

COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (SCOTLAND) BILL COMMITTEE

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(*Afternoon*)

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1st Meeting 2010, Session 1

OLDEST COMMITTEE MEMBER

*Donald Gorrie (Central Scotland) (LD)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jackie Baillie (Dumbarton) (Lab)

*Cathie Craigie (Cumbernauld and Kilsyth) (Lab)

*Mr Jamie McGrigor (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

*Irene McGugan (North-East Scotland) (SNP)

*Kay Ullrich (West of Scotland) (SNP)

*Karen Whitefield (Airdrie and Shotts) (Lab)

*attended

THE FOLLOWING ALSO ATTENDED:

Karen Gillon (Clydesdale) (Lab)

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Martin Verity

SENIOR ASSISTANT CLERK

Susan Duffy

ASSISTANT CLERK

Ian Cowan

LOCATION

Committee Room 3

Scottish Parliament

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[THE OLDEST COMMITTEE MEMBER *opened the meeting at 15:04*]

Donald Gorrie (Oldest Committee Member): Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. I am the oldest member of the committee.

Karen Gillon (Clydesdale) (Lab): It must have been a close-run thing.

Kay Ullrich (West of Scotland) (SNP): I am relieved that there is somebody older than I am.

Donald Gorrie: It therefore falls to me to start in the chair before handing it over to someone more able. We are in public session, and I ask everyone with mobile phones and pagers to turn all the noises off.

Interests

Donald Gorrie: The first thing that we have to do is to declare whether we have any interests relevant to the Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill, which are registered in the parliamentary register of members' interests. There will probably be a deathly hush; however, I ask that, if anyone has any interests to declare, they do so now.

Mr Jamie McGrigor (Highlands and Islands) (Con): I am one of the conveners of the cross-party group on children and young people.

Donald Gorrie: As you are declaring that, I should declare that I am also—with Jamie McGrigor and Irene McGugan—one of the conveners of that cross-party group.

Kay Ullrich: I am a former social worker and a member of Unison.

Convener

Donald Gorrie: We have a very curious form of democracy in these committees. The powers that be have declared that, according to the allocation of places, the committee will be convened by a member of the Scottish National Party. I therefore ask the committee to nominate a member of the Scottish National Party to be the convener.

Irene McGugan (North-East Scotland) (SNP): I nominate Kay Ullrich.

Donald Gorrie: Kay Ullrich has been nominated. Do you accept this important position, Kay?

Kay Ullrich: Yes.

Kay Ullrich was chosen as convener.

Donald Gorrie: Before I vacate the chair, I ask Karen Whitefield, who has just arrived, whether she has any interests to declare.

Karen Whitefield (Airdrie and Shotts) (Lab): No.

Deputy Convener

The Convener (Kay Ullrich): Thank you. Our next task is to select a deputy convener for the committee. The powers that be, as Donald Gorrie put it, have decreed that the deputy convener should come from the Liberal Democrats. Do we have any nominations for the role of deputy convener?

Cathie Craigie (Cumbernauld and Kilsyth) (Lab): I nominate Donald Gorrie.

The Convener: I do not think that I need to ask whether there are any other nominations. Donald, would you be willing to serve as deputy convener?

Donald Gorrie: Yes. I would be very happy to do that.

Donald Gorrie was chosen as deputy convener.

Item in Private

The Convener: Now we can begin. Item 4 on the agenda is to ask the committee to agree to take item 5 in private. Is that agreed?

Members *indicated agreement.*

15:08

Meeting continued in private until 16:26.

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