

Minute

Statutory General Meeting of the Council

Monday, 16 May 2022, 10:30.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors Graham A Bevan, Stephen G Clackson, Alexander G Cowie, David Dawson, P Lindsay Hall, Steven B Heddle, Rachael A King, Kristopher D Leask, W Leslie Manson, James R Moar, Raymond S Peace, John A R Scott, Gwenda M Shearer, Gillian Skuse, Jean E Stevenson, James W Stockan, Ivan A Taylor, Mellissa-Louise Thomson, Owen Tierney, Duncan A Tullock and Heather N Woodbridge.

Clerk

- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Legal and Governance.

In Attendance

- John W Mundell, Interim Chief Executive.
- Stephen Brown, Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Social Care Partnership.
- Karen Greaves, Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions.
- Hayley Green, Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
- Gareth Waterson, Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration.
- James Wylie, Corporate Director for Education, Leisure and Housing.
- Andrew Groundwater, Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development.
- Hazel Flett, Senior Committees Officer.
- Angela Kingston, Committees Officer.

Observing

- Maureen Spence, Democratic Services Manager (for Items 4 to 19).
- Kirsty Groundwater, Communications Team Leader.

Declaration of Interest

- Councillor David Dawson – Item 10.

Chair

- John W Mundell, Interim Chief Executive – for Items 1 to 3.
- Councillor Graham A Bevan, Convener – for Items 4 to 19.

1. Welcome by Chief Executive

John W Mundell, Interim Chief Executive, took the Chair and welcomed all Members to the first meeting of Orkney Islands Council following the ordinary election of Councillors on 5 May 2022.

2. Notification of Members Elected

After consideration of a note of Members elected, copies of which had been circulated, the Council:

Noted the persons elected as Councillors for the six wards within the Orkney local government area following the ordinary election of Councillors on 5 May 2022, as detailed in the Appendix to this Minute.

3. Appointment of Convener

The Interim Chief Executive called for nominations for the post of Convener and the Council:

Resolved:

3.1. That Councillor Graham A Bevan be appointed Convener.

The Council noted:

3.2. That Councillor Duncan A Tullock wished his dissent, from the resolution at paragraph 3.1 above, to be recorded.

The Convener then took the Chair.

4. Procedure for Appointments

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions, copies of which had been circulated, the Council:

Noted:

4.1. That, in accordance with Standing Orders:

- The Convener, Depute Leader and Chairs of Committees shall hold office for two years and shall be eligible for re-election.
- The Leader shall hold office until the next Local Government Election.
- Unless the Council resolved otherwise, appointments to Committees shall be for two years, with the exception of the Licensing Committee, which shall be until the next Local Government Election.

4.2. That the Chief Executive had amended Standing Orders and the Scheme of Appointment of Members to Committees to reflect disestablishment of the Orkney Health and Care Committee agreed by the Council in December 2021.

4.3. That appointments to standing and other committees to be made at this meeting would last until the Special General Meeting of the Council scheduled for May 2024.

The Council resolved:

4.4. That members be appointed to standing and other committees in accordance with the Scheme of Appointment of Members to Committees.

5. Appointment of Leader

The Convener called for nominations for the post of Leader, and the Council:

Resolved that Councillor James W Stockan be appointed Leader.

6. Appointment of Depute Leader

The Convener called for nominations for the post of Depute Leader, and the Council:

Resolved that Councillor Heather N Woodbridge be appointed Depute Leader.

7. Appointment of Chairs

7.1. Development and Infrastructure Committee

The Convener called for nominations for the post of Chair of the Development and Infrastructure Committee, and the Council:

Resolved that Councillor David Dawson be appointed Chair of the Development and Infrastructure Committee.

7.2. Monitoring and Audit Committee

The Convener called for nominations for the post of Chair of the Monitoring and Audit Committee, and the Council:

Resolved that Councillor Alexander G Cowie be appointed Chair of the Monitoring and Audit Committee.

7.3. Planning Committee

The Convener called for nominations for the post of Chair of the Planning Committee, and, after a secret ballot, the result of which was as follows:

- Councillor John A R Scott – 10 votes.
- Councillor Owen Tierney – 11 votes.

The Council resolved that Councillor Owen Tierney be appointed Chair of the Planning Committee.

7.4. Education, Leisure and Housing Committee

The Convener called for nominations for the post of Chair of the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee, and the Council:

Resolved that Councillor Gwenda M Shearer be appointed Chair of the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.

8. Planning Committee – Appointment of Members

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions, copies of which had been circulated, the Council:

Noted:

8.1. That membership of the Planning Committee comprised two members from each of the six electoral wards.

8.2. The proposal that, in order to provide an element of separation between the roles of developer and decision-maker and avoid the situation whereby the two post holders may have to declare an interest and not participate in consideration of planning applications relating to those developments, the following members should not be eligible for appointment to the Planning Committee:

- Leader.
- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.

8.3. The guidance provided in section 5 of the report by the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions, whereby, as far as practicable given existing constitutional arrangements, restrictions and other appointments, the following members should not serve on the Planning Committee:

- Depute Leader.
- Vice Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.

8.4. The options for membership of the Planning Committee, as detailed in section 6 of the report by the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions, with the preferred option being Option 3, namely appoint one member from each electoral ward, with the remaining five spaces allocated through nominations made at this meeting.

8.5. Regardless of which option was adopted, the proposal that each of the six electoral wards be represented on the Planning Committee, with one member from each ward not being a member of the Committee.

8.6. That, in accordance with Standing Orders, appointments made at this meeting would last until the Special General Meeting of the Council scheduled for May 2024.

The Council resolved:

8.7. That the following members should not be eligible for membership of the Planning Committee:

- Leader.
- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.

8.8. That each of the six electoral wards be represented on the Planning Committee, with one member from each ward not being a member of the Committee.

8.9. That the undernoted members be appointed to the Planning Committee:

- Councillor Graham A Bevan.
- Councillor Alexander G Cowie.
- Councillor P Lindsay Hall.
- Councillor Kristopher D Leask.
- Councillor James R Moar.
- Councillor Raymond S Peace.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Jean E Stevenson.
- Councillor Ivan A Taylor.
- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.
- Councillor Duncan A Tullock.

9. Integration Joint Board

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions, copies of which had been circulated, the Council:

Noted:

9.1. That, in accordance with the Integration Scheme, the Council must appoint three voting members to the Integration Joint Board.

9.2. That, as stated in the Integration Scheme, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board rotated every two years in May, to enable the appointments of Chair and Vice Chair to rotate equally between the Local Authority and the Health Board.

9.3. That, in May 2021, the role of Chair reverted to NHS Orkney, with one of the Council's voting members assuming the role of Vice Chair.

9.4. That, in May 2023, the roles would rotate, with the Council taking on the role of Chair of the Integration Joint Board, and the Vice Chair being one of NHS Orkney's voting members.

9.5. That the Chair and Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board were appointed by the respective partners, namely by the Council and the Board of NHS Orkney.

9.6. That, in December 2021, when disestablishing the Orkney Health and Care Committee, the Council agreed that the Chair or Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board, whichever was the Council appointment, should, from a Council perspective, act as spokesperson on all health, social care and social work matters, including attendance at the Health and Social Care Board of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities.

9.7. That, as well as appointing three voting members, the Council had previously resolved to appoint three other members to act as proxies for the Council's voting members on the Integration Joint Board.

9.8. That, as all appointments to the Integration Joint Board were for a period of two years, appointments made at this meeting would be reviewed in May 2024.

After a secret ballot, the result of which was as follows:

- Councillor P Lindsay Hall – 9 votes.
- Councillor Rachael A King – 19 votes.
- Councillor Jean E Stevenson – 20 votes.
- Councillor Ivan A Taylor – 15 votes.

The Council resolved:

9.9. That the following members be appointed as the Council's three voting members to the Integration Joint Board:

- Councillor Rachael A King.
- Councillor Jean E Stevenson.
- Councillor Ivan A Taylor.

9.10. That Councillor Rachael A King be appointed as Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board.

9.11. That the following members be appointed to act as proxies for the Council's voting members on the Integration Joint Board:

- Councillor P Lindsay Hall.
- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.
- Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.

10. Education, Leisure and Housing Committee

Church and Teacher Representatives

Councillor David Dawson declared a non-financial interest in this item, being a professional member of a recognised denominational body, and was not present during discussion thereof.

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions, copies of which had been circulated, the Council:

Noted:

10.1. That, in accordance with Section 124 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Council must appoint three religious representatives to its education committee.

10.2. That, in accordance with Section 124(4)(a) of the 1973 Act, at least one of the three religious representatives must be a representative of the Church of Scotland, nominated in such a manner as may be determined by the General Assembly of the Church.

10.3. That the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland had subsequently nominated Reverend Fraser Macnaughton to serve on the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee for the period to May 2027.

10.4. That, following advertisement, two expressions of interest were received in respect of the remaining two church representatives, to be appointed in accordance with Section 124(4)(c) of the 1973 Act.

10.5. That, as a result of the nominations process undertaken by the Education Service, two nominations had been received in respect of teacher representatives to serve on the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee for the period May 2022 to May 2027.

On the motion of Councillor Owen Tierney, seconded by Councillor Gillian Skuse, the Council resolved:

10.6. That, in accordance with Section 124(4)(a) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Reverend Fraser Macnaughton be appointed to serve on the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee, for the period May 2022 to May 2027.

10.7. That, in accordance with Section 124(4)(c) of the 1973 Act, the following individuals be appointed as church representatives to serve on the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee, for the period May 2022 to May 2027:

- Reverend Susan Kirkbride, representing the United Reformed Church.
- Marie Locke, representing the Church of Scotland.

10.8. That the following teacher representatives be appointed to serve on the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee, for the period May 2022 to May 2027:

- Dr Mary Maley.
- Jo Hill.

11. Community Development Fund Sub-committee

Appointment of Members

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions, copies of which had been circulated, the Council:

Noted:

11.1. That membership of the Community Development Fund Sub-committee comprised the following:

- Convener.
- Leader.
- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.
- Vice Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.
- Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
- Vice Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
- Two other members.

11.2. That, in accordance with Standing Orders, appointments made at this meeting would last until the Special General Meeting of the Council scheduled for May 2024.

After a secret ballot, the result of which was as follows:

- Councillor Stephen G Clackson – 9 votes.
- Councillor Kristopher D Leask – 12 votes.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson – 15 votes.

The Council resolved:

11.3. That the following two additional members be appointed to the Community Development Sub-committee, noting that, if required, any further vacancies arising as a result of the appointment of Vice Chairs of the service committees would be addressed at the General Meeting of the Council to be held on 5 July 2022:

- Councillor Kristopher D Leask.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson.

12. Elected Members' Health and Safety Responsibilities

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions, copies of which had been circulated, the Council:

Noted:

12.1. That, in October 2003, the Council resolved to appoint an elected member with specific responsibility for health and safety, with the appointment lasting for the term of office as councillor.

The Council resolved:

12.2. That Councillor Ivan A Taylor be appointed as the member with specific responsibility for health and safety for the period to May 2027.

13. Cyber Resilience

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions, copies of which had been circulated, the Council:

Noted:

13.1. That, in late 2015, the Scottish Government produced a generic Cyber Resilience Strategy for Scotland, with the aim of increasing awareness and focus on protection.

13.2. That, in November 2017, the Public Sector Action Plan on Cyber Resilience for Scotland, developed jointly by the Scottish Government and the National Cyber Resilience Leaders' Board, was launched and represented a significant step towards establishing a wider culture of cyber resilience in Scotland.

13.3. That, in March 2018, the Council resolved to appoint a named elected member in relation to the Cyber Resilience Strategy and Action Plan, with the member being Councillor Steven B Heddle.

13.4. The proposal that the Council appoint an elected member with specific responsibility for cyber resilience and that the appointment be for the term of office as councillor, namely for the period May 2022 to May 2027.

The Council resolved:

13.5. That Councillor Steven B Heddle be appointed as the member with specific responsibility for cyber resilience for the period to May 2027.

14. Appointments and/or Nominations to Other Bodies

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions, copies of which had been circulated, the Council:

Noted:

14.1. Council policy on appointments and/or nominations to external bodies, as outlined in section 3 of the report by the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions.

14.2. That appointments and/or nominations to the various bodies listed in Appendices 1 to 4 to the report by the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions would, unless stated otherwise, last until the Special General Meeting of the Council scheduled for May 2024.

The Council resolved:

14.3. To make the appointments and/or nominations to the various bodies detailed in paragraphs 15 to 18 below.

15. Companies and Trusts

15.1. Kirkwall BID Limited

The Council noted:

15.1.1. That the member nominated as the Council-appointed Director of Kirkwall BID Limited was open to any member of the Council, with the term of appointment being for the term of office as councillor.

15.1.2. That Kirkwall BID was a time limited initiative and was due to consider a rebalot of members in 2023.

The Council resolved:

15.1.3. That Councillor John A R Scott be nominated as the Council-appointed Director of Kirkwall BID Limited for the period to May 2027.

15.2. Orkney Ferries Limited

15.2.1. Appointment of Directors

After a secret ballot to nominate two members to the Board of Orkney Ferries Limited with no geographical restriction, the result of which was as follows:

- Councillor Stephen G Clackson – 8 votes.
- Councillor James R Moar – 8 votes.
- Councillor Ivan A Taylor – 11 votes.
- Councillor Heather N Woodbridge – 12 votes.

The Council resolved that the following members be nominated as Directors of Orkney Ferries Limited for the period to May 2027:

- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson – representing the North Isles.
- Councillor P Lindsay Hall – representing the South Isles.
- Councillor Raymond S Peace – representing the Mainland.
- Councillor Ivan A Taylor.
- Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.

15.2.2. Appointment of Chair

The Council noted:

15.2.2.1. That the powers of the Directors of Orkney Ferries Limited were contained in the Articles of Association of Orkney Ferries Limited and, as these were silent on the appointment of a Chair of the Board, it was therefore competent and appropriate for the Council, as the sole shareholder in Orkney Ferries Limited, to nominate a Chair of the Board.

After a secret ballot to nominate one of the five Council-nominated Directors as Chair, the result of which was as follows:

- Councillor P Lindsay Hall – 5 votes.
- Councillor Ivan A Taylor – 2 votes.
- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson – 10 votes.
- Councillor Heather N Woodbridge – 4 votes.

As no candidate had an absolute majority, Councillor Ivan A Taylor, having the least number of votes, was eliminated from the ballot. After a further secret ballot, the result of which was as follows:

- Councillor P Lindsay Hall – 7 votes.
- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson – 11 votes.
- Councillor Heather N Woodbridge – 3 votes.

The Council resolved:

15.2.2.2. That Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson be nominated as the Chair of the Board of Orkney Ferries Limited.

15.3. Orkney Towage Company Limited

The Council noted that, as Orkney Towage Company Limited was dissolved on 26 April 2022, appointment of Directors to the company was no longer required.

15.4. Orkney Islands Council General Charitable Trust

The Council resolved that the undernoted members and officers be nominated as trustees of the Orkney Islands Council General Charitable Trust for the period to May 2027:

- Convener.
- Leader.
- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.
- Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
- Chief Executive.
- Head of Finance.

15.5. Pickaquoy Centre Trust

The Council noted:

15.5.1. That the Trust deed, updated in February 2022, stated that the Trustees of the Pickaquoy Centre Trust shall comprise five elected members of Orkney Islands Council, nominated by the Council, and eight members of the public.

15.5.2. That, of the five elected members:

- One shall be a representative of the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee or such other committee operated by the Council for the purposes of having responsibility for leisure services, or such other similar purpose.
- One shall be a representative of the Monitoring and Audit Committee or such other committee operated by the Council for the purpose of having responsibility for oversight, auditing and monitoring or such other similar purpose.

15.5.3. That members of the Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board were ineligible for nomination as Trustees of the Pickaquoy Centre Trust.

15.5.4. That, should the Pickaquoy Centre Trust approve the nomination of Trustees from the Council, the term of appointment was for the term of office as councillor.

The Council resolved:

15.5.5. That the following members be nominated as Trustees of the Pickaquoy Centre Trust for the period to May 2027:

- Councillor Graham A Bevan.
- Councillor Raymond S Peace.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Gillian Skuse.
- Councillor Ivan A Taylor.

16. Local Government, European and Multi-Agency Bodies

16.1. Islands Deal Joint Committee

The Council noted:

16.1.1. That, on 5 October 2021, the Council resolved to establish a Joint Committee, in terms of Section 57 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, between Orkney Islands Council, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar and Shetland Islands Council for the purpose of managing implementation of the Growth Deal for the Islands.

The Council resolved:

16.1.2. That the following members be appointed to represent the Council on the Islands Deal Joint Committee for the period to May 2027:

- Leader.
- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.

16.2. Orkney and Shetland Valuation Joint Board

The Council resolved:

16.2.1. That the following members be appointed to the Orkney and Shetland Valuation Joint Board for the period to May 2027:

- Councillor Stephen G Clackson.
- Councillor P Lindsay Hall.
- Councillor Kristopher D Leask.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Jean E Stevenson.

16.2.2. That the following members be appointed as substitutes to the Orkney and Shetland Valuation Joint Board for the period to May 2027:

- Councillor James R Moar.
- Councillor Gillian Skuse.

16.3. Board of NHS Orkney

The Council resolved that Councillor Steven B Heddle be nominated to serve on the Board of NHS Orkney, for approval by the relevant Scottish Minister, for the period to May 2027.

16.4. Children's Hearings Scotland – Area Support Team

The Council resolved:

16.4.1. That, as there was no legal requirement for elected member representation, no appointment of Elected Members be made to the Area Support Team.

16.4.2. That the Area Support Team be made aware of the position outlined above and be requested to advise whether they would accept officer representation instead.

16.5. Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions

The Council noted that, as the Council was no longer a member of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions, no appointment was required.

16.6. Convention of Highlands and Islands

The Council resolved that the Convener and the Leader be appointed to the Convention of the Highlands and Islands for the period to May 2027.

16.7. Economic Recovery Steering Group

The Council noted:

16.7.1. That, in June 2020, the Orkney Partnership Board established a short life working group, entitled the Economic Recovery Steering Group, with a remit to develop a strategy for Orkney's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

16.7.2. That membership of the Economic Recovery Steering Group comprised the following:

- Five Elected Members of the Council.
- Nine representatives from Orkney's business sector.
- Senior officers from the Council and Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

16.7.3. That, as the Economic Recovery Steering Group was established as a short life working group, appointments would last for the term of the group.

16.7.4. That, if required, membership would be reviewed at the Special General Meeting of the Council to be held in May 2024.

The Council resolved:

16.7.5. That the following members be appointed to the Economic Recovery Steering Group for the period to May 2024:

- Councillor Rachael A King.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Gillian Skuse.
- Councillor James W Stockan.
- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.
- Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.

16.8. Fostering, Adoption and Permanence Panel

The Council resolved that the following members be appointed to the Fostering, Adoption and Permanence Panel for the period to May 2027:

- Councillor P Lindsay Hall.
- Councillor Jean E Stevenson.

16.9. Orkney Alcohol and Drugs Partnership

After a secret ballot, the result of which was as follows:

- Councillor Alexander G Cowie – 8 votes.
- Councillor Jean E Stevenson – 13 votes.

The Council resolved that Councillor Jean E Stevenson be appointed to the Orkney Alcohol and Drugs Partnership for the period to May 2024.

16.10. Orkney Community Justice Partnership

The Council resolved:

16.10.1. That Councillor P Lindsay Hall be appointed to the Orkney Community Justice Partnership for the period to May 2024.

16.10.2. That Councillor Alexander G Cowie be appointed as the substitute member to the Orkney Community Justice Partnership for the period to May 2024.

16.11. Orkney Memorial Fund

The Council resolved that the following members be appointed to administer the Orkney Memorial Fund for the period to May 2027:

- Convener.
- Leader.
- Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
- Vice Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.

16.12. Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances

The Council resolved:

16.12.1. To continue with an elected member appointment to the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances, with the term of appointment being for a period of two years.

16.12.2. That Councillor Stephen G Clackson be appointed to the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances for the period to May 2024.

17. Convention of Scottish Local Authorities

17.1. Leaders' Meeting

The Council noted that the Leader would attend the Leaders' Meetings of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities.

17.2. Convention

The Council resolved that the following members be appointed to the Convention for the period to May 2027:

- Leader.
- Depute Leader.
- Councillor Steven B Heddle.

17.3. Boards

The Council resolved that the following appointments be made to the various Boards of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities for the period to May 2027:

- Children and Young People – Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
- Health and Social Care – Chair or Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board, whichever was the Council appointment.
- Environment and Economy – Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.
- Community Wellbeing – Chair, Police and Fire Sub-committee.

18. Miscellaneous

18.1. Council of Society of Friends of St Magnus Cathedral

The Council resolved that the undernoted members be appointed to the Council of Society of Friends of St Magnus Cathedral for the period to May 2027:

- Councillor Steven B Heddle.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson.
- Councillor Raymond S Peace.
- Councillor John A R Scott.

18.2. Dounreay Stakeholder Group

The Council resolved:

18.2.1. To continue with an elected member appointment to the Dounreay Stakeholder Group, with the term of appointment being for a period of two years.

18.2.2. That Councillor Stephen G Clackson be appointed to the Dounreay Stakeholder Group for the period to May 2024.

18.2.3. That Councillor Kristopher D Leask be appointed as the substitute member to the Dounreay Stakeholder Group for the period to May 2024.

18.3. Highland Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association

The Council resolved:

18.3.1. To continue with an elected member appointment to the Highland Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association, with the term of appointment being for the term of appointment as councillor.

18.3.2. That Councillor David Dawson be appointed to represent the Council on the Highland Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association for the period to May 2027.

18.4. Orkney Local Access Forum

The Council resolved:

18.4.1. That the Council's representative on the Local Access Forum should continue to be a member not on the Development and Infrastructure Committee.

18.4.2. To defer appointment of the Council's representative on the Local Access Forum until the General Meeting of the Council scheduled for 5 July 2022, when membership of the Committees would be known.

18.5. Orkney Natural History Society Museum Trust

The Council noted:

18.5.1. That, although consideration of making an appointment to the Orkney Natural History Society Museum Trust was deferred in May 2019, it had since been ascertained that the Council had not been represented on the Trust for a period in excess of 10 years.

18.5.2. That, as the Orkney Natural History Society Museum Trust was one of the key organisations which received core funding from the Council's Culture Fund, it would be inappropriate for a member to be appointed as a Trustee, given that none of the other key organisations had an appointed Council representative on their respective management committees.

The Council resolved:

18.5.3. That no appointment be made to the Orkney Natural History Society Museum Trust.

18.6. St Margaret's Hope Pier Trust

The Council noted:

18.6.1. The requirement to appoint members as Trustees of the St Margaret's Hope Pier Trust.

The Council resolved:

18.6.2. That the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions should submit a further report to the Council, clarifying the Council's obligations regarding appointing trustees to the St Margaret's Hope Pier Trust.

19. Appointments to Committees

With reference to paragraph 4.4 above, the Council noted that membership of Committees for the period May 2022 to May 2024 would be as follows:

19.1. Policy and Resources Committee

- Councillor Graham A Bevan.
- Councillor Stephen G Clackson.
- Councillor Alexander G Cowie.
- Councillor David Dawson.
- Councillor P Lindsay Hall.
- Councillor Steven B Heddle.
- Councillor Rachael A King.
- Councillor Kristopher D Leask.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson.
- Councillor James R Moar.
- Councillor Raymond S Peace.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.
- Councillor Gillian Skuse.
- Councillor Jean E Stevenson.
- Councillor James W Stockan.
- Councillor Ivan A Taylor.
- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.
- Councillor Owen Tierney.
- Councillor Duncan A Tullock.
- Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.

19.2. Development and Infrastructure Committee

- Councillor Graham A Bevan.
- Councillor David Dawson.
- Councillor P Lindsay Hall.

- Councillor Kristopher D Leask.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson.
- Councillor Raymond S Peace.
- Councillor Gillian Skuse.
- Councillor James W Stockan.
- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.
- Councillor Owen Tierney.
- Councillor Duncan A Tullock.
- Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.

19.3. Education, Leisure and Housing Committee

- Councillor Graham A Bevan.
- Councillor Stephen G Clackson.
- Councillor Alexander G Cowie.
- Councillor Steven B Heddle.
- Councillor Rachael A King.
- Councillor James R Moar.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.
- Councillor Jean E Stevenson.
- Councillor James W Stockan.
- Councillor Ivan A Taylor.
- Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.

19.4. Planning Committee

- Councillor Graham A Bevan.
- Councillor Alexander G Cowie.
- Councillor P Lindsay Hall.
- Councillor Kristopher D Leask.
- Councillor James R Moar.
- Councillor Raymond S Peace.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Jean E Stevenson.
- Councillor Ivan A Taylor.
- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.
- Councillor Owen Tierney.
- Councillor Duncan A Tullock.

19.5. Monitoring and Audit Committee

- Councillor Stephen G Clackson.
- Councillor Alexander G Cowie.
- Councillor P Lindsay Hall.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Gillian Skuse.
- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.

19.6. Licensing Committee and Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board

- Councillor David Dawson.
- Councillor Steven B Heddle.
- Councillor Rachael A King.
- Councillor Kristopher D Leask.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson.
- Councillor James R Moar.
- Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.
- Councillor Duncan A Tullock.

20. Conclusion of Meeting

At 13:17 the Convener declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Graham A Bevan.