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**SCOTTISH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of meetings held on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2013**  
**at Holiday Inn, West Nile Street, Glasgow**

**Pre Scottish Council 0900 – 0945**  
**Post Scottish Council 1630 – 1700**

**PRE SCOTTISH COUNCIL**

**16/13 ATTENDANCE**

David Thomson – Convener  
Jim Lawson – Vice Convener  
Alistair Cant – Hon Treasurer  
John Andrews

Ben Douglas  
Elizabeth Lawie  
Alison Mitchell

**Staff**

Dave Morris – Director Scotland  
Kareen Robertson – Communications & Finance Officer  
Benedict Southworth – Ramblers Chief Executive

**17/13 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from President Dick Balharry, Ramblers Chair Jonathan Kipling and SCEC members Anne MacDonald and Brian MacGillivray.

**18/13 ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCOTTISH COUNCIL**

SCEC approved the arrangements for Scottish Council. The following points were highlighted:

**Motions and Amendments 2013**

- a) SCEC agreed to oppose both the amendments to motions as outlined in the updated Order Paper 07A and also agreed that Alistair Cant would speak personally on this.
- b) In view of the expected discussion on the proposed GC motion and the two proposed amendments to motions, it was agreed that the Agenda Committee should be asked if the debate on motions be extended by 15 minutes.

**Appointment of person to receive SCEC/Agenda Committee nominations**

Catherine Watt, observer for Glasgow Group is the person appointed to receive SCEC and Agenda Committee nomination papers at SC.

**Appointment of Tellers/Scrutineers**

Morag McIntyre and Margaret McGhee both observers from Glasgow Group will act as Tellers for the Motions.

**Election of Officers**

An election will not be required for Officers' posts as only one nomination has been received for each available post.

## POST SCOTTISH COUNCIL

### 19/13 ATTENDANCE

David Thomson – Convener  
Jim Lawson – Vice Convener  
Alistair Cant – Hon Treasurer  
John Andrews

Ben Douglas  
Elizabeth Lawie  
Alison Mitchell

#### **Staff**

Dave Morris – Director Scotland  
Kareen Robertson – Communications & Finance Officer  
Benedict Southworth – Ramblers Chief Executive

### 20/13 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Jonathan Kipling (Ramblers Chair).

### 23/12 WELCOME TO NEW COMMITTEE

DT welcomed everyone to the new Scottish Council Executive Committee for the year 2012-13.

### 24/12 MATTERS ARISING FROM SCOTTISH COUNCIL

- (a) Co-opted members. SCEC noted that four members had shown an interest in being co-opted onto SCEC. In the first instance it was agreed that we should request a brief CV outlining their skills and experience and this would be discussed at the next SCEC meeting.
- (b) Motion to GC. SCEC considered the motion submitted to GC by SCEC in the light of the discussion at SC. It was agreed that the Director would draft an amendment that made it clear that the Secretary of State for Defence would need to be consulted over the future of Cape Wrath if the Scottish Government proposed further action to secure public access to the area.
- (c) SCEC Correspondence SCEC noted that Anne MacDonald and Brian MacGillivray had not put themselves forward for this year's committee and agreed that a letter should be sent on behalf of the current SCEC thanking them for their work to the committee. A letter is also to be sent to Dick Balharry thanking him for his valuable contribution as President over the last 4 years.
- (d) Cheque signatory changes This will remain the same.
- (e) SCEC Meeting Dates. Dates for the next SCEC meeting were agreed as follows:  
Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2013. Benedict Southworth asked if the Board of Trustees could be formally notified of the new SCEC and AC members.
- (f) Date of Scottish Council 2014 It was agreed that this should be set as soon as possible, possibly late February. After the evaluation forms have been analysed we can investigate whether the Council reverts back to one day or whether we stay with what has just been organised, ie starting Friday evening with informal gathering/dinner/after dinner speaker followed by the main business on the Saturday.
- (g) Hotel gratuity SCEC agreed that £150 should be given to the hotel staff.
- (h) Biography details for website David Thomson reminded SCEC that some members still needed to send details to the RS office.
- (i) SCEC nomination to the Board SCEC agreed that David Thomson should be nominated to the Board.
- (j) SCEC nominee for Agenda Committee. SCEC agreed that Ben Douglas would be the SCEC representative on the Agenda Committee.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

David Thomson, Convener

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

26 April 2013