

SCOTTISH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minute of meetings
held on 9 March 2019 from 11.00am – 12.00pm
and held on 10 March from 1.30pm – 2.30pm

PRE SCOTTISH COUNCIL

13/19 ATTENDANCE

SCEC

Ben Dolphin - president	Andy Malby - vice convener
Alison Mitchell - convener	Liz Lawie
Alistair Cant - hon. treasurer	Trevor Jones
Ronnie Forbes	Linda Moyes
Elly Macdonald	Douglas Tullis
Catherine Watt	

Staff

Jess Dolan, director for Scotland
Jessica Browning, governance and events administrator

14/19 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Alison opened the meeting by asking the committee to thank the staff for organizing Scottish Council. All in attendance. Introduced Jessica Browning to the committee and noted that she does not work on Wednesdays.

15/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

16/19 SCOTTISH COUNCIL

Alison asked the committee to be aware of mixing with the attendees of the Scottish Council. Alistair noted that the Motions Committee does not come into effect until it is approved by the Board of Trustees.

Jess Dolan asked all to think of questions for Peter Cairns and for them to be mindful of the transition from Peter's talk to the "wide game". Wanted people to be aware of being respectful towards Peter and asked for the committee's help in showing appreciation. Jess also asked the committee to think of questions for the Russian group.

SCEC discussed their position to declare on each motion:

1. SCEC agreed to support this motion.
2. SCEC agreed to support this motion.
3. SCEC will withdraw this motion as the constitution states that only two motions from any two members can be submitted.
4. SCEC agreed to support the concept of this motion, however it is noted that it requires much more careful consideration.
5. SCEC agreed to support this motion.

17/19 AOCB

Alison spoke about the need to find a volunteer from a Scottish group or area for the Devolution, Organisation Design and Location Programme committee, and explained its purpose. She commented on the recruitment guideline asking for people with experience in the topic, and that the deadline for nominations is 15 March 2019.

Jess Dolan said that there was a preference for the person not be on SCEC, as their views will be represented by the convener, who will be on the committee.

There was no notification of any other last-minute business. Alison wished the committee members well in the SCEC election. There was a brief discussion on co-option, but Jess Dolan reminded the committee that it would be a matter to be discussed by the new committee after the election.

The meeting closed at 11.36am.

POST SCOTTISH COUNCIL

18/19 ATTENDANCE AND WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

SCEC

Ronnie Forbes - convener	Andy Malby
Alison Mitchell - vice convener	Jay Wilson
Alistair Cant - hon. treasurer	Trevor Jones
Elly Macdonald	Linda Moyes
Douglas Tullis	

Staff

Jess Dolan, director for Scotland
Jessica Browning, governance and events administrator

19/19 APOLOGIES

Ronnie Forbes opened the meeting and welcomed new member Jay Wilson. Apologies were received from Garry Tait and Ben Dolphin.

20/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

21/19 URGENT MATTERS ARISING FROM SCOTTISH COUNCIL

Ronnie asked SCEC to discuss their reflections on Scottish Council. They agreed that:

1. There should be more dialogue opportunities available
2. The guest speakers were well received by all
3. The learning sets should be revisited and potentially revised
4. The agenda should be revisited and potentially revised

22/19 POSSIBLE CO-OPTIONS

Jess Dolan commented that as a result of the election all ordinary member vacancies are filled, yet there are still three external positions that could be filled. Jess said there have

been processes in the past few years that have given recommendations to encourage external perspectives. SCEC discussed how to proceed in choosing co-optees. Alistair mentioned that the health of the committee is good at the moment and thought that SCEC should be reminded that co-opting is optional.

23/19 ACTIONS BEFORE MAY MEETING

AP1 – Elly, Alison, and Douglas to form a sub-committee to review co-option, including reviewing the applications and meeting the applicants, with the view of having recommendations by 8 May 2019. The Ramblers Scotland office to provide logistical support in this process.

AP2 – Jessica to supply copy for co-option advertisement by the end of March.

24/19 BANK SIGNATORIES

The committee agreed that there was no change necessary to the bank signatories.

25/19 GRATUITY

The paying of a gratuity will be a Ramblers Scotland staff decision.

26/19 SCOTTISH COUNCIL 2020

It was agreed that Scottish Council 2020 should take place during the weekend Saturday 7 – Sunday 8 March 2020. SCEC discussed whether or not to change the length of Scottish Council, with more conversation to follow.

AP3 – Follow up conversation at 8 May 2019 meeting.

27/19 PROPOSED LOCATIONS, DATES, AND TIMES FOR SCEC 2019 MEETINGS

It was agreed that the next SCEC meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 May 2019 in Perth at 4:30pm – 8:30pm; the venue has still to be identified.

It was agreed that the August SCEC meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 August 2019 in Stirling at 4:30pm – 8:30pm; the venue has still to be identified.

It was agreed that the November SCEC meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 November 2019 in Edinburgh at 4pm – 8 pm; the venue has still to be identified.

It is noted for new members that there will also be a meeting in February 2020.

AP4 – Jessica to secure venues for future meetings.

28/19 CONTACT DETAILS AND INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

It is noted that new members will need to supply their contact and biography details to Jessica. It is noted that all members will read, agree and sign the updated code of conduct.

AP5 – Jessica to update website and contact details to reflect the new SCEC membership

29/19 INDUCTION FOR NEW MEMBERS

It is noted that new members will need to complete an induction with Ronnie and Jess.

AP6 – Jessica, Ronnie, and Jess to liaise with Jay and Garry to arrange a suitable time for their induction session

30/19 AOCB

It was noted that Beth Dickson and Catherine Watt intend to apply for the Devolution, Organisation Design and Location Programme committee.

It was noted that a revised constitution will be available after the Board of Trustees agree the constitutional amendment motions approved at Scottish Council.

AP7 – Jessica will email Beth and Catherine information on how to apply.

AP8 – Jessica will upload the revised constitution after the Board of Trustees approval.

The meeting closed at 2.38pm.

Jessica Browning, governance and events administrator (15 March 2019)

APPROVED BY THE SCOTTISH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF RAMBLERS SCOTLAND – 8 May 2019
