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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

06 October 2026

Present:

• Kenneth Gibson (Chair)
• Jamie Hepburn
• Claire Baker
• Max Bannerman
• Lorna Slater
• Tim Eagle
• Willie Rennie

Apologies

Also attended:
• Clare Adamson
• Katy Clark
• George Adam

Officials present:
• David McGill
• Callum Thomson
• Gavin King
• Irene Fleming
• Katy Orr
• Lynn Russell
• Lucy Scharbert
• Katrina Venters
• Alex Bruce
• Kath Byrne
• Jennifer Griffin
• Sam Currie
• Gail Grant
• Joanne Kendall
• Fran Iwanyckyj
• Matthew Linden
• Ellen Wright

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 29 September 2026.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed to the programme of business for the week beginning 5 October and the weeks beginning 26 October and 2 November.

3. The Bureau noted that Members' Business in the week beginning 5 October would be —
    - Tuesday 6 October: Clare Haughey: 150th Anniversary of the Founding of Blantyre in Malawi
    - Wednesday 7 October: Patricia Gibson: Baby Loss Awareness Week
    - Thursday 8 October: Thomas Kerr: Face Coverings in Public Places

Agenda item 3 – Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 1

4. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 13 November 2026.

Agenda item 4 – EEAC Committee request to appoint an adviser

5. The Bureau approved the request by the EEAC Committee to appoint a standing legal adviser to assist its scrutiny of different devolution matters.

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
October 2026