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1st Meeting 2013, Session 4

CONVENER

*Fiona McLeod (Strathkelvin and Bearsden) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Jayne Baxter (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Lab)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*James Dornan (Glasgow Cathcart) (SNP)

*Jamie McGrigor (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Joanna Hardy

LOCATION

Committee Room 6

Scottish Parliament

Convener

National Trust for Scotland (Governance etc.) Bill Committee

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[Jamie McGrigor *opened the meeting at 10:30*]

Interests

Jamie McGrigor (Highlands and Islands) (Con): Welcome to the first meeting of the National Trust for Scotland (Governance etc) Bill Committee. I am in the chair because I am the oldest member of the committee.

I remind all those present, including myself, that mobile phones and BlackBerrys should be turned off completely as they interfere with the sound system even when they are switched to silent.

No apologies have been received.

Item 1 is the declaration of interests and of impartiality. I will start. I refer members to my entry in the register of members' interests and declare that there is nothing in it that is relevant to the committee's remit. I also declare that I will act impartially and that I will make decisions based solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee.

Jayne Baxter (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Lab): I do not have any interests to declare. There is nothing in my entry in the register of interests that would cause me any difficulty in participating in the committee. I will act impartially and will base my decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee.

Fiona McLeod (Strathkelvin and Bearsden) (SNP): I have no registrable interests that are relevant to my work in the committee. I declare that I will act impartially and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee.

James Dornan (Glasgow Cathcart) (SNP): I have no registrable interests that are relevant to the committee's work. I declare that I will act impartially and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee.

Jamie McGrigor: Thank you.

10:32

Jamie McGrigor: Item 2 is to choose a convener. Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish National Party are eligible for nomination as convener of the committee. I am pleased to announce that Fiona McLeod is the SNP's nominee for the post. Do we agree to choose her as our convener?

Members indicated agreement.

Jamie McGrigor: No seconder is required. I congratulate Fiona McLeod on her appointment and hand over the chair to her for the remainder of proceedings.

The Convener (Fiona McLeod): Thank you, Jamie. I thank the committee for accepting me as convener.

Deputy Convener

10:33

The Convener: Item 3 is to choose a deputy convener. Parliament has agreed that only members of the Labour Party are eligible for nomination as deputy convener of the committee. I understand that Jayne Baxter is the Labour Party's nominee for the post. Do we agree to choose her as our deputy convener?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: I congratulate Jayne on her appointment. I look forward to working with her and the other committee members.

Decision on Taking Business in Private

10:34

The Convener: Are members content to take in private item 6, which is on the committee's approach to scrutiny of the bill at the preliminary stage?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: Thank you.

Witness Expenses

10:34

The Convener: Do members agree to delegate to me, as convener, responsibility for arranging payment by the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body of any expenses that are incurred by witnesses?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: We previously decided to take item 6 in private, so I ask members of the public to leave us now.

10:35

Meeting continued in private until 10:47.

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