



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

24 March 2026

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Graeme Dey
- Martin Whitfield
- Tim Eagle
- Lorna Slater
- Willie Rennie

Also attended:

- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur
- Rona Mackay

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Callum Thomson
- Tracey White
- Irene Fleming
- Katy Orr
- Mark Brough
- Sigrid Robinson
- Lucy Scharbert
- Katrina Venters
- Jason Nairn
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Jennifer Griffin
- Gail Grant
- Samantha Currie
- Ellen Wright
- Matthew Linden

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 17 March 2026.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed that the programme of business for the week beginning 23 March would remain unchanged.
3. Business Managers noted that Members' Business for the week commencing 23 March would be —
 - Tuesday 24 March:
 - Brian Whittle: Sport and Activity as a Force for Good [rescheduled from Tuesday 10 March];
 - Christine Grahame: Animal Welfare Sentencing and Public Protection [rescheduled from Wednesday 11 March];
 - Clare Haughey: Closure of Bank of Scotland Branches; and
 - Fulton MacGregor: Strengthening Adoption Support for Families [rescheduled from Tuesday 17 March].
 - Wednesday 24 March:
 - Pam Gosal: A Scotland-wide Ban on the Use of Mobile Phones in Schools; and
 - Jamie Halcro-Johnston: Sustainability of Remote, Rural and Island Communities.

Agenda item 3 – Approval of SSIs

4. Business Managers noted that motions to approve the following instruments would be lodged —
 - Marine Licensing (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026
 - Antisocial Behaviour (Fixed Penalty Offences) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
March 2026