independent
UIBHIST A DEAS, EIRISGEIGH AGUS BEINN NA FAOGLA	Iain Murdoch Macleod	15 Hacklett, Isle of Benbecula, HS7 5PR	Independent
	Paul Francis Steele	5 Loch an Eilean, Askernish Isle of South Uist, HS8 5SY	Independent
	Susan G Thomson	7 Askernish, Isle of South Uist, HS8 5SY	SNP
UIBHIST A TUATH	Mustapha Hocine	Rosamul, Claddach Illeray, Isle of North Uist, HS6 5ES	Independent
	Uisdean Robertson	"Ferguslea", 16 Carinish, North Uist, HS6 5HL	Independent
NA HEARADH	Grant Fulton	3 Drinishader, Isle of Harris, HS3 3DX	Independent
	Paul Anthony Finnegan	Seafield, Ardinashaig, Scalpay, Isle of Harris, HS4 3XZ	Independent
SGIRE NAN LOCH	Robert Mackenzie	Corran View, Leurbost, Isle of Lewis, HS2 9XN	Independent
	Angus Morrison	Mollinginish, 15 Balallan, Isle of Lewis, HS2 9PN	Independent

SGIR' UIGE AGUS CARLABHAGH	Alasdair R Fraser	Heathvale, 21 Breasclete, Isle of Lewis, HS2 9EF	Scottish Conservative and Unionist
AN TAOBH SIAR AGUS NIS	John Norman Macleod	41B Lower Barvas, Isle of Lewis, HS2 0QY	Independent
	Kenneth Macleod	19 Eoropie, Ness, Isle of Lewis, HS2 0XH	SNP
	Donald Macsween	20B North Dell, Ness Isle of Lewis, HS2 0SW	Independent
LOCH A TUATH	Donald F Crichton	42A Upper Coll, Back, Isle of Lewis, HS2 0LT	Independent
	John A Maciver	11 New Tolsta, Isle of Lewis, HS2 0NN	SNP
	Calum Maclean	50 Upper Coll, Back, Isle of Lewis, HS2 0LT	Independent
STEORNABHAGH A TUATH	Iain Maclean Macaulay	Calvay, 29 Newmarket, Isle of Lewis, HS2 0DZ	Independent
	Malcolm K Macdonald	17 Westview Terrace, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, HS1 2YN	Independent
	Duncan Macinnes MBE	20F Beside, Newmarket, Isle of Lewis, HS2 0DZ	Independent
	Gordon Murray	1 Goathill Road, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, HS1 2NU	SNP
STEORNABHAGH A DEAS	Angus McCormack	25 North Street, Sandwick, Isle of Lewis, HS2 0AD	Independent
	Rae Mackenzie	19 Goathill Road, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, HS1 2NL	SNP
	Frances M Murray	6 Goathill Crescent, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, HS1 2NG	SNP
	George Murray	Cnoc Breac, 9B Branahuie, Isle of Lewis, HS2 0BB	Independent
SGÌRE AN RUBHA	Norman Macdonald	25 Upper Aird, Point, Isle of Lewis, HS2 0EX	Independent
	Finlay M Stewart	12 Perceval Road South, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, HS1 2TR	Independent

It was agreed to note the Report.

Sederunt

The Returning Officer proceeded to take the sederunt. The following members were present:

PRESENT

Mr Kenneth J Maclean	Mr Donald F Crichton
Mr Iain M Macleod	Mr John A Maciver
Mr Paul F Steele	Mr Iain M Macaulay
Mrs Susan Thomson	Mr Malcolm K Macdonald
Mr Mustapha Hocine	Mr Duncan MacInnes MBE
Mr Uisdean Robertson	Mr Gordon Murray
Mr Paul Finnegan	Mr Rae Mackenzie
Mr Grant Fulton	Mr Angus McCormack
Mr Angus Morrison	Dr Frances Murray
Mr Ranald Fraser	Mr George Murray
Mr John Norman Macleod	Mr Norman Macdonald
Mr Donald Macsween	Mr Finlay M Stewart
Mr Kenneth Macleod	

APOLOGIES

Mr Calum Maclean

Election of 2
Convener and Civic
Head

The Chief Executive submitted a Report which provided details of the role of Convener/Civic Head and Leader and requesting that Members make appointments to these positions.

Mr Angus Morrison, seconded by Mr Iain M Macaulay, moved the following:

that the election to the position of Convener and Civic Head be carried out by secret ballot.

Mr Rae Mackenzie, seconded by Mr Gordon Murray, submitted the following amendment:

that Standing Orders be suspended to allow the election to the position of Convener and Civic Head to be taken by roll call.

The Comhairle proceeded to vote on the matter.

On the matter being put to the vote, the members voted as follows:

Motion	5
Amendment	20

The amendment, having received the majority of the votes cast, became the finding of the meeting.

The Returning Officer called for nominations for the office of Convener and Civic Head of the Comhairle:

Mr Paul Finnegan, seconded by Mr Malcolm K Macdonald, moved the election of Mr Angus McCormack as Convener of the Comhairle.

Mr Donald Macsween, seconded by Mr Norman Macdonald, moved the election of Mr Kenneth Macleod as Convener of the Comhairle.

Mr Uisdean Robertson, seconded by Ms Susan Thomson, moved the election of Mr John A Maciver as Convener of the Comhairle.

In terms of the Comhairle's Conventions the proposers and seconders of each candidate as well as the candidates themselves were given the opportunity to address the Comhairle.

The Comhairle then proceeded to vote by ballot, the result of which was as follows:

Mr Angus McCormack	6
Mr Kenneth Macleod	10
Mr John A Maciver	10

As no candidate received a majority of the votes cast, Mr Angus McCormack was removed from the ballot and a second ballot was held between Mr Kenneth Macleod and Mr John A Maciver, the result of which was as follows:

Mr Kenneth Macleod	13
Mr John A Maciver	13

With the vote being tied, the Chief Executive announced that the election of Convener/Civic Head would be determined by the cutting of cards and the Chief Executive invited Mr Kenny Macleod and Mr John A Maciver to draw a card each, the result of which was as follows:

Mr Kenneth Macleod	3
Mr John A Maciver	2

The Chief Executive declared that Mr Kenneth Macleod had been duly elected as Convener of the Comhairle and congratulated him on his appointment.

Election of Leader

The Convener called for nominations for the office of Leader of the Comhairle.

Mr Rae Mackenzie, seconded by Mr John N Macleod, moved the election of Mr Gordon Murray as Leader of the Comhairle.

Mr Donald Macsween, seconded by Mr Iain M Macleod, moved the election of Mr Paul Steele as Leader of the Comhairle.

Mr Donald Crichton, seconded by Mr Kenneth Macleod, moved the election of Mr Norman MacDonald as Leader of the Comhairle.

In terms of the Comhairle's Conventions the proposers and seconders of each candidate as well as the candidates themselves were given the opportunity to address the Comhairle.

The Comhairle then proceeded to vote by ballot, the result of which was as follows:

Mr Gordon Murray	8
Mr Paul Steele	9
Mr Norman MacDonald	9

As no candidate received an absolute majority, Mr Gordon Murray was removed from the ballot and a second ballot was held between Mr Paul Steele and Mr Norman MacDonald, the result to which was as follows:

Mr Paul Steele	15
Mr Norman MacDonald	10
Abstention	1

The Convener declared that Mr Paul Steele had been duly elected as Leader of the Comhairle and congratulated Mr Steele on his appointment.

Election of Depute Leader

The Leader, seconded by the Convener, proposed that the Comhairle establish a position of Depute Leader which would be a straight depute for the Leader.

The Comhairle agreed to create the post of Depute Leader.

The Convener called for nominations for the post of Depute Leader.

Mr Paul Steele, seconded by Mr Kenneth Macleod, moved the appointment of Duncan MacInnes MBE as Depute Leader.

Ms Susan Thomson, seconded by Mr Rae Mackenzie, moved the appointment of Mr Gordon Murray as Depute Leader.

There being no further nominations, the Comhairle then proceeded to vote by ballot, the result of which was as follows:

Mr Duncan Macinnes MBE	18
Mr Gordon Murray	6
Abstention	1

The Convener declared that Mr Duncan Macinnes MBE had been duly elected as Depute Leader of the Comhairle and congratulated him on his appointment.

Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration 3

The Chief Executive submitted a Report to advise Members of the terms of the Comhairle's Scheme of Administration and Delegation.

It was agreed to:

- (a) note the Comhairle's Schemes of Administration and Standing Orders;**
- (b) authorise the Chief Executive to make any further amendments to the Comhairle's Constitutional Documents including the Schemes of Administration and Standing Orders to ensure internal consistency and to take account of any legislative changes and such good practice as he shall consider appropriate subject to the Comhairle being notified of any such changes.**

Senior Councillors' Allowances 4

The Chief Executive submitted a Report concerning the allowances payable to senior members of the Comhairle. It was stated in the Report that the allowances for all Members and the Leader were set by legislation but there was discretion in relation to the allowances payable to other senior councillors provided no councillor was paid more than 75% of that payable to the Leader.

It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle:

- (a) agree that the salary (inclusive of basic salary) payable to the Convener be £24,467 and the salary payable to the Chairs of Education, Sport and Children's Services, Sustainable Development, Transportation and Infrastructure and Audit and Scrutiny Committees be £22,500; and**
- (b) the Comhairle defer the decision to consider whether to award further senior councillor allowances and that the Chief Executive would submit a Report in relation to this matter to the June 2022 series of meetings.**

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

Standing Services Committees: 5

The Chief Executive submitted a Report which sought the appointment of Members to the Comhairle's Standing Service Committees. It was stated in the Report that each Member of the Comhairle would be appointed to serve on two out of the three Service

Appointment of Members of Committees, each of which would comprise up to eighteen Members of the Comhairle, excluding the Leader and Convener who are ex officio Members of all Service Committees.

It was agreed to recommend that:

- (a) geographical representation and political balance be reflected in the Comhairle's three Service Committees; and**
- (b) Members be allocated to each of the Comhairle's three Service Committees, in the light of the preferences expressed by Members, as detailed in the Appendix to the Minute to reflect the political balance of groups, geographical representation and Members' preferences.**

Planning Applications Board and Local Review Body: Appointment of Members 6 The Chief Executive submitted a Report which sought appointments to the Planning Applications Board and Local Review Body. It was stated in the Report that while the Comhairle was required to have a separate Planning Applications Board and Local Review Body, the Comhairle agreed on 9 March 2022 that the membership of each should comprise the same members in view of the specialist quasi-judicial functions undertaken.

It was agreed that the following members be appointed to the Planning Applications Board and Local Review Body:

**Mr Kenneth J Maclean
Ms Susan Thomson
Mr Mustapha Hocine
Mr Iain M Macleod
Mr Paul Finnegan
Mr Robert Mackenzie
Mr Ranald Fraser
Mr John Norman Macleod
Mr John A Maciver
Mr Iain M Macaulay
Mr George Murray
Mr Finlay M Stewart**

Community Safety Board: Appointment of Members 7 The Chief Executive submitted a Report which sought the appointment of Members to the Comhairle's Community Safety Board. The Report stated that the Comhairle had agreed, at its meeting on 9 March 2022, to establish a Community Safety Board to consider the promotion of community safety, including home safety, Health and Safety at Work and associated regulatory activities, the consideration of police and fire service performance reports, Civic Government and miscellaneous licensing, consumer protection and environmental health and community resilience.

It was agreed that the following Members be appointed to the Community Safety Board:

**Mr Kenneth J Maclean
Mr Mustapha Hocine
Mr Grant Fulton
Mr Ranald Fraser
Mr Donald Macsween
Mr Calum Maclean
Mr Malcolm K Macdonald
Mr Gordon Murray
Mr George Murray
Dr Frances Murray
Mr Finlay M Stewart**

It was further agreed that Comhairle would seek to fill the remaining two vacancies, following the appointment of the two new members for Barraigh agus Bhatarsaigh and Sgir' Ùige agus Carlabhagh Wards.

Cùram is Slàinte nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles Integration Joint Board):
Appointment of Members

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The Chief Executive submitted a Report which sought the appointment of four substantive Members and four substitute Members to Cùram is Slàinte nan Eilean Siar. The Report stated that the Western Isles Integrated Joint Board was required to have an equal number of voting members appointed by the Comhairle and NHS Western Isles.

It was agreed to appoint:

(1) the following four Members to Cùram is Slàinte nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles Integration Joint Board):

**Mr Kenneth J Maclean
Ms Susan Thomson
Mr Donald Macsween
Mr Calum Maclean**

(2) the following two Members be appointed as Depute or Proxy Members:

**Mr Paul Steele
Mr Duncan Macinnes MBE**

Social Work and Social Care Board:
Appointment of Members

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The Chief Executive submitted a Report which sought the appointment of Members to the Comhairle's Social Work and Social Care Board. The remit of the Board was outlined in the Report. The Report stated that the Members appointed by the Comhairle as substantive and substitute Members of the Eilean Siar Integration Joint Board were ex officio Members of the Social Work and Social Care Board and the Comhairle was invited to appoint four additional members to the Board.

It was agreed that the following Members be appointed to the Social Work and Social Care Board:

**Mr Mustapha Hocine
Mr Iain M Macleod
Mr Angus Morrison
Mr John Norman Macleod**

Highland and Western Isles Joint Valuation Board:
Appointment of Members

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The Chief Executive submitted a Report which sought the appointment of Members to represent the Comhairle on the Highland and Western Isles Joint Valuation Board.

It was stated in the Report that the Comhairle was entitled to appoint two Members to the Highland and Western Isles Valuation Joint Board and two substitutes. The Board met quarterly and was responsible for the administrative oversight of the Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer's activities.

It was agreed that:

(1) Mr Donald Crichton and Mr George Murray be appointed as the Comhairle's representatives on the Highlands and Western Isles Joint Valuation Board;

(2) Mr Malcolm K Macdonald be appointed as the substitute Member on the Highlands and Western Isles Joint Valuation Board; and

(3) a Report in relation to the appointment of a further substitute Member be submitted to a future meeting of the Comhairle.

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Licensing Board:
Appointment of
Members

The Chief Executive submitted a Report which sought appointments from the Comhairle to the Western Isles Licensing Board. The Report stated that the Board must consist of not less than five and not more than ten members and ideally a membership of ten was preferred as it would give a greater available pool of Members from which to form a quorum.

It was agreed to appoint the following Members to the Western Isles Licensing Board:

Mr Kenneth John Maclean

Mr Iain M Macleod

Mr Robert Mackenzie

Mr Donald Macsween

Mr Calum Maclean

Mr Iain M Macaulay

Mr George Murray

Dr Frances Murray

Mr Norman MacDonald

Mr Finlay M Stewart

APPENDIX

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2022

Education, Sport and Children's Services Committee

- 1 Kenneth J Maclean
- 2 Iain M Macleod
- 3 Paul Steele
- 4 Susan Thomson
- 5 Mustapha Hocine (Vice-Chair)
- 6 Paul Finnegan (Chair)
- 7 Grant Fulton
- 8 Robert Mackenzie
- 9 Ranald Fraser
- 10 Vacant Ward 6
- 11 Kenneth Macleod
- 12 Donald Macsween
- 13 Calum Maclean
- 14 Malcolm K Macdonald
- 15 Rae Mackenzie
- 16 Angus McCormack
- 17 Dr Frances Murray
- 18 George Murray
- 19 Finlay M Stewart
- 20 Norman Macdonald

Sustainable Development Committee

1. Vacant Ward 1
2. Paul Steele
3. Mustapha Hocine
4. Uisdean Robertson
5. Grant Fulton
6. Robert Mackenzie
7. Angus Morrison
8. Vacant Ward 6
9. John Norman Macleod
10. Kenneth Macleod
11. Donald Macsween
12. Donald F Crichton (Chair)
13. John A Maciver
14. Iain M Macaulay
15. Duncan MacInnes MBE
16. Gordon Murray
17. Rae Mackenzie
18. Angus McCormack
19. Dr Frances Murray
20. Norman Macdonald (Vice-Chair)

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

1. Kenneth J Maclean
2. Vacant Ward 1
3. Iain M Macleod
4. Paul Steele
5. Susan Thomson (Vice-Chair)
6. Uisdean Robertson (Chair)
7. Paul Finnegan
8. Angus Morrison
9. Ranald Fraser
10. John Norman Macleod
11. Kenneth Macleod
12. Donald F Crichton
13. John A Maciver
14. Calum Maclean
15. Iain M Macaulay
16. Malcolm K Macdonald
17. Duncan MacInnes MBE
18. Gordon Murray
19. George Murray
20. Finlay M Stewart