

**MINUTES of SPECIAL MEETING of ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL held ON A HYBRID BASIS IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD AND BY MICROSOFT TEAMS
on THURSDAY, 4 APRIL 2024**

Present: Councillor Maurice Corry (Chair for items 1 to 3) and
Councillor Dougie Philand (Chair for items 4 and 5)

Councillor John Armour	Councillor Reeni Kennedy-Boyle
Councillor Gordon Blair	Councillor Jim Lynch
Councillor Jan Brown	Councillor Luna Martin
Councillor Math Campbell-Sturgess	Councillor Tommy MacPherson
Councillor Garret Corner	Councillor Ian MacQuire
Councillor Robin Currie	Councillor Liz McCabe
Councillor Audrey Forrest	Councillor Dougie McFadzean
Councillor Kieron Green	Councillor Julie McKenzie
Councillor Amanda Hampsey	Councillor Yvonne McNeilly
Councillor Daniel Hampsey	Councillor Ross Moreland
Councillor Graham Hardie	Councillor Gary Mulvaney
Councillor Fiona Howard	Councillor Iain Paterson
Councillor Willie Hume	Councillor Gemma Penfold
Councillor Mark Irvine	Councillor Alastair Redman
Councillor Andrew Kain	Councillor William Sinclair
Councillor Jennifer Kelly	Councillor Andrew Vennard
Councillor Paul Donald Kennedy	Councillor Peter Wallace

Attending: Pippa Milne, Chief Executive
Douglas Hendry, Executive Director
Kirsty Flanagan, Executive Director
David Logan, Head of Legal and Regulatory Support
Shona Barton, Governance Manager

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence intimated.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

Councillor Luna Martin joined the meeting during the consideration of the following item of Business.

3. ELECT PROVOST OF THE COUNCIL

The Provost invited nominations for the position of Provost of the Council.

Motion

To nominate Councillor Dougie Philand to the position of Provost of the Council.

Moved by Councillor Jim Lynch, seconded by Councillor Audrey Forrest.

Amendment

The Council agrees that Councillor Maurice Corry remains as Provost of Argyll and Bute.

Moved by Councillor Robin Currie, seconded by Councillor Gary Mulvaney.

As the meeting was being held on a hybrid basis, the vote required to be taken by calling the roll and Members voted as follows -

Motion

Councillor John Armour
Councillor Gordon Blair
Councillor Jan Brown
Councillor Math Campbell-Sturgess
Councillor Audrey Forrest
Councillor Fiona Howard
Councillor Willie Hume
Councillor Mark Irvine
Councillor Jennifer Kelly
Councillor Reeni Kennedy-Boyle
Councillor Jim Lynch
Councillor Luna Martin
Councillor Tommy MacPherson
Councillor Ian James McQuire
Councillor Dougie McFadzean
Councillor Julie McKenzie
Councillor Iain Shonny Paterson
Councillor Dougie Philand

Amendment

Councillor Garret Corner
Councillor Maurice Corry
Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor Kieron Green
Councillor Amanda Hampsey
Councillor Daniel Hampsey
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Councillor Ross Moreland
Councillor Gary Mulvaney
Councillor Gemma Penfold
Councillor Alastair Redman
Councillor William Sinclair
Councillor Andrew Vennard
Councillor Peter Wallace

The roll call vote returned an equality of votes with 18 votes for the Motion and 18 votes for the Amendment.

Decision

The Head of Legal and Regulatory Support advised that, in terms of Standing Order 11.4, as this was an appointment to a political position the decision would require to be determined by Lot.

Councillor Dougie Philand, on cutting the cards, showed the highest card and was duly elected as Provost of the Council.

Councillor Dougie Philand assumed the Chair as Provost of the Council.

The Provost recorded his thanks to Councillor Maurice Corry for his contribution over the previous 2 years as Provost of the Council.

Councillor Maurice Corry recorded his congratulations to Councillor Dougie Philand in his election as Provost of the Council.

4. ELECT THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Provost invited nominations for the position of Leader of the Council.

Motion

To nominate Councillor Jim Lynch to the position of Leader of the Council.

Moved by Councillor Audrey Forrest, seconded by Councillor John Armour.

Amendment

The Council agrees that Councillor Robin Currie remains as Council Leader.

Moved by Councillor Gary Mulvaney, seconded by Councillor Yvonne McNeilly.

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Amendment

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Decision

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Councillor Jim Lynch, on cutting the cards, showed the highest card and was duly elected as Leader of the Council.

Councillor Lynch paid tribute to Councillor Currie for his work as Leader of the Council.

The Provost ruled, and the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting for 5 minutes at this point.

The meeting reconvened at 11.50am with all those present as per the sederunt.

5. POLITICAL MANAGEMENT APPOINTMENTS

The Council gave consideration to the proposal that, other than the Provost and Leader positions elected at this meeting, all Political management appointments, including Depute Provost and Depute Leader will become vacant and removal of existing appointees will be with immediate effect with replacements to be agreed at the Full Council meeting of 25th April 2024.

Decision

The Council agreed that, other than the Provost and Leader positions elected at this meeting, all Political management appointments including Depute Provost and Depute Leader would become vacant and removal of existing appointees would be with immediate effect with replacements to be agreed at the Full Council meeting of 25th April 2024.