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**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting 2015, Session 4**

**CONVENER**

\*James Dornan (Glasgow Cathcart) (SNP)

**DEPUTY CONVENER**

\*David Stewart (Highlands and Islands) (Lab)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

\*Alex Fergusson (Galloway and West Dumfries) (Con)

\*Mike MacKenzie (Highlands and Islands) (SNP)

\*attended

**CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE**

Claire Menzies Smith

**LOCATION**

The Adam Smith Room (CR5)



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*[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:01]*

#### Interests

**Alex Fergusson (Galloway and West Dumfries) (Con):** Good morning and welcome to the first meeting of the Pentland Hills Regional Park Boundary Bill Committee in the fourth session of the Scottish Parliament. There is no one in the public gallery, so I do not have to instruct members of the public who wish to use tablet devices or mobile phones during the meeting to switch them to flight mode. Members may, of course, consult tablets or other electronic devices during the meeting if that is how they access their papers.

Under rule 12.1.6 of standing orders, the first meeting of a committee after it is established by the Parliament

“shall be chaired by the Oldest Committee Member until a convener is chosen.”

I appear to have the dubious privilege of being that member.

Our first agenda item is for members of the committee to declare any interests that they might have. 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 any declaration should be brief but sufficiently detailed to make clear to any neutral listener the nature of the interest.

I must ask each member individually whether they have any interests to declare, and I will start with Mike MacKenzie.

**Mike MacKenzie (Highlands and Islands) (SNP):** Thank you, convener. I have no interests to declare. I simply direct the committee to my entry in the register of members’ interests.

**James Dornan (Glasgow Cathcart) (SNP):** I have no relevant interests to declare.

**David Stewart (Highlands and Islands) (Lab):** I have no interests to declare.

**Alex Fergusson:** Similarly, I have no interests to declare, other than what is in my entry in the register of interests, which would not prejudice my position on the committee.

## Convener

10:01

**Alex Fergusson:** Our second agenda item is to choose a convener. Parliament has agreed that, in this instance, the convener should come from the Scottish National Party. That being the case, I seek a nomination for the position of convener.

**Mike MacKenzie:** I nominate James Dornan.

**David Stewart:** I second that.

**Alex Fergusson:** Thank you very much. We do not need a seconder, but the nomination of James Dornan has been seconded by David Stewart.

Are there any other nominations? There are not.

*James Dornan was chosen as convener.*

**Alex Fergusson:** I congratulate James Dornan on his appointment and I willingly hand over to him to convene the remainder of the proceedings.

## Deputy Convener

10:02

**The Convener (James Dornan):** Thank you, Alex. Our third agenda item is the selection of a deputy convener. Members have before them a note from the clerk that sets out the procedure for selecting a deputy convener. As you will see, the procedure is similar to the procedure that is used to select the convener of a committee.

I invite nominations for the position of deputy convener.

**Mike MacKenzie:** I would be delighted to nominate David Stewart.

**The Convener:** Are there any other nominations? There are not.

*David Stewart was chosen as deputy convener.*

## Decision on Taking Business in Private

10:03

**The Convener:** Our fourth agenda item is a decision on whether to take agenda item 5, which is consideration of the committee's approach to scrutiny of the Pentland Hills Regional Park Boundary Bill, in private. Do members agree to do that?

**Members indicated agreement.**

**The Convener:** The committee will now move into private session.

10:03

*Meeting continued in private until 10:42.*

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