

North Ayrshire Council
14 May 2025

At a Special Meeting of North Ayrshire Council at 4.00 p.m. involving a combination of participation by remote electronic means and physical attendance within the Council Chambers, Irvine.

Present (Physical Participation)

Nairn Angus-McDonald, John Bell, Marie Burns, Eleanor Collier, Joe Cullinane, Charles Currie, Anthea Dickson, Stewart Ferguson, Robert Foster, Tony Gurney, Mary Hume, Cameron Inglis, Margaret Johnson, Christina Larsen, Shaun Macaulay, Jean McClung, Louise McLaughlan, Ian Murdoch, Donald Reid, Chloé Robertson, Ronnie Stalker and John Sweeney.

Present (Remote Electronic Participation)

Alan Hill and Davina McTiernan.

In Attendance

C. Hatton, Chief Executive; C. Cameron, Director (Health and Social Care Partnership); D. Hammond, Executive Director (Communities and Housing); S. Anson, Executive Director (Education), R. McCutcheon, Executive Director (Place); M. Boyd, Head of Service (Finance); F. Walker, Head of Service (People and ICT); A. Craig, Head of Service (Democratic), R. Lynch, Senior Manager (Legal Services); M. McColm, Senior Manager (Communications), C. Stewart and S. Wilson, Committee Services Officers, and H. Young, Senior Committee Services Officer (Democratic) (Corporate Services).

Chair

Provost Dickson in the Chair.

Apologies

Scott Davidson, Todd Ferguson, Scott Gallacher, Tom Marshall, Matthew McLean, Jim Montgomerie and Angela Stephen

1. Provost's Remarks

The Provost welcomed those present to the meeting and dealt with preliminary matters, including intimation that the meeting, which was taking place on a hybrid basis, was being recorded.

2. Apologies

The Provost invited intimation of apologies for absence, which were recorded.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in terms of Standing Order 11 and Section 5 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

There were no declarations of the Party Whip.

4. Review of the Scheme of the Establishment of Community Councils

Submitted report by the Head of Service (Democratic) on a review of the current North Ayrshire Council Community Council Scheme of Establishment. The draft timetable for the review was set out at Appendix 1 and the current North Ayrshire Council Community Council Scheme of Establishment set out at Appendix 2 to the report.

Members asked questions, and received clarification, on the following:

- the Code of Conduct for Community Councils, its application and additional assistance to the Community Councils, as they require, in relation to conduct and remit;
- the relationship between Community Councils and Locality Partnerships;
- engagement with communities where there is currently no active community council;
- Community Councils to continue business as normal while the review is underway;
- Community Councils Elections postponed while the review is underway;
- participation in representing all areas of the community;
- the length of time Community Councillors can serve on a Community Council and the requirement for nomination for re-election; and
- The titles of Community Councils and a possible review to clarify their extent. As an example Girdle Toll Community Council includes surrounding areas of Perceton, Lawthorn and Montgomerie Park which may not be apparent from its name.

Councillor Hill, seconded by Councillor Burns, moved to proceed with a formal review of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils on the basis of the timetable set out at Appendix 1 to the report. There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

The meeting ended at 4:20 p.m.