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SPCB SUPPORTED BODIES LANDSCAPE REVIEW COMMITTEE
1st Meeting 2024, Session 6

CONVENER

*Ben Macpherson (Edinburgh Northern and Leith) (SNP)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Murdo Fraser (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con)

Richard Leonard (Central Scotland) (Lab)

*Ash Regan (Edinburgh Eastern) (Alba)

*Lorna Slater (Lothian) (Green)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

David Millett

LOCATION

The Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

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[Murdo Fraser opened the meeting at 10:00]

Interests

Murdo Fraser (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con): Good morning, and welcome to the first meeting in session 6 of the SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee.

I have the pleasure of convening the meeting for the first two items of business. By convention, the oldest member of the committee has to convene the opening of the first meeting. For the avoidance of doubt, I state on the record that I am not the oldest member of the committee—just in case there was any doubt about that.

We have received apologies from Richard Leonard MSP, who is the oldest member of the committee but cannot be with us this morning. That leaves me, as the second-oldest member, to convene the meeting. I take this opportunity to welcome members, and I look forward to working with you on the committee.

Agenda item 1 is declarations of interests, under which every member is required to declare any interests that are relevant to the work of the committee. Background information is provided in the declaration of interests paper, which has been circulated to members.

First of all, I will declare my interests. I am a member of the Law Society of Scotland, although I am not currently practising. I have no other relevant interests to declare.

I ask each member to declare their interests.

Ben Macpherson (Edinburgh Northern and Leith) (SNP): I am not a member of the Law Society of Scotland, but I am on its roll of Scottish solicitors. That may be of relevance at points during our deliberations.

Ash Regan (Edinburgh Eastern) (Alba): Good morning. I have no relevant interests to declare.

Lorna Slater (Lothian) (Green): I do not have any interests that are relevant to the work of the committee. However, for the record, I reiterate my entry in the register of members' interests, which states that I used to work for Orbital Marine Power, which is a tidal energy company. I am also a member of Unite the union.

Convener

10:02

Murdo Fraser: The second agenda item is the choosing of the committee's convener. The Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish National Party are eligible to be nominated as convener of this committee. I understand that Ben Macpherson is that party's nominee for the role of convener. I therefore nominate Ben Macpherson.

Ben Macpherson was chosen as convener.

Murdo Fraser: Congratulations to Ben Macpherson. We will now swap over.

Decision on Taking Business in Private

Members *indicated agreement.*

10:02

The Convener (Ben Macpherson): Thank you very much, Murdo, for your assistance, and thank you, colleagues, for electing me—if that is an appropriate description—to the position of convener.

Item 3 is a decision on whether to take item 4 in private. Are we agreed?

10:03

Meeting continued in private until 10:50.

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