
NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

17 February 2021

North Ayrshire Council

Title: North Ayrshire Ventures Trust Ltd

Purpose: To approve the appointment of a new Director on the Board of North Ayrshire Ventures Trust Ltd

Recommendation: That the Council agrees to approve the appointment of Justin Jones to the Board of North Ayrshire Ventures Trust Ltd

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Articles of Association of North Ayrshire Ventures Trust (NAVt) stipulate that there will be five co-opted Directors. Two of these Directors, Zoe Nix and Alan MacDonald, have now resigned. At the Board meeting held on 9th February 2021 the Directors agreed to appoint Justin Jones as a co-opted Director to replace Zoe Nix. They further agreed to consider nominations for a suitable replacement for the remaining vacancy at a future meeting and a further report will be brought to Council in this regard at a later date.
- 1.2 The Articles of Association for NAVt stipulate that for such an appointment to proceed the identity of the proposed Director be approved in writing by the Council, such approval to be demonstrated by a letter to be signed by the appropriate officer of the Council.

2. Background

- 2.1 The full Council has approved the appointment of all the co-opted Directors. The present Directors are Louise McPhater, Alan Hill, Craig Hatton, Audrey Sutton being Appointed Directors and the co-opted Directors are Billy Kirkwood, Derek McCrindle, and Ann Robertson.

3. Proposals

3.1 The Board has agreed to appoint Justin Jones as co-opted Director. He attends a local secondary school and has been actively involved in youth work across North Ayrshire for many years. He is currently the chairperson of Irvine Youth Forum and sits on the North Ayrshire Youth Council Executive Committee. He has played an active part in various initiatives including food poverty, inequality and insecurity. He is part of the North Ayrshire Cost of the School Day Working Group and the North Ayrshire Youth Participatory Budgeting Steering Group. On a national level, he is part of the Young People's Guarantee Panel, set up by the Scottish Government and has played an active part in engaging with young people as part of the consultation process for the Bill on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

His appointment will benefit NAVT from the perspective of having a young person on the Board and from the broader reach the Trust will develop through his advocacy and promotion. He has agreed to accept the appointment.

3.2 The Council is, therefore, invited to approve the proposed appointment in order that NAVT can comply with its Articles of Association and to authorise the Head of Democratic Services to write to the Board of Directors of NAVT confirming the Council's approval.

4. Implications/Socio-economic Duty

Financial

4.1 None arising from this report.

Human Resources

4.2 None arising from this report.

Legal

4.3 The approval of the Council is required so that the Board of Directors of NAVT can legally comply with their Articles of Association.

Equality/Socio-economic

4.4 The appointment promotes the importance of young people in our communities and the benefits and contributions that they bring.

Environmental and Sustainability

4.5 None arising from this report.

Key Priorities

4.6 None arising from this report.

Community Wealth Building

4.7 None arising from this report.

5. Consultation

5.1 There are no consultations required.

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Background Papers

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