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POW OF INCHAFFRAY DRAINAGE COMMISSION (SCOTLAND) BILL COMMITTEE
1st Meeting 2017, Session 5

CONVENER

*Tom Arthur (Renfrewshire South) (SNP)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Mary Fee (West Scotland) (Lab)

*Alison Harris (Central Scotland) (Con)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Nick Hawthorne

LOCATION

The Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

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[Mary Fee opened the meeting at 10:00]

Interests

Mary Fee (West Scotland) (Lab): Good morning and welcome to the first meeting of the Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee. I remind all those present, including members, that mobile phones should be turned off completely.

The first item on our agenda is the declaration of interests and impartiality. In accordance with section 3 of the “Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament”, I invite members to declare any interests that are relevant to the remit of the committee. I remind members that declarations should be brief but sufficiently detailed to make clear to any listener the nature of the interest.

Then, in accordance with rule 9A.5.4A of the standing orders, I invite each member to declare that he or she will act impartially and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee.

I make my own declaration: I have no relevant interests to declare and refer members to my entry in the register of members’ interests. I also declare that I will act impartially in my capacity as a member of the Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information that is provided to the committee.

Tom Arthur (Renfrewshire South) (SNP): I have no relevant interests to declare, and I declare that I will act impartially in my capacity as a member of the Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information that is provided to the committee.

Alison Harris (Central Scotland) (Con): I, too, have no relevant interests to declare, and I declare that I will act impartially in my capacity as a member of the Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information that is provided to the committee.

Mary Fee: Thank you.

Convener

10:02

Mary Fee: Item 2 is the choice of a convener. The Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish National Party are eligible for nomination as convener of this committee. I am pleased to announce that Tom Arthur is the Scottish National Party’s nominee for the post.

Tom Arthur was chosen as convener.

Mary Fee: I congratulate Tom on his appointment and I hand over the chair to him for the remainder of the proceedings.

Decision on Taking Business in Private

10:02

The Convener (Tom Arthur): Item 3 is a decision on whether to take item 4 in private. Do members agree to take the item in private?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: That is agreed.

10:02

Meeting continued in private until 10:19.

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