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## CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE
## 1st Meeting 2026, Session 7

**CONVENER**

*Stuart McMillan (Inverclyde) (SNP)

**DEPUTY CONVENER**

*Ariane Burgess (Highlands and Islands) (Green)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

*Claire Baker (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Lab)
*David Barratt (Cowdenbeath) (SNP)
*Martyn Day (Falkirk East and Linlithgow) (SNP)
*Sanne Dijkstra-Downie (Edinburgh Northern) (LD)

*attended

**LOCATION**

The Robert Burns Room (CR1)

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*[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:31]*

## Interests

**The Convener (Stuart McMillan):** Good morning, and welcome to the first meeting of the Climate Action Committee in session 7. I look forward to working with all colleagues from across the Parliament. We have an important role to play in this session of Parliament, and I am sure that we will manage to work well together. There will be areas of consensus and areas of difference, but I am sure that we will deal with that accordingly.

The first item on the agenda is a declaration of interests. As this is the committee's first meeting, I invite each member to declare any interests relevant to the remit of the committee.

I will begin. I do not have any relevant interests to declare for the committee.

**Ariane Burgess (Highlands and Islands) (Green):** I wrote a book called "Life Design for Women: Conscious Living as a Force for Positive Change", which has a strong focus on changes that people can make in relation to climate change and nature. That is on my entry in the register of members' interests.

**Martyn Day (Falkirk East and Linlithgow) (SNP):** I have no relevant interests to declare.

**Sanne Dijkstra-Downie (Edinburgh Northern) (LD):** My entry in the register of members' interests says that I am a councillor at City of Edinburgh Council. I also declare that my husband is employed as a principal engineer by Sweco, which is an Edinburgh-based engineering consultancy firm.

**Claire Baker (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Lab):** I do not have any relevant interests to declare.

**David Barratt (Cowdenbeath) (SNP):** I remain a councillor at Fife Council. Prior to the election, I was a principal hydrologist with Kiloh Associates, and I have agreed to remain so for a period, for peer review purposes, on an ad hoc basis. I am also a member of the Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Management, and I am a company director of North Queensferry Community Trust.

## Deputy Convener

10:34

**The Convener:** Agenda item 2 is the choice of deputy convener. The Parliament agreed by motion S7M-00269 on 4 June that only members of the Scottish Green Party are eligible to be chosen as deputy convener of the committee. On that basis, Ariane Burgess is the only member who is eligible for the position.

Ariane, can you confirm that you are content to be nominated as a candidate who is eligible for selection as deputy convener?

**Ariane Burgess:** I am content and delighted to be deputy convener of the committee.

**The Convener:** Thank you very much. Do members agree to choose Ariane Burgess as deputy convener?

*Ariane Burgess was chosen as deputy convener.*

**The Convener:** Congratulations, Ariane. Would you like to say anything?

**Ariane Burgess:** As you said in your opening remarks, convener, this is a very important committee, and I look forward to our working constructively together. I see this parliamentary session as being the one when we need to get climate change right, but it is not just about climate change—we are also looking at biodiversity loss. There are reports from the United Kingdom Government on global biodiversity loss that give us an additional lens to look through. We have crucial work to do, and I hope that we can play a role in supporting other committees to look through that lens, too.

**The Convener:** Thank you very much. Once again, congratulations, Ariane.

## Decision on Taking Business in Private

10:35

**The Convener:** Agenda item 3 is a decision on taking business in private. Members are invited to agree to take item 4 on our agenda, which is consideration of an approach to developing our work programme, in private. Are members content to take that item in private?

**Members** *indicated agreement*.

**The Convener:** Do members also agree to consider our work programme in private at our next meeting?

**Members** *indicated agreement*.

**The Convener:** That concludes our business in public. We will move into private for our final agenda item.

10:36

*Meeting continued in private until 12:30.*

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