



North Ayrshire Council
Comhairle Siorrachd Àir a Tuath

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A Meeting of North Ayrshire Council will be held remotely on **Wednesday, 23 September 2020** at **14:00** to consider the undernoted business.

1 Apologies

2 Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to give notice of any declarations of interest in respect of items of business on the Agenda.

3 Previous Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12 February 2020 and the Special Meeting held on 5 March 2020 will be confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (copies enclosed).

4 Provost's Report

Submit report by the Provost for the period from 3 February - 13 September 2020 (copy enclosed).

5 Leader's Report

Submit report by the Leader of the Council for the period from 3 February - 13 September 2020 (copy enclosed).

6 Minute Volume (issued under separate cover)

Submit, for noting and for approval of any recommendations contained therein, the Minutes of meeting of committees of the Council held in the period 10 September 2019 - 8 September 2020.

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Congratulatory Motion

In terms of Standing Order 13.3, submit the undernoted motion, duly proposed and seconded, which seeks to congratulate, commend or recognise an individual or group in relation to their achievement or activities within North Ayrshire:-

“February 2020 proved to be a remarkable month for Beith's Jemma Reekie, 21, who is an established middle distance athlete in the British team. Her athletics career began at Beith Primary School and later developed at Garnock Academy.

Her recent achievements include:-

- breaking Laura Muir's British record for the indoor mile in New York in February 2020, a week after taking half a second off her fellow Scot's 800m mark in Glasgow the first 1500m in 4:00.56 in New York;
- running 4:17.88 seconds at the Millrose Games in USA - the third-fastest indoor mile behind Ethiopian great Genzebe Dibaba (4:13.31) and Romanian Doina Melinte (4:17.14) and nearly a second off Laura Muir's Birmingham time of 4:18.75 in February 2019;
- beating her training partner, Laura Muir, as she posted an 800m time of one minute 57.91; and
- winning double European under-23 gold in Sweden last year

Reekie is now potentially an Olympic medal contender with these outstanding performances. Jemma is regularly seen running through the streets of Beith and district on her daily training runs and has shown exception commitment and determination in her chosen sport.

North Ayrshire Council is very proud of Beith's Jemma Reekie, a fantastic athlete from North Ayrshire. The Council congratulates her on her recent record-breaking performances in middle-distance running at international level and wishes her well as she continues with her athletics career.”

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Appointment of Statutory Officers - Chief Finance Officer and Chief Planning Officer

Submit report by the Head of Democratic Services on the appointment of the Head of Service (Finance) as Chief Financial or Section 95 Officer, and the Senior Planning Services Manager as Chief Planning Officer, and to amend the Scheme of Delegation to Officers to reallocate functions previously delegated to the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) (copy enclosed).

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Review of the Standing Orders for Contracts

Submit report by the Chief Executive on a review of the standing Orders for Contracts (copy enclosed).

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Treasury Management and Investment Annual Report 2019/2020

Submit report by the Head of Finance on the Treasury Management and Investment Annual Report and Prudential Indicators for 2019/20 (copy enclosed).

11 North Ayrshire Charitable Trusts: Unaudited Trustees' Annual Report 2019/20

Submit report by the Head of Finance to present the unaudited Trustees' Annual Report for the year to 31 March 2020 to the Council, as trustees, for approval (copy enclosed).

12 Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland - Consultation on Review of North Ayrshire Ward Boundaries

Submit report by the Head of Democratic Services on the Council's response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland's consultation on the review of North Ayrshire ward boundaries (copy enclosed).

13 Best Value Assurance Report: North Ayrshire Council (2020)

Submit report by the Head of Democratic Services on the findings of the Best Value Review of North Ayrshire Council (copy enclosed).

14 Committee Timetable 2021

Submit report by the Chief Executive on a proposed committee timetable for 2021, for consideration by the Council (copy enclosed).

15 Questions

In terms of Standing Order 12, submit:

(1) a question by Councillor Burns to the Cabinet Member for Green New Deal and Sustainability in the following terms:

"What plans are in place to begin work on the next Local Development Plan?"

(2) a question by Councillor Barr to the Leader of the Council, in the following terms:-

"I believe that during the lockdown N.A.C purchased the Kings Hotel in Irvine to turn it into flats. If this is true does the leader think it is good value for the taxpayer."

(3) a question by Councillor Dickson to the Cabinet Member for New Deal and Sustainability in the following terms:-

"What actions have been undertaken by the council and the Safer North Ayrshire Partnership to improve matters for residents since my motion seeking limitations on fireworks presented at the full council meeting of 13 Nov 19?"

(4) a question by Councillor Murdoch to the Chair of the Planning Committee in the following terms:-

"Does the Chair of Planning agree with Marine Scotland's decision that the Oil Rig Decommissioning project site at Hunterston does require an Environmental Impact Assessment?"

(5) a question by Councillor Murdoch to the Leader of the Council in the following terms:-

"Can the Leader of the Council please give details of all of the land or property which has been purchased by North Ayrshire Council during 2020, particularly under delegated powers?"

(6) a question by Councillor Murdoch to the Leader of the Council in the following terms:-

"Can the Leader of the Council please give details of the £23.5 Million pounds expenditure on Covid-19. Where did the money come from and were all of the costs incurred under delegated powers?"

(7) a question by Councillor Murdoch to the Leader of the Council in the following terms:-

"Are the five North Ayrshire Council Elected Members on the Hunterston SSG there to represent North Ayrshire Council, their constituents or are they acting as individuals?"

(8) a question by Councillor Murdoch to the Cabinet Member for Post-Covid Renewal in the following terms:-

"Will North Ayrshire Council continue to support the Millport Town Hall project?"

(9) a question by Councillor Murdoch for the Cabinet Member for Post-Covid Renewal in the following terms:-

"At the Council meeting held on Wednesday 25th September 2019, I asked if anyone at North Ayrshire Council had enquired either verbally or in writing regarding the availability or procurement of between 70 & 100,000 tonnes of dredged sand from the sea bed at Hunterston and if so what was it to be used for? I asked a similar version of the question again at the Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th February 2020. Does the Member for the Economy still have the same view that no Officer or Councillor made an enquiry regarding the procurement of sand from the seabed at Hunterston?"

16 Motions

In terms of Standing Order 13, submit:

(1) a Motion proposed by Councillor Miller and seconded by Councillor Foster in the following terms:

"Council reiterates its opposition to the removal of the TV licence from over 75's; believes that the timing of its removal, coming during a global pandemic which has seen older people isolated because of 'shielding' guidance, is callous; and agrees that the Chief Executive should write again to the UK Government to express this Council's opposition to the removal."

(2) a Motion by Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor Cullinane, in the following terms:-

"Council notes the announcement that Hunterston B power station will cease operation two years earlier than previously announced; expresses concern that, despite having known for years that the operation would end, there remains no detailed and funded proposal for alternative employment at Hunterston; believes that Hunterston is a strategic site of national economic importance to Scotland and the UK that should be given such status within NPF4; that the site has all the attributes to contribute to the transition to a greener economy; that energy generation should be part of the planned future use of the site; and therefore calls for the creation of a ministerial taskforce to accelerate development at Hunterston through the Ayrshire Growth Deal."

17 Urgent Items

Any other items which the Chair considers to be urgent.

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Chair:

Apologies:

Attending: