

SCOTTISH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of meeting held at the
Carnegie Conference Centre, Dunfermline
Saturday 12 March 2016

PRE SCOTTISH COUNCIL

19/16 ATTENDANCE

SCEC

Jim Lawson, Convener	Liz Lawie
Alison Mitchell, Vice Convener	Andy Malby
Alistair Cant, Hon Treasurer	Vic Royce
John Andrews	David Thomson
Jane Catto	

Staff

Benedict Southworth, Ramblers Chief Executive
Des Garrahan, Chair of Board of Trustees
Jess Dolan, Director Scotland
Faye Henderson, Areas and Governance Administrator

20/16 APOLOGIES

No apologies

21/16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Des Garrahan, as chair, declared an interest as a member of staff at the RSPB, and as an ex-member of staff of the Ramblers who has a deferred pension arising from his participation in the Ramblers pension scheme.

Liz Lawie declared an interest in the motion from North Strathclyde Area.

22/16 ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCOTTISH COUNCIL

SCEC ran through the agenda for Scottish Council. The following points were highlighted:

1. Discussion regarding co-option if there are spaces to be filled on SCEC by the end of Scottish Council
2. Noted that after apologies the Convener will mention Dick Balharry and Margaret Giles who died last year.
3. There was a coin toss to decide who would speak first in the elections for Convener and Vice-Convener (if necessary).
4. Faye Henderson noted that she would be keeping time throughout Scottish Council.
5. Agreed that Alistair Cant would clarify the numbering of SCEC candidates if an election is required.
6. Jim to clarify with Scottish Council attendees that Janine Chamberlain's workshop (workshop 3) would run right through from 1.45pm-3.15pm.

7. It was agreed after the formal business Alison Mitchell would announce Dave Morris's nomination to Vice President and the Scottish Youth Hostel Association's 85th Anniversary this year.

23/16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jess Dolan noted that we must depart the Carnegie Conference Centre by 5.30pm.

It was noted that dates for Scottish Council 2017 are likely to be the same (11th/12th March) however this is still to be confirmed.

Benedict Southworth noted his apologies that he could not attend the post Scottish Council meeting due to travel arrangements. Benedict also thanked SCEC members who would no longer continue to serve as committee members after today.

There was nothing to report regarding appointing a new President now that Andy Murray has completed his three year term.

Close of meeting.

POST SCOTTISH COUNCIL

24/16 ATTENDANCE

SCEC

Alison Mitchell – Convener
Andy Malby – Vice Convener
Alistair Cant – Hon Treasurer
John Andrews

Liz Lawie
Vic Royce
Siggi Skulason
Catherine Watt

Staff

Des Garrahan, Chair of Board of Trustees
Jess Dolan, Director Scotland
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25/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Benedict Southworth, Ramblers Chief Executive

26/16 WELCOME TO NEW COMMITTEE

Alison Mitchell, Convener, welcomes new committee members Siggi Skulason and Catherine Watt. It was agreed that the sub search committee would send new members a pro forma to identify their skill set and they will be added to the SCEC wiki

AP1 – Faye Henderson to add new committee members to the SCEC wiki and send out pro forma to new and existing members of SCEC

Jess Dolan noted that there will be an induction for new SCEC members and a separate induction for the new Convener and Vice-Convener to establish their relationship to the Board of Trustees. – Action for Jess Dolan and Des Garrahan.

27/16 SIGNATORIES TO BANK ACCOUNTS

Alistair Cant noted there are 4 signatories on the two bank accounts – Alison Mitchell, Andy Malby, Alistair Cant and Jess Dolan.

28/16 GRATUITY

Not required this year and therefore no further action required.

29/16 OTHER BUSINESS

SCEC was in agreement that previous Convener, Jim Lawson, should attend the Renfrewshire and Bute AGM taking place on the 24th April.

30/16 CO-OPTION

There was a vote to co-opt Catriona Webster onto SCEC to fill a vacant place on the committee and therefore shall be appointed in full. Vic Royce voted no to this co-option. Everyone else voted yes therefore Catriona was co-opted onto SCEC.

Dorothy Stewart and Mike Morris have all expressed an interest in being co-opted onto SCEC at some point in the future. The search sub-committee will send pro forma to Dorothy and Mike to fill in skills and present them at the next SCEC meeting

31/16 WORKSHOP 3 (IMPROVING SCEC AND SCOTTISH COUNCIL)

John Andrews gave a brief overview on the workshop to improve SCEC and Scottish Council. Agreed from all groups in workshop that governance is a continuing topic and required more flexibility. Des Garrahan asked for a summary of the results from the workshop to take to the next board meeting.

AP2 – For Alison, John, Andy and Alistair to compile report from workshop

32/16 SCOTTISH COUNCIL 2017

All agreed that Scottish Council 2017 will provisionally take place on 10th-12th March 2017

33/16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

AP3 – Faye Henderson to get contact details from new SCEC members

AP4 - Des Garrahan to look into future Board of Trustees dates and communicate to the Convener

AP5 – Agreed next SCEC meeting to take place 20th April, 4.30pm-8.30pm in the Perth LINK Office if available. Siggie Skulason, Catriona Webster and Catherine Watt to attend induction on the 20th April.

AP6 – Faye Henderson to collate availability of SCEC members for the rest of the year

AP7 – Alison Mitchell to send thank you letters to David Thomson, Jane Catto and Jim Lawson.