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1st Meeting 2013, Session 4

CONVENER

*Siobhan McMahon (Central Scotland) (Lab)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*James Dornan (Glasgow Cathcart) (SNP)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Alison McInnes (North East Scotland) (LD)

*Fiona McLeod (Strathkelvin and Bearsden) (SNP)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Mary Dinsdale

LOCATION

Committee Room 5

Scottish Parliament

City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Bill Committee

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[James Dornan opened the meeting at 10:00]

Interests

James Dornan (Glasgow Cathcart) (SNP):

Good morning. As the oldest member of the committee, I have the privilege of being in the chair for the first couple of items on this morning's agenda.

I welcome everyone to the first meeting of the City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Bill Committee and remind everyone present, including members, that mobile phones and BlackBerrys should be completely turned off, as they interfere with the sound system even when switched to silent. No apologies have been received and everyone is present.

The first agenda item is a declaration of interests and impartiality. In accordance with section 3 of the code of conduct, I invite members to declare any interests relevant to the committee's remit and remind them that declarations should be brief but sufficiently detailed to make clear to listeners the nature of the interests. Moreover, in accordance with rule 9A.5.4A, I invite each member to declare that he or she will act impartially and base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee.

I will begin. I refer people to my entry in the register of interests and confirm that I have no relevant registrable interests to declare. I also declare that I will act impartially in my capacity as a member of the City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Bill Committee and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee.

Siobhan McMahon (Central Scotland) (Lab):

I, too, refer people to my entry in the register of interests and confirm that I have no relevant registrable interests to declare. I also declare that I will act impartially in my capacity as a member of the City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Bill Committee and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee.

Fiona McLeod (Strathkelvin and Bearsden) (SNP): I have no relevant registrable interests and declare that I will act impartially in my capacity as a member of the City of Edinburgh Council

(Portobello Park) Bill Committee and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee.

Alison McInnes (North East Scotland) (LD): I refer people to my entry in the register of interests and confirm that I have no relevant registrable interests to declare. I also declare that I will act impartially in my capacity as a member of the City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Bill Committee and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee.

Convener

10:02

James Dornan: The second item on the agenda is choice of convener. The Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish Labour Party are eligible for nomination as convener of the committee and I am pleased to announce that Siobhan McMahon is the Scottish Labour Party's nominee for the post.

Siobhan McMahon was chosen as convener.

James Dornan: I congratulate Siobhan McMahon on her appointment and hand the chair over to her for the remainder of the proceedings.

Deputy Convener

10:03

The Convener (Siobhan McMahon): The third item on the agenda is choice of deputy convener. The Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish National Party are eligible for nomination as deputy convener of the committee and I understand that James Dornan is the SNP's nominee for the post.

James Dornan was chosen as deputy convener.

The Convener: I congratulate Mr Dornan on his appointment.

James Dornan: Thank you very much.

Decision on Taking Business in Private

10:03

The Convener: The fourth item on our agenda is to decide whether to take item 6, which is consideration of the committee's approach to scrutiny of the bill at preliminary stage, in private. Is that agreed?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Witness Expenses

10:04

The Convener: The fifth item on our agenda is to seek the committee's agreement to delegate to me as convener responsibility for arranging payment by the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body of any expenses that are incurred by witnesses. Is that agreed?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: That concludes the formal part of our business. Before we move into private, I should say that the committee's next meeting will be on Wednesday 11 September at 10 am.

10:04

Meeting continued in private until 10:26.

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