

BAIRD TRUST REORGANISATION BILL COMMITTEE

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1st Meeting 2005, Session 2

OLDEST COMMITTEE MEMBER

*Trish Godman (West Renfrewshire) (Lab)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Mr Andrew Arbuckle (Mid Scotland and Fife) (LD)

*Scott Barrie (Dunfermline West) (Lab)

*Mr David Davidson (North East Scotland) (Con)

*Mr Kenny MacAskill (Lothians) (SNP)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

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LOCATION

Committee Room 3

Scottish Parliament

Baird Trust Reorganisation Bill Committee

Tuesday 26 April 2005

[THE OLDEST COMMITTEE MEMBER *opened the meeting at 15:16*]

Interests

Trish Godman (Oldest Committee Member): Good afternoon and welcome to the first meeting of the Baird Trust Reorganisation Bill Committee. I am distinguished by being the committee's oldest member—possibly the oldest member in the world—so I will chair the meeting until we choose a convener.

The first agenda item is declaration of interests. The declaration is a statutory requirement, so I advise committee members to err on the side of caution and declare any interest that would prejudice or appear to prejudice their ability to participate in a disinterested manner in the committee's proceedings. I ask members to indicate if they have anything to declare.

As we have no declarations, we will proceed to the next agenda item.

Convener

15:17

Trish Godman: By a Parliamentary Bureau motion, the Parliament agreed that the convener of the committee should be chosen from the Scottish Liberal Democrats. Under agenda item 2, I invite nominations for convener.

Mr Kenny MacAskill (Lothians) (SNP): I nominate Andrew Arbuckle.

Mr David Davidson (North East Scotland) (Con): I second the nomination.

Trish Godman: There is no need to second the nomination, but thank you anyway, David.

Mr Andrew Arbuckle was chosen as convener.

The Convener (Mr Andrew Arbuckle): Thank you very much. I do not believe that Trish Godman is the oldest committee member. If she is, I am running her a pretty close second.

Deputy Convener

15:18

The Convener: Under a Parliamentary Bureau motion, the deputy convener of the committee will be a member of the Labour Party. Under agenda item 3, I invite nominations for deputy convener.

Trish Godman (West Renfrewshire) (Lab): I nominate Scott Barrie.

The Convener: Does the committee agree to choose Scott Barrie as deputy convener?

Members indicated agreement.

Scott Barrie was chosen as deputy convener.

Item in Private

15:19

The Convener: Agenda item 4 is consideration of whether to take item 5 in private. The reason for taking that item in private is that we will discuss potential witnesses. Once we have decided which witnesses to call, the information will be made public.

Do we agree to take item 5 in private?

Members indicated agreement.

15:19

Meeting continued in private until 15:23.

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