



COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR

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Minute of Meeting held in , Council Offices,
Stornoway on Wednesday 18 May 2022 at
10.00am.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Mr Calum Maclean

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Malcolm Burr	Mr Derek Mackay
Mr Calum Iain Maciver	Mr Nigel Scott
Mr Iain Mackinnon	Mrs Fiona Maciver
Mrs Emma Macsween	Mr Steven Ferguson
Mr William Macdonad	Mrs Marina Macaulay

Prayer

The Meeting was preceded in prayer, led by Mr Finlay M Stewart.

CONSTITUTION

Policy and Resources Committee: Appointment of Non-Chair Members 1 The Chief Executive submitted a Report which sought the appointment of non-Chair Members to the Policy and Resources Committee. The membership of the Committee, in terms of the Comhairle's Scheme of Administration, was detailed in the Report.

It was agreed that the following three members be appointed as members of the Policy and Resources Committee:

Mr Duncan MacInnes MBE
Mr Iain M Macleod
Mr Grant Fulton

Audit and Scrutiny Committee: Appointment of Members 2

The Chief Executive submitted a Report which sought the appointment of Comhairle Members to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee. The Report stated that the purpose of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee was to provide an objective evaluation of performance for the Comhairle and an effective and fair appeals mechanism. The Report further stated that the Committee also considered audit reports prepared by the Comhairle's Internal Audit section together with reports from the external auditor.

Members were reminded that Members of the Policy and Resources Committee were not eligible for appointment to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee. The purpose of the Committee was outlined in the Report. The Convener advised that a proposed membership had been circulated which took account of ward representation, political balance and Members' preferences.

It was agreed that the following Members be appointed as Members of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee:

**Mr Mustapha Hocine
Mr Angus Morrison
Mr Ranald Fraser
Mr John N Macleod
Mr Calum Maclean
Mr Malcolm K Macdonald
Mr Gordon Murray
Mr Rae Mackenzie
Mr George Murray
Mr Finlay M Stewart**

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Education Appeals Committee 3

The Chief Executive submitted a Report which sought appointments to the Education Appeals Committee. The Report stated that the Comhairle appoint six Members to the Committee and the Comhairle was also asked to appoint one non-elected Member. Mrs Catriona Stewart, a former Chair of Education and Children's Services Committee had been appointed to this position for the previous term of the Comhairle.

It was agreed:

(1) to appoint the following elected members to the Education Appeals Committee:

**Mr Kenneth J Maclean
Mr Paul Finnegan
Mr Duncan MacInnes MBE
Mr Angus McCormack
Dr Frances Murray
Mr Finlay M Stewart**

(2) to appoint Mrs Catriona Stewart (former Chair of the Education and Children's Services Committee) to the Education Appeals Committee.

Western Isles Area Support Team 4

The Chief Executive submitted a Report which sought nominations to the Western Isles Area Support Team. The Report stated that the Area Support Team (AST) was made up of a group of volunteers who carried out functions on behalf of the National Convener to support members of the Children's Panel who sit on Children's Hearings in their area. The Report further stated that the role of the elected member representative on the AST was to be aware of local issues and act as an important link between the Children's Panel and the Local Authority elected members and relevant local authority senior officials and Departments.

It was agreed to appoint Mr Paul Finnegan as the Comhairle's representative on the Eilean Siar Area Support Team.

HITRANS: 5 The Chief Executive submitted a Report which sought the appointment of an elected
Appointment of 5 member and a substitute member to the HITRANS Partnership Board. The Report stated
Member of 5 that the role of the Partnership was to strengthen the planning and delivery of transport
developments across the area and to bring together local authorities and key
stakeholders to take a strategic approach to transport.

It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle appoint Mr Uisdean Robertson, Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee as the Comhairle representative on the HITRANS Partnership Board and Ms Susan Thomson, the Vice-Chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, as substitute member.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

Local Negotiating 6 The Chief Executive submitted a Report which sought the appointment of elected
Committee for 6 members to the Local Negotiating Committee: Teaching Staff. The Report stated that
Teaching Staff 6 the role of the elected members of the Local Negotiating Committee was to represent
the management position in respect of negotiations relating to conditions of service for
teaching staff.

It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle appoint the following Members to the Local Negotiating Committee: Teaching Staff:

**Mr Iain M Macleod
Mr Paul Finnegan
Mr Calum Maclean
Mr George Murray
Mr Angus McCormack
Dr Frances Murray**

Appointment of 7 The Chief Executive submitted a Report which sought the appointment of
Representatives of 7 representatives of religious interests to the Education, Sport and Children's Services
Religious Interests 7 Committee. The Report set out the requirements placed on the Comhairle to appoint
representatives of religious interests to the Education, Sport and Children's Services
Committee and outlined administrative procedures which could be followed in relation
to the appointment of such representatives.

Mr Donald Crichton, seconded by Mr Angus Morrison, moved the following:

that the appointment of the religious representatives be on the same basis as in the previous Council term and that religious representatives from the same denominations be appointed.

Mr Paul Finnegan, seconded by Mr Kenneth J Maclean, moved the following amendment:

that the fourth representative on the Committee be on revolving basis and delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to invite expressions of interest.

The Comhairle proceeded to vote on the matter.

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

Motion	11
Amendment	13

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

Outer Hebrides Community Planning Partnership: Comhairle Representation 8

The Chief Executive submitted a Report which sought to advise Members of the structure of the Outer Hebrides Community Planning Partnership and to invite the Comhairle to appoint six Members to the Partnership in addition to the Chief Executive.

It was stated in the Report that the Comhairle had seven representatives on the Community Planning Partnership. The Chief Executive had been appointed a full Member of the CPP in May 2017 to reflect the practice adopted by other partners such as NHS Western Isles and it was suggested that it would be appropriate for this to continue. It was also suggested that it would be appropriate for the Comhairle Leader to be appointed to the Partnership.

It was agreed that the Leader, Chief Executive the following members are appointed to the Outer Hebrides Community Planning Partnership:

**Mr Kenneth J MacLean
Mr Donald Macsween
Mr Duncan Macinnes MBE
Mr Malcolm K Macdonald
Mr Gordon Murray
Mr Malcolm Burr**

Convention of Scottish Local Authorities: Appointment of Representatives to Convention and Thematic Boards 9

The Chief Executive submitted a Report which sought the appointment of Comhairle representatives on the COSLA Convention and to its proposed thematic groups. The remit of the Convention was outlined in the Report and it was stated in the Report that the COSLA Convention on 31 March 2017 had considered the governance strand of the Draft Final Report in respect of the Strategic Review of COSLA and the recommendations of relevance to the Report were detailed in the Report.

It was agreed that:

- (1) the Comhairle appoint Mr Paul Steele, Mr Kenny Macleod and Mr Duncan Macinnes as the Comhairle’s representatives on the Convention of Local Authorities (CoSLA) on the basis that this reflected the balance of party political balance of the Comhairle as required by CoSLA’s Constitution; and**
- (2) the Comhairle approve appointments to the proposed four thematic groups as detailed below:**

**Education and Children – Chairman of the Education, Sport and Children’s Services Committee
Health and Social Care - Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the IJB
Environment and Economy – Chairman of the Sustainable Development Committee
Community Wellbeing – Chairman of the Sustainable Development Committee**

Comhairle Representation on NHS Western Isles 10

The Chief Executive submitted a Report concerning the nomination of a member of the Comhairle as the Comhairle representative on NHS Western Isles, for onward recommendation to Scottish Ministers. The Report indicated that local authorities were invited by Scottish Ministers to nominate their Convener, Leader or Chairman of any Committee having responsibility for Social Work Services as a representative on their local health board (non-executive Director). It was highlighted that any nomination made was a recommendation to Scottish Ministers.

It was agreed that Mr Angus McCormack be nominated as the Comhairle’s representative on NHS Western Isles.

Investment Delivery Board: Appointment of Members 11 The Chief Executive submitted a Report which provided details of the membership and governance arrangements for the Investment Delivery Board (IDB). It was stated in the Report that the Board would have the maximum possible delegated authority to allow for efficient decision making within project budgets and delivery programmes approved by the Comhairle and HHP.

It was agreed to appoint the following Members to the Investment Delivery Board:

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Chair Sustainable Development Committee

Chair Education, Sport and Children's Services Committee

Chair Social Work and Social Care Board

Leader

Hebridean Housing Partnership

Three members of HHP

Substitute Members

Vice Chair Sustainable Development Committee

Vice Chair Education, Sport and Children's Services Committee

Chair Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

Depute Leader

Three members from HHP

Advisers CNES and HHP

Delegated to the respective Chief Executives

Appointments to External Organisations 12 The Chief Executive submitted a Report seeking the appointment or nomination of Members to represent the Comhairle on the organisations detailed in Appendix 1 to the Report. The Appendix to the Report provided details of the Mission Statement/Purpose and Objectives of the respective bodies and provided details of the appointments/nominations requested and any other factors which required to be considered. The Report indicated that this list had been reviewed in light of feedback received from Members who had been appointed to the bodies in the previous Comhairle as well as from the bodies themselves.

It was agreed:

- (1) to make appointments, or nominations of Member(s) as appropriate, to the Outside Bodies as detailed in the Appendix to the Minute for the term of the Comhairle;**
- (2) that the Chief Executive be submit a Report to a future meeting of the Comhairle in relation to the proposed membership of KIMO and Nuclear Free Local Authorities; and**
- (3) that the Chief Executive be authorised, in consultation with the Convener and Leader, to appoint Members to any other Outside Body from which an invitation for Comhairle representation was received.**

APPENDIX

APPOINTMENT TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

BODY	NUMBER OF APPOINTMENTS	APPOINTMENT
Urras nan Tursachan	2 Member s	Consider following by-elections
Urras nan Gearranan	2 Nominat ed Directors	Ranald Fraser
Northton Heritage Trust	1 Member	Grant Fulton
UHI Foundation	1 Member	Chief Executive will confirm with UHI whether appointment is required.
Lewis Pipe Band Committee	1 Member	Ranald Fraser
Feisean nan Gaidheal	1 Member	Comataidh Ghaidig to determine
An Lanntair Limited	1 Member	Officer observer – delegated to CX Iain M Macaulay
Lewis and Harris Sports Council	1 Member	Norman Macdonald
Uist and Barra Sports Council	1 Member	Paul Steele
Western Isles Island Games Association	1 Member	Kenneth Macleod Mustapha Hocine
Tighean Innse Gall	1 Member 1 Substitut e Member	Grant Fulton Substitute to be considered at a later date
Macaulay Educational Trust for Lewis	1 Member	Frances Murray
Nuclear Free Local Authorities (Scotland)	1 Member	Chief Executive to check membership from other LA's and report back
KIMO	1 Member	Chief Executive to check membership

		from other LA's and report back
Hebrides Ferry Stakeholders Group (Barra, the Uists, Lewis and Harris) <i>(Previously known as Hebrides Ferry Users Group, Barra South and North Uist, Harris, Lewis)</i>	5 Members	Chair and VC T&I Kenneth J Maclean Iain M Macleod Mustapha Hocine Grant Fulton Duncan Macinnes MBE
Argyll Ferry Stakeholders Group (Mull, Iona, Lismore, Coll and Tiree, Barra and South Uist, Colonsay, Islay and Gigha) <i>(Previously known as Argyll Ferry Users Group (Oban, Colonsay, Iona, Lismore, Coll, Tiree, Barra and South Uist))</i>	2 Members suggested	Kenneth J Maclean Iain M Macleod
British Ports Association	1 Member	Norman Macdonald Convener (Substitute)
Benbecula and Stornoway Airport Consultative Committees	1 Member	Chair and Vice Chair of Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Outer Hebrides Salmon Fisheries Board	1 Member	Ranald Fraser
Outer Hebrides Fisheries Trust	1 Member	Ranald Fraser
Western Isles Local Biodiversity Action Plan Steering Group	1 Member	Gordon Murray
Outer Hebrides LEADER Programme 2014-2020 Now evolved to CLLD (Community-Led Local Development)	1 Member	Donald Crichton Norman Macdonald - substitute
UHI Millennium Institute (UHI) Foundation	1 Member	Chief Executive to Report back

The Highland Reserve Forces and Cadets Association	1 Member	Malcolm K Macdonald
The Harris Tweed Authority	2 Members	Donald F Crichton Malcolm K Macdonald
Comunn na Gaidhlig	1 Member	John A Maciver
Third Sector Hebrides (previously Voluntary Action Lewis)	1 Member	Report to future meeting on Third Sector Interface
Western Isles Citizens Advice Service	1 Member	Iain M Macleod
The Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR)	1 Member	Donald Crichton Leader (Substitute)
Hebridean Housing Partnership (HHP)	3 Members (Constitution amended in 2015)	Iain M Macleod Donald Macsween Finlay Stewart
Western Isles Development Trust	4 Members	Iain M Macleod Kenneth Macleod Gordon Murray Norman Macdonald
Highland Council Pensions Committee/Investment Sub-Committee	1 Member	Norman Macdonald Convener (substitute)
Scottish Local Government Forum Against Poverty	1 Member	Gordon Murray
Bayhead Bridge Centre	2 Members	Iain M Macaulay
Hebrides Energy Board	1 Member	Paul Finnegan
Uist Economic Task Force	3 Members	Iain M Macleod Paul Steele Susan Thomson Mustapha Hocine
Scotland Excel	1 Member	Convener

Outer Hebrides Local Flood Risk Management Plan District Partnership	1 Member	Uisdean Robertson
Western Isles Duke of Edinburgh Committee	1 Member	Paul Finnegan
Outer Hebrides Outdoor Access Forum	1 Member	Gordon Murray
Biodiversity Duty Delivery Group	2 Members	Chair and Vice Chair of T&I
Northern Roads Collaboration Joint Committee	2 Members 2 Substitute Members	Chair and Vice Chair of T&I Substitutes Mr Iain M Macleod Mr John N Macleod
Children and Young People Planning Partnership (CYPPP)	1 Member	Mustapha Hocine
Barra Locality Planning Group	1	Kenneth J Maclean
Uist Locality Planning Group	1	Paul Steele
Harris Locality Planning Group	1	Paul Finnegan
Stornoway and Broadbay Locality Planning Group	1	Gordon Murray
Rural Lewis Locality Planning Group	1	Donald Macsween
Taigh Chearsabhaigh	1	Uisdean Robertson
Scottish Crofting Stakeholder Advisory Group	1 Member	Donald Macsween John N Macleod Chief Executive to write and ask for two members to be on Group
Western Isles Foyer	1 Member	Norman Macdonald

Leverburgh Moorings Association Steering Group		Grant Fulton
Uist and Barra Community Energy Forum	Listed for Information only No appointment from Comhairle	Paul Steele Member from each Ward to be confirmed by the Forum