

North Ayrshire Council
17 May 2017

IRVINE, 17 May 2017 - At a Meeting of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

Ian Clarkson, Robert Barr, John Bell, Timothy Billings, Joy Brahim, Marie Burns, Joe Cullinane, Scott Davidson, Anthea Dickson, John Easdale, Todd Ferguson, Robert Foster, Scott Gallacher, Alex Gallagher, Margaret George, John Glover, Tony Gurney, Alan Hill, Christina Larsen, Shaun Macaulay, Tom Marshall, Jean McClung, Ellen McMaster, Ronnie McNicol, Louise McPhater, Davina McTiernan, Jimmy Miller, Jim Montgomerie, Ian Murdoch, Donald Reid, Donald L. Reid, Angela Stephen, John Sweeney

In Attendance

E. Murray, Chief Executive; L. Friel, Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support); C. Hatton, Executive Director (Place); J. Butcher, Executive Director (Education and Youth Employment); K. Yeomans, Executive Director (Economy and Communities); S. Brown, Interim Director (Health and Social Care Partnership); and A. Fraser, Head of Democratic Services, C. Andrew, Senior Manager (Legal Services), M. Gilmour, Senior Communications Officer and J. Hutcheson, Communications Officer (Media and Internal Communications) and M. Anderson, Committee Services Team Leader (Chief Executive's Service).

Chair

The Returning Officer (Items 1 to 5). The Provost (Items 6-13).

1. Chair's Remarks

The Returning Officer invited the Council, in terms of Standing Order 2.2, to consider a written request from the Irvine Herald to 'live stream' the proceedings.

The Council unanimously agreed to permit 'live streaming' of the proceedings.

2. Apologies

The Chief Executive invited intimation of apologies for absence. No apologies were recorded.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in terms of Standing Order 10 and Section 5 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

4. Report of Returning Officer

Submitted report by the Chief Executive, in her capacity as Returning Officer, on the outcome of the elections to North Ayrshire Council held on 4 May 2017.

The report gave formal notice that the following 33 persons had been duly elected to North Ayrshire Council, namely:-

Ward 1: Irvine West

Ian Clarkson
Scott Gallacher
Shaun Macauley
Louise McPhater

Ward 2: Irvine East

Marie Burns
John Easdale
Angela Stephen

Ward 3: Kilwinning

Joe Cullinane
Scott Davidson
John Glover
Donald Reid

Ward 4: Stevenston

Davina McTiernan
Jimmy Miller
John Sweeney

Ward 5: Ardrossan and Arran

Timothy Billings
Tony Gurney
Ellen McMaster

Ward 6: Dalry and West Kilbride

Robert Barr
Joy Brahim
Todd Ferguson

Ward 7: Kilbirnie and Beith

John Bell
Anthea Dickson
Donald L. Reid

Ward 8: North Coast and Cumbraes

Alex Gallagher
Alan Hill
Tom Marshall
Ian Murdoch

Ward 9: Saltcoats

Jean McClung
Ronnie McNicol
Jim Montgomerie

Ward 10: Irvine South

Robert Foster
Margaret George
Christina Larsen

Noted.

5. Election and Designation of Provost

In terms of Section 4(1) of the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994, the Council is required to elect a Convener from among its Councillors, to be known as the "Provost".

The Chief Executive invited nominations to fill the office of Provost of North Ayrshire Council.

Councillor Cullinane, seconded by Councillor Bell, moved that Councillor Clarkson be appointed as Provost. There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried and Councillor Clarkson declared Provost.

Following a short recess during which he was presented with the Chain of Office, the Provost assumed the Chair. He thanked Members for the faith they had placed in him and expressed his intention to work with all Members in the service of North Ayrshire.

6. Election and Designation of Deputy Provost

In terms of Section 4(2) of the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994, the Council may elect a Convener from among its Councillors, to be known as the "Deputy Provost".

The Chief Executive invited nominations to fill the office of Deputy Provost of North Ayrshire Council.

Councillor Marshall, seconded by Councillor Ferguson, moved that Councillor Gallacher be appointed as Deputy Provost. As an amendment, Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Larsen, moved that Councillor Barr be appointed as Deputy Provost.

On a division, there voted for the amendment 26 and for the motion 7 and the amendment was declared carried. Accordingly, Councillor Barr was appointed to the office of Depute Provost of North Ayrshire Council.

Councillor Barr was presented with the Chain of Office and assumed the Depute Provost chair.

7. Declarations of Acceptance of Office

The Head of Democratic Services confirmed that all Councillors had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in accordance with the relevant provisions of Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

Noted.

8. Formation of Party Political Groups on the Council - Indication of Political Groups on the Council

8.1 The Chief Executive advised that the following political groups had been intimated:-

- the "Labour Group" consisting of the 11 Members of the Scottish Labour Party
- the "SNP Group" consisting of the 11 Members of the Scottish National Party (SNP); and
- the "Conservative Group" consisting of the 7 Members of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party.

The Council agreed to recognise the political groups intimated.

8.2 The Provost sought indications of whether the party whip was to be applied to any item of business.

There were no declarations of the party whip.

Noted.

9. Appointment of Leader and Depute Leader of the Council

The Provost invited nominations for the positions of Leader and Depute Leader of the Council. This would determine which Group formed the Administration.

Councillor Donald Reid, seconded by Councillor Gallagher, moved that Councillors Cullinane and Bell be appointed as Leader and Depute Leader of the Council, respectively. As an amendment, Councillor Davidson, seconded by Councillor Dickson, moved that Councillors Burns and Hill be appointed as Leader and Depute Leader of the Council, respectively.

On a division, there voted for the amendment 11 and for the motion 16 and the motion was declared carried.

Accordingly the Council agreed:-

- (a) to appoint Councillors Cullinane and Bell as Leader of the Council and Depute Leader of the Council, respectively; and
- (b) that the Labour Group would form the Administration.

The Provost, on behalf of the Council, congratulated the new Leader and Depute Leader on their appointments, and offered the unsuccessful nominees his commiserations.

10. Report on Governance Documents

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the following key governance documents regulating the operation of the Council, its committees and officers:-

- Standing Orders relating to Meetings
- Scheme of Administration
- Scheme of Delegation to Officers
- Guidelines on Member/Officer Relations
- Standing Orders for Contracts
- Financial Regulations

The Head of Democratic Services referred Members to the amendment which had been circulated and published in respect of the Scheme of Delegation to Officers appendix (page 111 of the Council Agenda) with regard to employability and business development functions.

Members considered each of the appendices in turn, asking questions and seeking clarification on provisions contained therein.

With regard to the Scheme of Administration, Members unanimously agreed that:-

- membership of the Planning Committee, Local Review Body and Licensing Committee should revert to 10 Members (comprising 3 members of the Administration, 3 from the Opposition and 4 others);
- the Policy Development Committee should be excluded for the time being pending further consideration of its remit and composition; and
- the functions referred to the Staffing and Recruitment Committee should include the selection and appointment of Heads of Service.

The Council agreed to:-

- (a) approve the following with immediate effect, namely (i) the Standing Orders for Meetings of the Council, set out at Appendix 1 to the report, (ii) the Scheme of Administration set out at Appendix 2 to the report, subject to the amendments set out above, (iii) the Scheme of Delegation to Officers, set out at Appendix 3 to the report (as amended), subject to the removal of the delegation in terms of the selection and appointment of Heads of Service, (iv) the Guidelines on Member/Officer Relations set out at Appendix 4 to the report, (v) the Standing Orders for Contracts set out at Appendix 5 to the report and (vi) the Financial Regulations set out at Appendix 6 to the report; and
- (b) to note the appointments made to Statutory Officer posts referred to in Section 2.8 of the report.

11. Councillors' Remuneration: Senior Councillors

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) which advised of the Councillors' remuneration levels per the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007.

Members asked questions and received clarification in respect of the budget provision for Members' remuneration and the requirement for a Council decision on remuneration levels.

The Council agreed to:-

- (a) note the recommended remuneration and expenses outlined in the Regulations;
- (b) approve the appointment of the following posts, in addition to the Leader and Provost, as Senior Councillors, viz:- (i) Deputy Leader (75% of the Leader's salary, £25,392), (ii) the Leader of the Opposition (75% of the Leader's salary, £25,392), (iii) Deputy Provost at £21,160, (iv) those Cabinet Members with portfolio responsibility for services, at £21,160, (v) the Chair of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee at £21,160, (vi) the Chair of the Licensing Committee/Board at £21,160 and (vii) the Chair of the Planning Committee at £21,160; and
- (c) note that a decision on the appointment, as a Senior Councillor at £21,160, of a Chair of the Policy Development Committee would be dependent upon the outcome of future consideration by the Council of the Scheme of Administration pertaining to that committee.

12. Committee Timetable: Remainder of 2017

Submitted report by the Chief Executive which on a draft timetable of Council and committee meetings for the period from May until the end of December 2017. The draft timetable was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Council agreed to:-

- (a) approve the draft timetable set out at Appendix 1 to the report, subject to the removal of references to meetings of the Policy Development Committee; and
- (b) note that arrangements for Locality Partnership meetings and any ad hoc or Special Meetings would be intimated to Members separately.

13. Appointments to Committees

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on arrangements for the appointment of Elected Members and, where appropriate, lay representatives, to committees of the Council in line with the Scheme of Administration, including confirmation of the appointment of Chairs (and Vice Chairs where appropriate).

Nominations were invited in respect of other appointments to committees of the Council as provided for in the Scheme of Administration, including nominations to the positions of Chair (and Vice Chair if appropriate) of each committee. A summary of nominations submitted by the Administration, Opposition, Conservative Group and Independents was circulated at the meeting.

Members gave consideration in the first instance to the appointment of committee Chairs and Vice Chairs and, thereafter, committee members, as set out in Appendix NAC1.

The Council agreed to:-

- (a) note that all Elected Members are automatically members of the full Council and the Local Development Plan Committee;
- (b) note that all Elected Members are members of the Locality Partnership which covers their respective ward, that Members of Ward 5 could potentially choose to be members of both the Arran and Three Towns Locality Partnerships and that Members of Ward 6 could potentially choose to be members of the Three Towns, North Coast and Garnock Valley Locality Partnership;
- (c) approve the appointment of Chairs and, where appropriate, Vice Chairs of committees of the Council summarised in Appendix NAC1 to this Minute;
- (d) approve the appointments to the Appeals Committee, Audit and Scrutiny Committee, Ayrshire Shared Services Joint Committee, the Cabinet, Education Appeal Committee, Licensing Committee, Local Review Body, North Ayrshire Integration Joint Board, Planning Committee, Police and Fire and Rescue Committee and Staffing and Recruitment Committee summarised in Appendix NAC1 to this Minute;
- (e) to note that any outstanding vacancies in terms of the Chair, Vice Chair and membership of the committees referred to in (c) and (d) above, would be the subject of further consideration at the next meeting of the Council;

- (f) approve the filling by the Administration and Opposition of any remaining vacancies which they are entitled to fill in terms of the Scheme of Administration, such appointments to take effect 4 Clear Working Days after intimation to the Chief Executive;
- (g) approve the following arrangements for the appointment to the Cabinet of additional Members when it considers Education Authority business (i) to appoint the Very Reverend Matthew Canon McManus and Ms Elizabeth Higon as the Roman Catholic Church and Church of Scotland representatives, respectively; (ii) to issue a public notice seeking nominations from church or denominational groups to fill the third Church representative position; (iii) to approve the appointment of a non-voting representative to be nominated by the Local Negotiating Committee for Teachers; (iv) to appoint two non-voting pupil representatives (one male, one female), to be drawn from a pool of Youth Council members on a meeting-by-meeting business and (v) to remit to Cabinet to agree such appointments; and
- (h) approve the appointment of Karine Emberson, Val Gibson, Gloria Killin, Edith Milroy, Ann Smyth, Jim Smith and Karen Wallace as lay representatives to the Education Appeal Committee.

14. Appointments to Outside Bodies

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on appointments made to Outside Bodies and on nominations to fill positions.

Nominations were invited to represent the Council on a number of outside body. A summary of nominations submitted by the Administration, Opposition, Conservative Group and Independents was circulated at the meeting.

Members considered each of the appointments in turn.

The Council agreed to:-

- (a) approve the appointments to outside bodies set out at Appendix NAC2 to this Minute; and
- (b) delegate authority to the Chief Executive to make officer appointments to the positions set out in Appendix 2 to the report and (b) note the appointments set out therein.

The Meeting ended at 4.50 p.m.

Appointments to Committees

Cabinet

It was noted that the Leader and Depute Leader of the Council would serve as Chair and Vice Chair of the Cabinet

Appeals Committee

Councillor Cullinane, seconded by Councillor Bell, moved that Councillor Easdale be appointed as Chair of the Appeals Committee. There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

Audit and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Marshall, seconded by Councillor Ferguson, moved that Councillor George be appointed as Chair of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee. Councillor Hill, seconded by Councillor Gurney, moved that Councillor Burns be so appointed. A nomination submitted in respect of Councillor Gallagher was withdrawn.

On a division, there voted for the appointment of Councillor Burns 21 and for Councillor George 7 and Councillor Burns was duly appointed.

There were no nominations in respect of the position of Vice Chair.

Ayrshire Shared Services Joint Committee

Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Donald Reid, moved that Councillor Cullinane be appointed as Chair of the Ayrshire Shared Services Joint Committee. There being no further nominations, Councillor Cullinane was duly appointed.

Education Appeal Committee Chair

Councillor Marshall, seconded by Councillor Ferguson, moved that Councillor Billings be appointed as Chair of the Education Appeal Committee. There being no further nominations, Councillor Billings was duly appointed.

Licensing Committee (and Board)

Councillor Marshall, seconded by Councillor Barr, moved that Councillor McNicol be appointed as Chair of the Licensing Committee (and Board). A nomination submitted in respect of Councillor Reid was withdrawn. There being no further nominations, Councillor McNicol was duly appointed.

Councillor Marshall, seconded by Councillor Gallacher, moved that Councillor Ferguson be appointed as Vice Chair of the Licensing Committee. There being no further nominations, Councillor Ferguson was duly appointed.

Local Development Plan Committee

It was noted that the Economy portfolio-holder, namely Councillor Gallagher, was appointed as Chair of the Local Development Committee.

There were no nominations in respect of the position of Vice Chair.

Local Review Body

Councillor Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Gallacher, moved that Councillor Marshall be appointed as Chair of the Local Review Body. There being no further nominations, Councillor Marshall was duly appointed.

Councillor Marshall, seconded by Councillor Ferguson, moved that Councillor Billings be appointed as Vice Chair of the Local Review Body. There being no further nominations, Councillor Billings was duly appointed.

Planning Committee

Councillor Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Gallacher, moved that Councillor Marshall be appointed as Chair of the Planning Committee. There being no further nominations, Councillor Marshall was duly appointed.

Councillor Marshall, seconded by Councillor Ferguson, moved that Councillor Billings be appointed as Vice Chair of the Planning Committee. There being no further nominations, Councillor Billings was duly appointed.

Police and Fire and Rescue Committee

Councillor Barr, seconded by Councillor McNicol, moved that Councillor Donald L. Reid be appointed as Chair of the Police and Fire and Rescue Committee. Councillor Marshall, seconded by Councillor Ferguson, moved that Councillor Glover be so appointed.

On a division, there voted for the appointment of Councillor Glover 7 and for Councillor Donald L. Reid 26 and Councillor Donald L. Reid was duly appointed.

There were no nominations in respect of the position of Vice Chair.

Staffing and Recruitment Committee

It was noted that the Leader of the Council was appointed as Chair of the Staffing and Recruitment.

North Ayrshire Integration Joint Board

It was noted that NHS Ayrshire and Arran appointed the Chair of North Ayrshire Integration Joint Board until May 2019 and that the Health and Social Care portfolio-holder, namely Councillor Foster, would serve as the Vice Chair for the same period.

Arran Locality Partnership

Councillor Marshall, seconded by Councillor Ferguson, moved that Councillor Billings be appointed as Chair of the Arran Locality Partnership. Councillor Gurney, seconded by Councillor Hill, moved that Councillor McMaster be so appointed.

On a division, there voted for the appointment of Councillor McMaster 12 and for Councillor Billings 7 and Councillor McMaster was duly appointed.

Garnock Valley Locality Partnership

Councillor Cullinane, seconded by Councillor Reid, moved that Councillor Bell be appointed as Chair of the Garnock Valley Locality Partnership. Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Hill, moved that Councillor Dickson be so appointed.

On a division, there voted for the appointment of Councillor Dickson 11 and for Councillor Bell 12 and Councillor Bell was duly appointed.

Irvine Locality Partnership

Councillor Marshall, seconded by Councillor Ferguson, moved that Councillor Gallacher be appointed as Chair of the Irvine Locality Partnership. Councillor Cullinane, seconded by Councillor Bell, moved that Councillor McPhater be so appointed. Councillor Hill, seconded by Councillor Gurney, moved that Councillor Burns be appointed.

On a division, there voted for Councillor Burns 12, Councillor McPhater 11 and Gallacher 8, and Councillor Burns was duly appointed.

Kilwinning Locality Partnership

Councillor Marshall, seconded by Councillor Ferguson, moved that Councillor Glover be appointed as Chair of the Kilwinning Locality Partnership. Councillor Cullinane, seconded by Councillor Bell, moved that Councillor Donald Reid be so appointed. Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Hill, moved that Councillor Davidson be appointed.

On a division, there voted for the appointment of Councillor Davidson 11, Councillor Reid 11 and Councillor Glover 8. Following a cut of cards in terms of Standing Order 18, Councillor Davidson was duly appointed.

North Coast and Cumbraes Locality Partnership

Councillor Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Gallacher, moved that Councillor Marshall be appointed as Chair of the North Coast Locality Partnership. Councillor Cullinane, seconded by Councillor Bell, moved that Councillor Gallagher be so appointed. Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Gurney, moved that Councillor Hill be appointed.

On a division, there voted for the appointment of Councillor Hill 11, Councillor Gallagher 12 and Councillor Marshall 8, and Councillor Gallagher was duly appointed.

Three Towns Locality Partnership

Councillor Marshall, seconded by Councillor Ferguson, moved that Councillor Billings be appointed as Chair of the Three Towns Locality Partnership. Councillor Cullinane, seconded by Councillor Bell, moved that Councillor Montgomerie be so appointed. Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Hill, moved that Councillor Gurney be appointed.

On a division, there voted for the appointment of Councillor Gurney 12, Councillor Montgomerie 11 and Councillor Billings 8, and Councillor Gurney was duly appointed.

Thereafter, Members considered nominations in respect of the remainder of the membership of above-mentioned committees, as follows:-

Cabinet

It was noted that the Administration had appointed the following Members to the Cabinet with the portfolio responsibilities indicated:-

Councillor Cullinane - Finance portfolio-holder
Councillor Bell - Education portfolio-holder
Councillor McPhater - Communities portfolio-holder
Councillor Gallagher - Economy portfolio-holder
Councillor Montgomerie - Place portfolio-holder
Councillor Foster - Health and Social Care portfolio-holder

Appeals

It was noted that the standing members and named substitutes on Staffing and Recruitment Committee, namely Councillor Cullinane (substitute: Councillor Foster), Councillor Bell (substitute: Councillor Gallagher), Councillor Burns (substitute: Councillor Brahim) and Councillor Hill (substitute: Councillor McTiernan) were appointed to the membership pool of the Appeals Committee. Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, for the remaining membership of the pool were received in respect of Councillors Billings, Easdale (appointed as Chair), Ferguson, McPhater, Miller and Stephen. A nomination submitted in respect of Councillor Donald L. Reid was withdrawn and the remaining Members duly appointed to the Appeals Committee.

Audit and Scrutiny Committee

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of Councillors Brahim, Burns (appointed as Chair), George, Hill, Marshall, Donald Reid and Sweeney and the Members duly appointed to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee.

Ayrshire Shared Services Joint Committee

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of Councillors Cullinane (appointed as Chair), Burns, Gallacher, Gallagher, Hill and Stephen.

On a division in terms of standing Order 18.2, there voted for the appointment of Councillor Burns 24, Councillor Gallacher 19, Gallagher 22, Councillor Hill 12 and Councillor Stephen 10. Councillors Burns, Gallacher and Gallagher, in addition to Councillor Cullinane, were duly appointed to the Ayrshire Shared Services Joint Committee.

Education Appeals Committee

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of Councillors Billings, Clarkson, Marshall and McPhater. A nomination submitted in respect of Councillor George was withdrawn and the remaining Members duly appointed.

Licensing Committee (and Board)

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of Councillors Barr, Davidson, Easdale, Ferguson, Gallacher, Glover, McNicol (appointed as Chair), McTiernan, Miller and Donald L. Reid, and the Members duly appointed.

Planning Committee and Local Review Body

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of Councillors Barr, Billings, Clarkson, Foster, Larsen, Macaulay, Marshall (appointed as Chair), McMaster McNicol and Donald Reid. A nomination submitted in respect of Councillor Ferguson was withdrawn and the remaining Members duly appointed to the Planning Committee and Local Review Body.

Police and Fire and Rescue Committee

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of Councillors Ferguson, Glover, McMaster, McTiernan, McPhater, Donald L. Reid (appointed as Chair) and Stephen. Nominations submitted in respect of Councillors Bell, Clarkson, McClung and Murdoch were withdrawn and the remaining Members duly appointed.

Staffing and Recruitment

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of Councillor Cullinane (substitute: Councillor Foster), Councillor Bell (substitute: Councillor Gallagher), Councillor Burns (substitute: Councillor Brahim) and Councillor Hill (substitute: Councillor McTiernan) and the Members duly appointed.

North Ayrshire Integration Joint Board

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of Councillors Billings, Dickson, Foster, Larsen and Sweeney to serve as Members of the Integration Joint Board.

Having previously appointed Councillor Foster as Vice Chair, there followed a division, in terms of Standing Order 18.2 for the remaining three Members. There voted for the appointment of Councillor Billings 22, Councillor Dickson 14, Councillor Larsen 23 and Councillor Sweeney 32. Councillors Billings, Larsen and Sweeney were duly appointed to the Integration Joint Board.

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of Councillor Bell (as Deputy to Councillor Foster), Councillor Glover (as Deputy to Councillor Billings) and Councillor Dickson (as Deputy to Councillor Larsen) and these Members were duly appointed.

There were no nominations in respect of the position of Deputy to Councillor Sweeney.

Arran Locality Partnership

It was noted that Councillors Billings, Gurney and McMaster (appointed as Chair) would serve on the Arran Locality Partnership.

Garnock Valley Locality Partnership

It was noted that Councillors Barr, Bell (appointed as Chair), Brahim, Dickson, Ferguson and Donald L. Reid would serve on the Garnock Valley Locality Partnership.

Irvine Locality Partnership

It was noted that Councillors Burns (appointed as Chair), Clarkson, Easdale, Foster, Gallacher, George, Larsen, Macaulay, McPhater and Stephen would serve on the Irvine Locality Partnership.

Kilwinning Locality Partnership

It was noted that Councillors Cullinane, Davidson (appointed as Chair), Glover and Donald Reid would serve on the Kilwinning Locality Partnership.

North Coast Locality Partnership

It was noted that Councillors Brahim, Ferguson, Gallagher (appointed as Chair), Hill, Marshall and Murdoch would serve on the North Coast Locality Partnership.

Three Towns Locality Partnership

It was noted that Councillors Billings, Gurney (appointed as Chair), McClung, McMaster, McNicol, McTiernan, Miller, Montgomerie and Sweeney.

Appointments to Outside Bodies

Arran Access Trust

A nomination, duly proposed and seconded, was submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillor Billings as the Council's representative on the Arran Access Trust. A nomination in respect of Councillor McMaster was withdrawn. There being no further nominations, Councillor Billings was duly appointed.

Arran Economic Forum

A nomination, duly proposed and seconded, was submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillor McMaster as the Council's representative on Arran Economic Forum. A nomination in respect of Councillor Billings was withdrawn. There being no further nominations, Councillor McMaster was duly appointed.

Councillor Billings agreed to serve as Councillor McMaster's substitute on Arran Economic Forum and was duly appointed.

Ayrshire Area Support Team

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillors Ferguson and Sweeney as the Council's representative on the Ayrshire Area Support Team. Nominations in respect of Councillor Donald L. Reid and Burns were withdrawn.

On a division, there voted for the appointment of Councillor Sweeney 23 and Councillor Ferguson 8, and Councillor Sweeney was duly appointed.

Ayrshire Educational Trust

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillors Donald L. Reid, Gallacher, McPhater and Dickson as the Council's representatives on the Ayrshire Educational Trust and these Members duly appointed.

It was noted that a further vacancy would be the subject of future consideration by the Council.

Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillors George, Donald Reid and Easdale as the Council's representatives on the Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board. These Members were duly appointed.

It was noted that three further vacancies would be subject of future consideration by the Council.

Brodick Country Park Joint Committee

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillors Billings, McMaster and Gurney as the Council's representatives of Brodick Country Park Committee. These Members were duly appointed.

Clyde Ferry Users Group

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillors Billings and McMaster as the Council's main representatives on the Clyde Ferry Users Group. Nominations in respect of Councillors Ferguson and Gallagher were withdrawn.

Councillors Billings and McMaster were duly appointed.

Councillors Ferguson and Gallagher agreed to serve as substitute Members and were duly appointed.

Clyde Local Liaison Committee

A nomination, duly proposed and seconded, was submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillor Marshall as the Council's representative on the Clyde Local Liaison Committee. A nomination in respect of Councillor Gallagher was withdrawn. Councillor Marshall was duly appointed.

Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park Joint Management Committee

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillors Donald L. Reid and Ferguson as the Council's representatives on the Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park Joint Management Committee. Nominations in respect of Councillors Bell and Dickson were withdrawn.

Councillors Donald L. Reid and Ferguson were duly appointed.

Councillors Bell and Dickson agreed to serve as substitute Members and were duly appointed.

Community Justice Ayrshire Committee

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillors McPhater and Dickson as the Council's representatives on the Community Justice Ayrshire Committee.

On a division, there voted for the appointment of Councillor Dickson 13 and Councillor McPhater 12 and Councillor Dickson was duly appointed.

Councillor McPhater agreed to serve as a substitute Member and was duly appointed.

CPP Safer North Ayrshire Partnership

A nomination, duly proposed and seconded, was submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillor Dickson as the Council's representative on the CPP Safer North Ayrshire Partnership. A nomination in respect of Councillor Gallacher was withdrawn. Councillor Dickson was duly appointed.

COSLA Community Wellbeing Board

A nomination, duly proposed and seconded, was submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillor McPhater as the Council's representative on the COSLA Community Wellbeing Board. A nomination in respect of Councillor Dickson was withdrawn. Councillor McPhater was duly appointed.

COSLA Convention

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of Councillors Cullinane, Bell, Burns and Marshall as the Council's representative on the COSLA Convention. A nomination in respect of Councillor Hill was withdrawn. Councillors Cullinane, Bell, Burns and Marshall were duly appointed.

COSLA Environment and Economy Board

A nomination, duly proposed and seconded, was submitted in respect of Councillor Gallagher as the Council's representative on the COSLA Environment and Economy Board. Nominations in respect of Councillors Stephen and Gurney were withdrawn. Councillor Gallagher was duly appointed.

COSLA Children and Young People Board

A nomination, duly proposed and seconded, was submitted in respect of Councillor Bell as the Council's representative on the COSLA Children and Young People Board. Nominations in respect of Councillors Ferguson and Macaulay were withdrawn. Councillor Bell was duly appointed.

COSLA Health and Social Care Board

A nomination, duly proposed and seconded, was submitted in respect of Councillor Foster as the Council's representative on the COSLA Health and Social Care Board. Nominations in respect of Councillors Glover and Dickson were withdrawn. Councillor Foster was duly appointed.

COSLA Leaders

It was noted that Councillor Cullinane would attend meetings of the COSLA Leaders, in his capacity as Leader of the Council.

Cunninghame Housing Association

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of Councillors Miller and Gurney as the Council's representative on the Cunninghame Housing Association. A nomination in respect of Councillor Billings was withdrawn.

On a division, there voted for the appointment of Councillor Gurney 11 and Councillor Miller 19, and Councillor Miller was duly appointed.

Dalgarven Mill Trust

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of Councillors Barr, Glover, Donald Reid and Davidson as the Council's representative on the Dalgarven Mill Trust.

On a division, there voted for the appointment of Councillor Davidson 11, Councillor Donald Reid 11, Councillor Glover 7 and Councillor Barr 4. Following a cut of cards in terms of Standing Order 18, Councillor Donald Reid was duly appointed.

Economic Development and Regeneration Strategy Board

Councillors Cullinane and Burns as Leader of the Council and Leader of the Opposition, respectively, were appointed as the Council's representatives on the Economic Development and Regeneration Strategy Board, together with Councillor Gallagher, in his capacity and Economy portfolio-holder.

Flood Risk Local Plan District Steering Group (Ayrshire)

A nomination, duly proposed and seconded, was submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillor Stephen as the Council's representative on the Flood Risk Local Plan District Steering Group (Ayrshire). A nomination in respect of Councillor Gurney was withdrawn. Councillor Stephen was duly appointed.

Haylie House Board of Trustees

A nomination, duly proposed and seconded, was submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillor Gallagher as the Council's representative on the Haylie House Board of Trustees. There being no further nominations, Councillor Gallagher was duly appointed.

Highlands and Islands Convention

Councillor Cullinane, in his capacity as Leader of the Council, was appointed as the Council's representative on the Highlands and Islands Convention.

Hunterston Site Stakeholders Group

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of Councillors Barr, Ferguson, Marshall, Glover and Gallagher as the Council's representatives on the Hunterston Site Stakeholders Group. A nomination in respect of Councillor Hill was withdrawn. Councillors Barr, Ferguson, Marshall, Glover and Gallagher were duly appointed.

Kelburn Castle Restoration Works Trust

A nomination, duly proposed and seconded, was submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillor Gallagher as the Council's representative on the Kelburn Castle Restoration Works Trust. There being no further nominations, Councillor Gallagher was duly appointed.

Kilbirnie Loch Management Committee

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillors Dickson and Donald L. Reid as the Council's representatives on the Kilbirnie Loch Management Committee. There being no further nominations, Councillors Dickson and Donald L. Reid were duly appointed.

Largs Matters

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillors Marshall and Murdoch as the Council's representatives on Largs Matters. There being no further nominations, Councillors Marshall and Murdoch were duly appointed.

Lowland Reserve Forces and Cadets Association

A nomination, duly proposed and seconded, was submitted in respect of the appointment of the Provost as the Council's representative on the Lowland Reserve Forces and Cadets Association. A nomination in respect of Councillor Ferguson was withdrawn. The Provost was duly appointed.

National Association of Councillors

A nomination, duly proposed and seconded, was submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillor Easdale as the Council's representative on the National Association of Councillors. There being no further nominations, Councillor Easdale was duly appointed.

NHS Ayrshire and Arran

Councillor Cullinane, in his capacity as Leader of the Council, was appointed as the Council's representative on NHS Ayrshire and Arran.

North Ayrshire Carers Strategy Advisory Group

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillors Glover and Dickson as the Council's representative on the North Ayrshire Carers Strategy Advisory Group. A nomination in respect of Councillor Foster was withdrawn.

On a division, there voted for the appointment of Councillor Dickson 15 and Councillor Glover 12, and Councillor Dickson was duly appointed.

North Ayrshire CCTV Limited

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillors Donald Reid, Clarkson, Davidson and Murdoch as the Council's representatives on North Ayrshire CCTV Limited. There being no further nominations, Councillors Donald Reid, Clarkson, Davidson and Murdoch were duly appointed.

North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Board

Councillor Cullinane, in his capacity as Leader of the Council, was appointed as a Council representative on the North Ayrshire CPP Board, together with Councillors McMaster, Bell, Burns, Davidson, Gallagher and Gurney in their capacity as Locality Planning Partnership Chairs.

North Ayrshire Fairtrade Zone Steering Group

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillors Billings and McClung as the Council's representatives on the North Ayrshire Fairtrade Zone Steering Group. There being no further nominations, Councillors Billings and McClung were duly appointed.

North Ayrshire Leisure Limited

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillors Billings, Sweeney, Macaulay and Brahim as the Council's representatives on North Ayrshire Leisure Limited. Nominations in respect of Councillors Ferguson, Miller and McNicol were withdrawn. Councillors Billings, Sweeney, Macaulay and Brahim were duly appointed.

North Ayrshire Municipal Bank

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillors George, Donald Reid, Clarkson, McNicol, Burns and Dickson as the Council's representatives on North Ayrshire Municipal Bank and these Members duly appointed.

It was noted that three further vacancies would be the subject of future consideration by the Council.

North Ayrshire Sports Association for the Disabled

A nomination, duly proposed and seconded, was submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillor Sweeney as the Council's representative on North Ayrshire Sports Association for the Disabled. There being no further nominations, Councillor Sweeney was duly appointed.

North Ayrshire Ventures Trust

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillors McPhater and Hill as the Council's representatives on North Ayrshire Ventures Trust. A nomination in respect of Councillor George was withdrawn. Councillors McPhater and Hill were duly appointed.

North Ayrshire Outdoor Access Forum

A nomination, duly proposed and seconded, was submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillor Donald Reid as the Council's representatives on North Ayrshire Outdoor Access Forum. A nomination in respect of Councillor Ferguson was withdrawn. Councillor Donald Reid was duly appointed.

Response to Nuclear Decommissioning Steering Group

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillors Ferguson and Gallagher as the Council's representatives on the Response to Nuclear Decommissioning Steering Group.

On a division, there voted for the appointment of Councillor Gallagher 13 and Councillor Ferguson 10, and Councillor Gallagher was duly appointed.

Scotland Excel

A nomination, duly proposed and seconded, was submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillor Ferguson as the Council's representative on Scotland Excel. There being no further nominations, Councillor Ferguson was duly appointed.

Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances

A nomination, duly proposed and seconded, was submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillor Gallagher as the Council's representative on the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances. There being no further nominations, Councillor Gallagher was duly appointed.

Scottish Islands Network

Councillors Cullinane, in his capacity as Leader of the Council, was appointed as the Council's representative on the Scottish Islands Network, subject to Ministerial approval. Councillor Gallagher, in his capacity as Economy portfolio-holder, was appointed as Councillor Cullinane's substitute.

Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on Supporting Veterans

Councillor Clarkson, in his capacity as Provost, was appointed as the Council's representative on Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on Supporting Veterans.

Spier's Trust Committee

Councillors Bell, Dickson, Donald L. Reid, Barr, Brahim and Ferguson, in their capacity as Ward 6 and 7 Members, were appointed as the Council's representatives on the Spier's Trust Committee.

Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee

A nomination, duly proposed and seconded, was submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillor Miller as the Council's representative on the Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee. A nomination in respect of Councillor Gurney was withdrawn. Councillor Miller was duly appointed.

Strathclyde Passenger for Transport

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillors Billings and Donald Reid. A nomination in respect of Councillor Gurney was withdrawn.

On a division, there voted for the appointment of Councillor Donald Reid 18 and for Councillor Billings 8, and Councillor Donald Reid was duly appointed.

West of Scotland Archaeology Joint Committee

A nomination, duly proposed and seconded, was submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillor Clarkson as the Council's representative on the West of Scotland Archaeology Joint Committee. A nomination in respect of Councillor Ferguson was withdrawn. Councillor Clarkson was duly appointed.

West of Scotland European Forum

It was noted that this vacancy would be the subject of future consideration by the Council.

West of Scotland Loan Fund

It was noted that this vacancy would be the subject of future consideration by the Council.

West of Scotland Road Safety Forum

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, were submitted in respect of the appointment of Councillors Stephen, Bell and Davidson as the Council's representatives on the West of Scotland Road Safety Forum and these members were duly appointed.