



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 5, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 25 May 2022

Note: (DT) signifies a decision taken at Decision Time.

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Social Care, and then Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Community Wealth Building – Delivering Transformation in Scotland’s Local and Regional Economies:** The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-04580—That the Parliament recognises the huge potential of Community Wealth Building as a practical, place-based economic development model that can help transform local and regional economies to deliver a Wellbeing Economy for Scotland; agrees that Community Wealth Building can deliver more and better jobs, business growth, community-owned assets and shorter supply chains supporting net zero ambitions; welcomes the progress made by public, private and third sectors in implementing Community Wealth Building in Scotland so far; notes that the 2021 Programme for Government and recent National Strategy for Economic Transformation confirmed plans to introduce legislation on Community Wealth Building during the current Parliamentary session; believes that this provides an important opportunity to think creatively and innovatively about the interconnections and interdependencies between the economy, environment and society, and supports plans for wide engagement on this legislation.

Douglas Lumsden moved amendment S6M-04580.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04580 in the name of Tom Arthur (Community Wealth Building - Delivering Transformation in Scotland’s Local and Regional

Economies), insert at end “; agrees that the economic success of Scotland relies on both the UK and Scottish governments working together to develop a set of economic strategies that will deliver a more prosperous society for all; welcomes the UK Government’s £150 million Community Ownership Fund and encourages Scotland’s communities to bid for this funding, and believes that the huge potential of Community Wealth Building is being held back by the unwillingness of the Scottish Government to sufficiently invest in local government.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-04580.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04580 in the name of Tom Arthur (Community Wealth Building - Delivering Transformation in Scotland’s Local and Regional Economies), insert at end “; believes that the Scottish Government should provide more detail to its Community Wealth Building proposals to ensure it is embedded within a clear regional economic framework and a coherent and ambitious industrial strategy to support post-pandemic economic development and local job creation; further believes that the necessary legislative, institutional change and investment must be available to deliver the Community Wealth Building that Scotland needs and that can be translated into regional and national growth, and calls on the Scottish Government to revise all public procurement policies to ensure that Community Wealth Building is embedded at every level.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the huge potential of Community Wealth Building as a practical, place-based economic development model that can help transform local and regional economies to deliver a Wellbeing Economy for Scotland; agrees that Community Wealth Building can deliver more and better jobs, business growth, community-owned assets and shorter supply chains supporting net zero ambitions; welcomes the progress made by public, private and third sectors in implementing Community Wealth Building in Scotland so far; notes that the 2021 Programme for Government and recent National Strategy for Economic Transformation confirmed plans to introduce legislation on Community Wealth Building during the current Parliamentary session; believes that this provides an important opportunity to think creatively and innovatively about the interconnections and interdependencies between the economy, environment and society; supports plans for wide engagement on this legislation; believes that the Scottish Government should provide more detail to its Community Wealth Building proposals to ensure it is embedded within a clear regional economic framework and a coherent and ambitious industrial strategy to support post-pandemic economic development and local job creation; further believes that the necessary legislative, institutional change and investment must be available to deliver the Community Wealth Building that Scotland needs and that can be translated into regional and national growth, and calls on the Scottish Government to revise all public

procurement policies to ensure that Community Wealth Building is embedded at every level.

**3. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04614—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 31 May 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Investing in Scotland's Future

*followed by* Criminal Justice Committee, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee and Social Justice and Social Security Committee Debate: Tackling Drug Deaths and Drug Harm

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 1 June 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm General Questions

2.20 pm First Minister's Questions

3.05 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and Economy; Education and Skills

*followed by* Motion on the Platinum Jubilee

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Tuesday 7 June 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 8 June 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero, Energy and Transport

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 9 June 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 30 May 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04615—That the Parliament agrees that the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Parliamentary Recess Dates:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04616—That the Parliament agrees the following parliamentary recess dates under Rule 2.3.1: 11 to 19 February 2023 (inclusive), 1 to 16 April 2023 (inclusive), 1 July to 27 August 2023 (inclusive), 7 to 22 October 2023 (inclusive), 23 December 2023 to 7 January 2024 (inclusive).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4 and 5 as noted above.

**7. Scotland's Fair Share, the Potential of Solar Energy in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S6M-02299 in the name of Fergus Ewing—That the Parliament welcomes Solar Energy Scotland's policy agenda, *Scotland's fair share: Solar's role in achieving net zero in Scotland*, published in the run-up to COP26, which sets out the potential for solar energy to play a much greater role in Scotland's low-carbon energy mix; understands that Scotland has levels of solar irradiation that can be effectively captured and that, compared to other nearby countries on the same latitude, such as Denmark, Scotland is behind in equivalent levels of solar technology deployment; considers that a number of policy matters within the control of the Scottish Government, including permitted development rights and business rates, could help the sector grow significantly; recognises what it sees as the ability of solar energy systems to work as a good companion to wind to make more effective, efficient use of the electricity grid and storage network; considers that, due to reported projections for solar to be the UK's cheapest form of energy this decade, and to have the unique capability to be deployed at all scales, solar is vital to supporting an affordable energy mix, and a just transition, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to urgently assess the potential for a 2030 solar deployment target of a minimum of 4GW, and accompanying policy changes to embrace and enable this low-cost mature technology, to help tackle the climate emergency and provide investment and jobs in communities up and down the country, including in the Inverness and Nairn constituency.

**8. Motion without Notice:** Fergus Ewing moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.10 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
25 May 2022

**Appendix**  
**(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)**

**Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on 25 May 2022—

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 7th Report, 2022  
(Session 6): Non-Domestic Rates (Valuation Notices) (Scotland) Regulations  
2022 (SP Paper 180)

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 8th Report, 2022 (Session 6):  
Annual Report of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee for 2021-22  
(SP Paper 182)

**New Subordinate Legislation**

**Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 25 May 2022 and is  
subject to the affirmative procedure—

Registers of Scotland (Information and Access, etc.) Miscellaneous Amendment  
Order 2022 [draft]  
laid under section 116(3)(k) and 116(4)(b) of the Land Registration etc.  
(Scotland) Act 2012

**Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 25 May 2022 and is not  
subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Environmental Standards Scotland Annual Report ESS/2022/01** laid under the  
UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

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