

**MINUTES of MEETING of SPECIAL ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL held by SKYPE  
on TUESDAY, 31 MARCH 2020**

**Present:** Councillor Roderick McCuish (Chair)

Councillor Jim Anderson	Councillor Gary Mulvaney
Councillor John Armour	Councillor Iain Paterson
Councillor Gordon Blair	Councillor Alastair Redman
Councillor Rory Colville	Councillor Alan Reid
Councillor Robin Currie	Councillor Elaine Robertson
Councillor Lorna Douglas	Councillor Richard Trail
Councillor Jim Findlay	Councillor Sandy Taylor
Councillor Bobby Good	Councillor Douglas Philand
Councillor Kieron Green	Councillor Andrew Vennard
Councillor David Kinniburgh	Councillor Jean Moffat
Councillor Julie McKenzie	Councillor Jim Lynch
Councillor Aileen Morton	

**Attending:** Pippa Milne, Chief Executive  
Douglas Hendry, Executive Director  
Kirsty Flanagan, Interim Executive Director  
David Logan, Head of Legal and Regulatory Support  
Laurence Slavin, Interim Head of Financial Services  
Jane Fowler, Head of Customer and Support Services

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were intimated from Councillors Devon, Forrest, Hardie, Kelly, MacMillan, McGrigor, McNeilly, Morgan, E Morton and Provost Scoullar.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

Members were asked to suspend standing orders with particular regard to Standing Order 2.3 to dispense with the requirement for notice 7 days before a meeting of the Council; Standing Order 5.4 - the Member who is presiding at the meeting must do so from the specified location for the meeting and cannot join by video conferencing and Standing Order 7.1 - Every meeting of the Council, its Committees, Sub-Committees and Short Life Working Groups will be open to the public, except in specified special circumstances.

The requisite two thirds of Members present agreed to suspend Standing Orders 2.3, 5.4 and 7.1 to enable discussion of the report on Coronavirus COVID-19.

**3. CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) - COUNCIL DECISION MAKING POWERS**

The Council considered a report which highlighted the need for the Council to take steps to reduce risks for its Members, staff and citizens arising from Coronavirus (COVID-19, to ensure that the Council was able to continue to exercise its essential functions. The report further set out a process which will deliver business continuity during this extraordinary period.

## **Decision**

The Council:-

1. Noted the existing emergency powers available to the Chief Executive, and agreed the widening of the associated consultation provisions specified at paragraph 4.1.1 of the report.
2. Agreed the temporary arrangements for conducting Council business set out in section 4.2 of the report and
3. Noted the position regarding public access to meeting as per paragraph 4.2.7 of the report.

(Ref: Report by Chief Executive dated 25 March 2020, submitted)