

## **SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 23 May 2007

### **Chair:**

Provost Russell Clearie (after item 3)

### **Councillors Present:**

Alex Allison, John Anderson, David Baillie, Eileen Baxendale, Walter Brogan, Archie Buchanan, Jackie Burns, John Cairney, Graeme Campbell, Andy Carmichael, Gordon Clark, Pam Clearie, Gerry Convery, Peter Craig, Maureen Devlin, Jim Docherty, Barry Douglas, Hugh Dunsmuir, Douglas Edwards, Allan Falconer, Lynn Filshie, Beith Forrest, Bev Gauld, Tommy Gilligan, Ian Gray, Jim Handibode, Anne Higgins, John Higgins, Bill Holman, Graeme Horne, Bobby Lawson, Eileen Logan, Joe Lowe, Anne Maggs, James Malloy, Archie Manson, Edward McAvoy, Brian McCaig, Michael McCann, Clare McColl, Lesley McDonald, Jim McGuigan, Alex McInnes, Brian McKenna, Denis McKenna, Jean McKeown, David McLachlan, John McNamee, Mary McNeill, Danny Meikle, Alice Marie Mitchell, Henry Mitchell, John Murray, Patrick Ross-Taylor, Graham Scott, David Shearer, Graham Simpson, Mary Smith, Hamish Stewart, George Sutherland, Chris Thompson, Bert Thomson, Jim Wardhaugh, Sheena Wardhaugh, David Watson, Pat Watters

### **Attending:**

#### **Chief Executive's Service**

A Strang, Chief Executive

#### **Community Resources**

N Anderson, Executive Director

#### **Corporate Resources**

R McIlwain, Executive Director; R Lake, Administration Manager; S Somerville, Administration Adviser; D Wilson, Head of Administration Services

#### **Education Resources**

L Forde, Executive Director

#### **Enterprise Resources**

I Urquhart, Executive Director

#### **Finance and Information Technology Resources**

L Hardie, Executive Director

#### **Housing and Technical Resources**

J Hayton, Executive Director

#### **Social Work Resources**

H Stevenson, Executive Director

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### **Interim Chair**

In his capacity as Returning Officer for the Council elections held in South Lanarkshire, the Chief Executive acted as Chair for the meeting in accordance with Section 5(1) of Schedule 2 of the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994, pending the election of a Provost of the Council.

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### **1 Declaration of Interests**

No interests were declared.

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## 2 Local Government Elections - 3 May 2007

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A report dated 4 May 2007 by the Returning Officer was submitted on the results of the elections to South Lanarkshire Council on 3 May 2007. The results were as follows:-

### Ward 1 (Clydesdale West)

**Electorate - 14775      Percentage Poll – 52.36%**

| <b>Candidate</b> | <b>Party</b>   | <b>No of first preferences</b> | <b>Elected (stage no)</b> |
|------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Alex Allison     | Scottish Conservative and Unionist                       | 984                            | Yes (7)                   |
| Ian Gray         | Scottish National Party (SNP)                            | 1948                           | Yes (1)                   |
| Eileen Logan     | Scottish Labour Party Candidate                          | 2549                           | Yes (1)                   |
| Robin Mawhinney  | Scottish Christian Party "Proclaiming Christ's Lordship" | 180                            |                           |
| Peter Meehan     | Scottish Liberal Democrats                               | 490                            |                           |
| Betty Rush       | Scottish Labour Party Candidate                          | 359                            |                           |
| David R Shearer  | Scottish National Party (SNP)                            | 925                            | Yes (7)                   |
| Ruth Thomas      | Scottish Green Party                                     | 174                            |                           |

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 127**

**Total Votes Cast - 7736**

### Ward 2 (Clydesdale North)

**Electorate - 11430      Percentage Poll – 52.66%**

| <b>Candidate</b>    | <b>Party</b>                       | <b>No of first preferences</b> | <b>Elected (stage no)</b> |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Thomas Davidson     | Scottish Green Party               | 265                            |                           |
| Kenny Douglas       | Scottish Liberal Democrats         | 841                            |                           |
| Mary McNeill        | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 1237                           | Yes (4)                   |
| Brian Reilly        | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 1019                           |                           |
| Patrick Ross-Taylor | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 1090                           | Yes (6)                   |
| George Sutherland   | Scottish National Party (SNP)      | 1468                           | Yes (2)                   |

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 99**

**Total Votes Cast - 6019**

### Ward 3 (Clydesdale East)

**Electorate - 9907      Percentage Poll – 54.79%**

| <b>Candidate</b> | <b>Party</b>                       | <b>No of first preferences</b> | <b>Elected (stage no)</b> |
|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ralph Barker     | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 832                            |                           |
| Tom Dalbindle    | Independent                        | 101                            |                           |
| Beith Forrest    | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 1204                           | Yes (5)                   |
| Bev Gauld        | Scottish National Party (SNP)      | 1042                           | Yes (4)                   |
| Tom Mitchell     | Scottish National Party (SNP)      | 824                            |                           |
| Hamish Stewart   | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 1048                           | Yes (7)                   |
| Ron Waddell      | Scottish Liberal Democrats         | 305                            |                           |

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 72**

**Total Votes Cast - 5428**

**Ward 4 (Clydesdale South)****Electorate - 11359      Percentage Poll – 55.60%**

| <b>Candidate</b> | <b>Party</b>                       | <b>No of first preferences</b> | <b>Elected (stage no)</b> |
|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| John Bailie      | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 734                            |                           |
| Archie Manson    | Scottish National Party (SNP)      | 1156                           | Yes (5)                   |
| Alex McInnes     | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 1245                           | Yes (5)                   |
| Billy McLean     | Scottish Green Party               | 183                            |                           |
| Danny Meikle     | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 1709                           | Yes (1)                   |
| David Smart      | Scottish National Party (SNP)      | 1148                           |                           |

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 141****Total Votes Cast - 6316****Ward 5 (Avondale and Stonehouse)****Electorate - 13144      Percentage Poll – 55.71%**

| <b>Candidate</b> | <b>Party</b>                       | <b>No of first preferences</b> | <b>Elected (stage no)</b> |
|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Nigel Benzies    | Scottish Liberal Democrats         | 414                            |                           |
| Stuart Brown     | Independent                        | 238                            |                           |
| Graeme Campbell  | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 1384                           | Yes (2)                   |
| Lynn Filshie     | Independent                        | 797                            | Yes (8)                   |
| William Holman   | Scottish National Party (SNP)      | 1989                           | Yes (1)                   |
| John Innes       | Scottish Green Party               | 333                            |                           |
| James Malloy     | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 1071                           | Yes (8)                   |
| Ian McInnes      | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 788                            |                           |
| Frank Reilly     | Independent                        | 198                            |                           |

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 110****Total Votes Cast - 7322****Ward 6 (East Kilbride South)****Electorate - 11701      Percentage Poll – 49.48%**

| <b>Candidate</b>  | <b>Party</b>                       | <b>No of first preferences</b> | <b>Elected (stage no)</b> |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Gillian Alexander | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 356                            |                           |
| Archie Buchanan   | Scottish National Party (SNP)      | 2431                           | Yes (1)                   |
| Drew Campbell     | Scottish Green Party               | 167                            |                           |
| Jim Docherty      | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 1900                           | Yes (1)                   |
| Douglas Edwards   | Scottish National Party (SNP)      | 294                            | Yes (8)                   |
| Lynsey McGregor   | Scottish Socialist Party           | 63                             |                           |
| Colin McKay       | East Kilbride Alliance             | 358                            |                           |
| John Park         | Solidarity – Tommy Sheridan        | 129                            |                           |

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 92****Total Votes Cast - 5790**

**Ward 7 (East Kilbride Central South)**  
**Electorate - 11524      Percentage Poll – 54.83%**

| <b>Candidate</b> | <b>Party</b>                       | <b>No of first preferences</b> | <b>Elected (stage no)</b> |
|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| John Anderson    | Scottish National Party (SNP)      | 1970                           | Yes (1)                   |
| Iain Cameron     | East Kilbride Alliance             | 309                            |                           |
| Alison Campbell  | Scottish Green Party               | 254                            |                           |
| Gerry Convery    | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 1692                           | Yes (1)                   |
| Colin Linskey    | Scottish Liberal Democrats         | 316                            |                           |
| Mark Sands       | Scottish Socialist Party           | 150                            |                           |
| Anne Stewart     | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 383                            |                           |
| Pat Watters      | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 1089                           | Yes (8)                   |

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 156**

**Total Votes Cast - 6319**

**Ward 8 (East Kilbride Central North)**  
**Electorate - 14310      Percentage Poll – 56.99%**

| <b>Candidate</b>     | <b>Party</b>                       | <b>No of first preferences</b> | <b>Elected (stage no)</b> |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Raymond Burke        | Scottish Green Party               | 500                            |                           |
| Tim Gingell          | East Kilbride Alliance             | 169                            |                           |
| Clare Keane          | East Kilbride Alliance             | 227                            |                           |
| Anne Maggs           | Scottish National Party (SNP)      | 2248                           | Yes (1)                   |
| Alice Marie Mitchell | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 1899                           | Yes (1)                   |
| Catherine Pedersen   | Scottish Socialist Party           | 130                            |                           |
| Isabel Perratt       | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 545                            |                           |
| Gordon Smith         | Scottish Liberal Democrats         | 446                            |                           |
| Christopher Thompson | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 1229                           | Yes (7)                   |
| Sheena Wardhaugh     | Scottish National Party (SNP)      | 538                            | Yes (10)                  |

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 224**

**Total Votes Cast - 8155**

**Ward 9 (East Kilbride West)**  
**Electorate - 10938      Percentage Poll – 56.73%**

| <b>Candidate</b>   | <b>Party</b>                       | <b>No of first preferences</b> | <b>Elected (stage no)</b> |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pauline Aaron      | Scottish Liberal Democrats         | 437                            |                           |
| Brian Jones        | East Kilbride Alliance             | 259                            |                           |
| Kitty MacKenzie    | Scottish Green Party               | 232                            |                           |
| Michael McCann     | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 1805                           | Yes (1)                   |
| Margaret McCulloch | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 688                            |                           |
| Graham Simpson     | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 860                            | Yes (7)                   |
| David Watson       | Scottish National Party (SNP)      | 1861                           | Yes (1)                   |

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 63**

**Total Votes Cast - 6205**

**Ward 10 (East Kilbride East)****Electorate - 9765****Percentage Poll – 54.62%**

| <b>Candidate</b>  | <b>Party</b>                       | <b>No of first preferences</b> | <b>Elected (stage no)</b> |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| John Cairney      | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 1414                           | Yes (1)                   |
| John Doyle        | Independent                        | 122                            |                           |
| Ian Harrow        | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 493                            |                           |
| Richard Naismith  | East Kilbride Alliance             | 189                            |                           |
| Graham Scott      | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 639                            | Yes (8)                   |
| Jim Wardhaugh     | Scottish National Party (SNP)      | 1896                           | Yes (1)                   |
| Mark Watson       | Scottish Liberal Democrats         | 271                            |                           |
| Andrew Williamson | Scottish Green Party               | 210                            |                           |

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 99****Total Votes Cast - 5333****Ward 11 (Rutherglen South)****Electorate - 11376****Percentage Poll – 55.77%**

| <b>Candidate</b> | <b>Party</b>   | <b>No of first preferences</b> | <b>Elected (stage no)</b> |
|------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Eileen Baxendale | Scottish Liberal Democrats                           | 1077                           | Yes (7)                   |
| Danny Campbell   | Scottish Liberal Democrats                           | 506                            |                           |
| Michael A Haigh  | Scottish Unionist, Proudly Scottish, Proudly British | 135                            |                           |
| Anne Higgins     | Scottish National Party (SNP)                        | 1045                           | Yes (10)                  |
| Brian McCutcheon | Independent  | 285                            |                           |
| Brian McKenna    | Scottish Labour Party Candidate                      | 1534                           | Yes (3)                   |
| Jean Miller      | Scottish Conservative and Unionist                   | 529                            |                           |
| Patricia Osborne | Scottish Labour Party Candidate                      | 846                            |                           |
| John Patrick     | Scottish Socialist Party – Scrap Council Tax         | 106                            |                           |
| Michael Tobin    | Scottish Green Party                                 | 150                            |                           |

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 131****Total Votes Cast - 6344****Ward 12 (Rutherglen Central and North)****Electorate - 10867****Percentage Poll – 49.15%**

| <b>Candidate</b> | <b>Party</b>   | <b>No of first preferences</b> | <b>Elected (stage no)</b> |
|------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Gordon Clark     | Scottish National Party (SNP)                        | 1198                           | Yes (5)                   |
| Janette Little   | Scottish Liberal Democrats                           | 666                            |                           |
| Susan Martin     | Scottish Green Party                                 | 176                            |                           |
| Edward McAvoy    | Scottish Labour Party Candidate                      | 1833                           | Yes (1)                   |
| Denis McKenna    | Scottish Labour Party Candidate                      | 786                            | Yes (8)                   |
| Jim Nixon        | Scottish Unionist, Proudly Scottish, Proudly British | 157                            |                           |
| Ian Raeburn      | Scottish Conservative and Unionist                   | 283                            |                           |
| John Starrs      | Scottish Socialist Party – Scrap Council Tax         | 126                            |                           |

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 116**

**Total Votes Cast - 5341**

**Ward 13 (Cambuslang West)**

**Electorate - 11591      Percentage Poll – 53.68%**

| <b>Candidate</b>  | <b>Party</b>   | <b>No of first preferences</b> | <b>Elected (stage no)</b> |
|-------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| David Baillie     | Scottish Liberal Democrats                           | 1191                           | Yes (5)                   |
| Russell Clearie   | Scottish Labour Party Candidate                      | 1253                           | Yes (7)                   |
| Malcolm Macaskill | Scottish Conservative and Unionist                   | 772                            |                           |
| David McClemont   | Scottish Socialist Party – Scrap Council Tax         | 130                            |                           |
| Clare McColl      | Scottish National Party (SNP)                        | 1209                           | Yes (7)                   |
| John McGuinness   | Scottish Labour Party Candidate                      | 1225                           |                           |
| Jimi Moore        | Scottish Unionist, Proudly Scottish, Proudly British | 154                            |                           |
| Christian Schmidt | Scottish Green Party                                 | 187                            |                           |

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 101**

**Total Votes Cast - 6222**

**Ward 14 (Cambuslang East)**

**Electorate - 10394      Percentage Poll – 46.87%**

| <b>Candidate</b>    | <b>Party</b>                                 | <b>No of first preferences</b> | <b>Elected (stage no)</b> |
|---------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Walter Brogan       | Scottish Labour Party Candidate              | 1544                           | Yes (1)                   |
| Louise Ann Campbell | Scottish Conservative and Unionist           | 423                            |                           |
| Pam Clearie         | Scottish Labour Party Candidate              | 859                            | Yes (4)                   |
| John Higgins        | Scottish National Party (SNP)                | 1120                           | Yes (4)                   |
| Tunweer Malik       | Scottish Liberal Democrats                   | 684                            |                           |
| David Stevenson     | Scottish Socialist Party – Scrap Council Tax | 137                            |                           |

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 105**

**Total Votes Cast - 4872**

**Ward 15 (Blantyre)**

**Electorate - 13782      Percentage Poll – 48.02%**

| <b>Candidate</b>  | <b>Party</b>                       | <b>No of first preferences</b> | <b>Elected (stage no)</b> |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Hugh Dunsmuir     | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 1586                           | Yes (1)                   |
| Jim Handibode     | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 1121                           | Yes (2)                   |
| Michael T McGlynn | Independent                        | 748                            |                           |
| John McNamee      | Scottish National Party (SNP)      | 1253                           | Yes (6)                   |
| Morag Redpath     | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 327                            |                           |
| Bert Thomson      | Independent                        | 1365                           | Yes (1)                   |
| Gavin Wallace     | Independent                        | 52                             |                           |

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 166**

**Total Votes Cast - 6618**

**Ward 16 (Bothwell and Uddingston)**  
**Electorate - 9788      Percentage Poll – 55.83%**

| <b>Candidate</b> | <b>Party</b>                       | <b>No of first preferences</b> | <b>Elected (stage no)</b> |
|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Maureen Devlin   | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 1292                           | Yes (4)                   |
| Douglas Herbison | Scottish Liberal Democrats         | 477                            |                           |
| James McGuigan   | Scottish National Party (SNP)      | 998                            | Yes (7)                   |
| Henry Mitchell   | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 1615                           | Yes (1)                   |
| Pat Morgan       | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 696                            |                           |
| Denis Reilly     | Solidarity – Tommy Sheridan        | 132                            |                           |
| Kenneth Robb     | Scottish Green Party               | 168                            |                           |

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 87**

**Total Votes Cast - 5465**

**Ward 17 (Hamilton North and East)**  
**Electorate - 12084      Percentage Poll – 48.04%**

| <b>Candidate</b> | <b>Party</b>                       | <b>No of first preferences</b> | <b>Elected (stage no)</b> |
|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Hugh Clements    | Independent                        | 190                            |                           |
| Barry Douglas    | Scottish National Party (SNP)      | 1769                           | Yes (1)                   |
| Andrew Leitch    | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 917                            |                           |
| David McLachlan  | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 1335                           | Yes (4)                   |
| Mary Smith       | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 1221                           | Yes (6)                   |
| James Ward       | Independent                        | 214                            |                           |

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 159**

**Total Votes Cast - 5805**

**Ward 18 (Hamilton West and Earnock)**  
**Electorate - 13749      Percentage Poll – 46.90%**

| <b>Candidate</b> | <b>Party</b>                       | <b>No of first preferences</b> | <b>Elected (stage no)</b> |
|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| John Anderson    | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 606                            |                           |
| Allan Falconer   | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 1670                           | Yes (1)                   |
| Tommy Gilligan   | Independent                        | 1433                           | Yes (1)                   |
| Scot Graham      | Scottish Green Party               | 167                            |                           |
| Graeme Horne     | Scottish National Party (SNP)      | 1591                           | Yes (1)                   |
| Gordon McGovern  | Scottish Socialist Party           | 124                            |                           |
| Jean McKeown     | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 743                            | Yes (7)                   |

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 114**

**Total Votes Cast - 6448**

**Ward 19 (Hamilton South)****Electorate - 15037      Percentage Poll – 51.02%**

| <b>Candidate</b> | <b>Party</b>                       | <b>No of first preferences</b> | <b>Elected (stage no)</b> |
|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| John Carracher   | Independent                        | 464                            |                           |
| David Holland    | Independent                        | 215                            |                           |
| Bobby Lawson     | Scottish National Party (SNP)      | 1791                           | Yes (1)                   |
| Joe Lowe         | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 2626                           | Yes (1)                   |
| Denize McBride   | Scottish Green Party               | 188                            |                           |
| Brian McCaig     | Scottish Labour Party Candidate    | 1005                           | Yes (2)                   |
| John Murray      | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 808                            | Yes (8)                   |
| John Oswald      | Scottish Liberal Democrats         | 427                            |                           |

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 148****Total Votes Cast - 7672****Ward 20 (Larkhall)****Electorate - 14934      Percentage Poll – 48.70%**

| <b>Candidate</b> | <b>Party</b>   | <b>No of first preferences</b> | <b>Elected (stage no)</b> |
|------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Jackie Burns     | Scottish Labour Party Candidate                      | 2699                           | Yes (1)                   |
| Gregor Cameron   | Scottish Conservative and Unionist                   | 563                            |                           |
| Andy Carmichael  | Scottish Labour Party Candidate                      | 366                            | Yes (7)                   |
| Peter Craig      | Scottish National Party (SNP)                        | 1264                           | Yes (4)                   |
| Robin Cunningham | Scottish Labour Party Candidate                      | 502                            |                           |
| Callan Dick      | Scottish Liberal Democrats                           | 349                            |                           |
| Mary Duckett     | Scottish Unionist, Proudly Scottish, Proudly British | 466                            |                           |
| Lesley McDonald  | Scottish National Party (SNP)                        | 890                            | Yes (7)                   |

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 174****Total Votes Cast - 7273****The Council decided:**                      that the report be noted.

*The Returning Officer congratulated all those elected as members to South Lanarkshire Council Councillor Watson extended his thanks to all employees involved in the conduct of the count at the recent elections*

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### **3 Appointment of Provost**

Councillor McAvoy, seconded by Councillor Docherty, moved that Councillor R Clearie be appointed as Provost. Councillor Watson, seconded by Councillor Horne, moved as an amendment that Councillor Forrest be appointed as Provost.

Councillor Forrest declined the nomination as Provost and the amendment was, therefore, withdrawn.

**The Council decided:**                      that Councillor R Clearie be appointed as Provost of the Council.

**Provost's Remarks**



The Provost intimated that it was an honour and privilege to serve as Provost for South Lanarkshire Council and thanked members for his appointment. He expressed his commitment to continue the good work of the previous 3 Provosts of the Council.

*Councillor Watson extended best wishes to the Provost for his term of office*

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#### **4 Appointment of Depute Provost**

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Councillor McAvoy, seconded by Councillor Docherty, moved that Councillor Forrest be appointed as Depute Provost of the Council. Councillor Watson, seconded by Councillor Horne, moved as an amendment that Councillor Maggs be appointed as Depute Provost of the Council. On a vote being taken by roll call, members voted as follows:-

**Motion:**

Alex Allison, David Baillie, Eileen Baxendale, Walter Brogan, Jackie Burns, John Cairney, Graeme Campbell, Andy Carmichael, Pam Clearie, Russell Clearie, Gerry Convery, Maureen Devlin, Jim Docherty, Hugh Dunsmuir, Allan Falconer, Beith Forrest, Jim Handibode, Eileen Logan, Joe Lowe, James Malloy, Edward McAvoy, Brian McCaig, Michael McCann, Alex McInnes, Brian McKenna, Denis McKenna, Jean McKeown, David McLachlan, Mary McNeill, Danny Meikle, Alice Marie Mitchell, Henry Mitchell, John Murray, Patrick Ross-Taylor, Graham Simpson, Graham Scott, Hamish Stewart, Mary Smith, Chris Thompson, Pat Watters

**Amendment:**

John Anderson, Archie Buchanan, Gordon Clark, Peter Craig, Barry Douglas, Douglas Edwards, Bev Gauld, Tommy Gilligan, Ian Gray, Anne Higgins, John Higgins, Bill Holman, Graeme Horne, Bobby Lawson, Anne Maggs, Archie Manson, Clare McColl, Lesley McDonald, Jim McGuigan, John McNamee, David Shearer, George Sutherland, Jim Wardhaugh, Sheena Wardhaugh, David Watson

**Abstained:**

Lynn Filshie, Bert Thomson

25 members voted for the amendment and 40 for the motion which was declared carried.

**The Council decided:** that Councillor Forrest be appointed as Depute Provost of the Council.

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#### **5 Appointment of Leader of the Council**

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Councillor Docherty, seconded by Councillor McCann, moved that Councillor McAvoy be appointed as Leader of the Council. Councillor Watson, seconded by Councillor Horne, moved as an amendment that Councillor Buchanan be appointed as Leader of the Council. On a vote being taken by roll call, members voted as follows:-

**Motion:**

Alex Allison, David Baillie, Eileen Baxendale, Walter Brogan, Jackie Burns, John Cairney, Andy Carmichael, Pam Clearie, Russell Clearie, Gerry Convery, Maureen Devlin, Jim Docherty, Hugh Dunsmuir, Allan Falconer, Beith Forrest, Jim Handibode, Eileen Logan, Joe Lowe, James Malloy, Edward McAvoy, Brian McCaig, Michael McCann, Alex McInnes, Brian McKenna, Denis McKenna, Jean McKeown, David McLachlan, Mary McNeill, Danny Meikle, Alice Marie Mitchell, Patrick Ross-Taylor, Graham Scott, Hamish Stewart, Mary Smith, Chris Thompson, Pat Watters

**Amendment:**

John Anderson, Archie Buchanan, Gordon Clark, Peter Craig, Barry Douglas, Douglas Edwards, Bev Gauld, Ian Gray, Anne Higgins, John Higgins, Bill Holman, Graeme Horne, Bobby Lawson, Anne Maggs, Archie Manson, Clare McColl, Lesley McDonald, Jim McGuigan, John McNamee, David Shearer, George Sutherland, Jim Wardhaugh, Sheena Wardhaugh, David Watson

**Abstained:**

Graeme Campbell, Lynn Filshie, Tommy Gilligan, Henry Mitchell, John Murray, Graham Simpson, Bert Thomson

24 members voted for the amendment and 36 for the motion which was declared carried.

**The Council decided:** that Councillor McAvoy be appointed as Leader of the Council.

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**6 Appointment of Deputy Leader of the Council**

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Councillor McAvoy, seconded by Councillor Docherty, moved that Councillor McCann be appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council. Councillor Watson, seconded by Councillor Horne, moved as an amendment that Councillor Maggs be appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council. On a vote being taken by roll call, members voted as follows:-

**Motion:**

Alex Allison, David Baillie, Eileen Baxendale, Walter Brogan, Jackie Burns, John Cairney, Andy Carmichael, Pam Clearie, Russell Clearie, Gerry Convery, Maureen Devlin, Jim Docherty, Hugh Dunsmuir, Allan Falconer, Beith Forrest, Jim Handibode, Eileen Logan, Joe Lowe, James Malloy, Edward McAvoy, Brian McCaig, Michael McCann, Alex McInnes, Brian McKenna, Denis McKenna, Jean McKeown, David McLachlan, Mary McNeill, Danny Meikle, Alice Marie Mitchell, Patrick Ross-Taylor, Graham Scott, Hamish Stewart, Mary Smith, Chris Thompson, Pat Watters

**Amendment:**

John Anderson, Archie Buchanan, Gordon Clark, Peter Craig, Barry Douglas, Douglas Edwards, Bev Gauld, Ian Gray, Anne Higgins, John Higgins, Bill Holman, Graeme Horne, Bobby Lawson, Anne Maggs, Archie Manson, Clare McColl, Lesley McDonald, Jim McGuigan, John McNamee, David Shearer, George Sutherland, Jim Wardhaugh, Sheena Wardhaugh, David Watson

**Abstained:**

Graeme Campbell, Lynn Filshie, Tommy Gilligan, Henry Mitchell, John Murray, Graham Simpson, Bert Thomson

24 members voted for the amendment and 36 for the motion which was declared carried.

**The Council decided:** that Councillor McCann be appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council.

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**7 Establishment of Council's Decision Making Arrangements and Procedures**

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A report dated 16 May 2007 by the Chief Executive was submitted on the Council's decision making arrangements, procedures and documentation. Details were provided on the proposed:-

- ◆ amendments to the Standing Orders on Procedures, Standing Orders on Contracts, the Scheme of Delegation and the Financial Regulations to reflect legislative requirements and organisational arrangements within the Council
- ◆ number of members on and composition of Committees and Member Forums
- ◆ Terms of Reference for the Council, its Committees and associated Forums
- ◆ revised committee cycle incorporating amendments to the recess periods and condensed cycle of meetings to run from 11 June 2007 to the summer recess
- ◆ representation on statutory bodies and other external organisations

- ◆ Member role profiles

In addition, consideration required to be given to:-

- ◆ the appointment of up to 19 positions of Senior Councillor
- ◆ nominations to the position of President or Vice President of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA)
- ◆ delegation of authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the leaders of the political groups, to agree Forum memberships based on the membership numbers detailed in the Terms of Reference

Councillor McAvoy, seconded by Councillor Docherty, moved that the Chair and Depute Chair positions for the main Committees be as detailed in the paper tabled at the meeting. Councillor Watson, seconded by Councillor Horne, moved as an amendment that the Chair and Depute Chair positions be as detailed in their paper tabled at the meeting. On a vote being taken by a show of hands, 26 members voted for the amendment and 38 for the motion which was declared carried.

Councillor McAvoy, seconded by Councillor Docherty, moved that the Chair and Depute Chair positions for Area Committees be as detailed in the paper tabled at the meeting. Councillor Watson, seconded by Councillor Horne, moved as an amendment that the Chair and Depute Chair positions for Area Committees be agreed at the first meeting of the Area Committees. On a vote being taken by a show of hands, 30 members voted for the amendment and 37 for the motion which was declared carried.

Councillor McAvoy, seconded by Councillor Docherty, moved that Councillor Watters be nominated as President of COSLA. Councillor Watson, seconded by Councillor Horne, moved as an amendment that Councillor Watters be not nominated as President of COSLA. On a vote being taken by a show of hands, the majority voted for the motion which was declared carried.

#### **The Council decided:**

- (1) that the Standing Orders on Contracts, Scheme of Delegation and Financial Regulations be approved;
- (2) that the Standing Orders on Procedures be amended to reflect an increase in the number of ordinary Council meetings from 2 to 4 per year;
- (3) that the Standing Committees, as detailed in paragraph 2.1 of the report, be approved;
- (4) that the number of committee members and political composition, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved subject to:-
  - ◆ the removal of the ex officio member on Area Committees
  - ◆ the Leader of the Council being an ex officio member with no voting rights on the Resource, Estates, Planning and Licensing Committees
  - ◆ consultation with the leaders of the political groups on the final membership/ composition of the Conference Allocation Committee
- (5) that the political groups advise Administration Services of their representation on Committees as soon as possible to allow membership of the Committees to be finalised;
- (6) that the following positions be approved:-

**Committee**

**Chair**

**Depute Chair**

Community Resources  
Corporate Resources  
Education Resources

Gerry Convery  
Pat Watters  
Mary Smith

Hamish Stewart  
Denis McKenna  
Alex Allison

| <b>Committee</b>                             | <b>Chair</b>         | <b>Depute Chair</b> |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|
| Enterprise Resources                         | Chris Thompson       | John Murray         |
| Finance and Information Technology Resources | Eileen Logan         | James Malloy        |
| Housing and Technical Resources              | Alex McInnes         | David Baillie       |
| Social Work Resources                        | Jim Handibode        | Eileen Baxendale    |
| Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area               | Brian McKenna        | Walter Brogan       |
| Clydesdale Area                              | Hamish Stewart       | Alex Allison        |
| East Kilbride Area                           | Alice Marie Mitchell | James Malloy        |
| Hamilton Area                                | Jean McKeown         | Hugh Dunsmuir       |
| Estates Committee                            | Jim Docherty         | Michael McCann      |
| Licensing Committee                          | Mary McNeill         | Bert Thomson        |
| Plannning Committee                          | Graham Scott         | Patrick Ross-Taylor |
| Executive Committee                          | Edward McAvoy        | Michael McCann      |
| Spokesperson on Youth (Regenfx)              | Jackie Burns         |                     |

**(7)** that the 19 positions of Senior Councillor be as follows:-

Depute Leader  
Depute Provost  
Ruling Group Business Manager – Councillor Docherty  
7 Resource Committee Chairs  
4 Area Committee Chairs  
Chair of Planning Committee  
Chair of Licensing Committee  
Leader of the Majority Opposition Group – Councillor Buchanan  
Depute Leader of the Majority Opposition Group – Councillor Maggs  
Business Manager of the Majority Opposition Group – Councillor Watson

**(8)** that the Member Forums, as detailed in paragraph 2.1 of the report, be approved and that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the leaders of the political groups, to agree Forum memberships based on the membership numbers detailed in the Terms of Reference;

**(9)** that a further report be submitted to the Executive Committee on the establishment of a Standards and Procedures Forum;

**(10)** that the Terms of Reference be amended to reflect:-

- ◆ the increased frequency of Council meetings to 4 per year
- ◆ the increased frequency of Area Committee meetings to 2 times per 8 week cycle
- ◆ the outcomes of further consideration on the membership of the Conference Allocation Committee and the remit of Area Committees

- (11) that the condensed cycle of meetings to the summer recess, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report, be approved subject to the removal of the first Executive Committee scheduled for 20 June 2007;
- (12) that the cycle of meetings following the summer recess, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report, be adjusted to accommodate 2 meetings of the Area Committees in each cycle;
- (13) that the additional recess periods at Easter and October and extended summer recess period be approved;
- (14) that the following member nominations to Outside Bodies be approved with substitute member places to be allocated to opposition groups:-

#### **Outside Bodies**

Board of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

Strathclyde Police Board

Strathclyde Passenger for Transport

Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority

Lanarkshire NHS Board  
Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board

Glasgow and Clyde Valley Structure Plan Joint Committee

Lanarkshire Valuation Joint Board

COSLA

Clyde Gateway Regeneration  
South Lanarkshire Leisure Limited  
Scottish Enterprise Lanarkshire  
Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee

#### **Members**

Joe Lowe, James Malloy, Pam Clearie, Denis McKenna

Allan Falconer, Brian McKenna, Andy Carmichael, Walter Brogan

David McLachlan, Eileen Logan, Chris Thompson

Brian McCaig, Maureen Devlin, Graham Scott

Edward McAvoy

Jim Handibode

Graham Scott, Chris Thompson

Hugh Dunsmuir, Alex McInnes, Alice Marie Mitchell, John Cairney plus 4 other members  
Pat Watters, Edward McAvoy, Gerry Convery, Jim Docherty, Michael McCann, Archie Buchanan

Chris Thompson

Gerry Convery, Hamish Stewart

Chris Thompson, Graham Scott

Eileen Logan

- (15) that, following further consideration by the political group leaders, a report be submitted to the Executive Committee on the remaining membership places on Outside Bodies;
- (16) that Councillor Watters be nominated to the post of President of COSLA; and
- (17) that the Member role profiles, as detailed in Appendix 5 of the report, be approved.

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## **8 Election of Members to Divisional Licensing Boards**

A report dated 16 May 2007 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted on the election of members to the 4 Licensing Divisions within the South Lanarkshire area in terms of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976 and the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. The legal rules on the composition and membership of Licensing Divisions under the Licensing Amendment (Scotland) Act 1996 were detailed.

A paper was tabled on the proposed composition of each Licensing Division. The number of members for each Division was agreed.



In response to a request by Councillor Watson that the composition of Licensing Divisions should reflect the political composition of the Licensing Division area, it was proposed that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the leaders of the political groups, to determine the detail of the political composition and membership of the 4 Licensing Divisions.

**The Council decided:** that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the leaders of the political groups, to determine the political composition and membership of the 4 Licensing Divisions.

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## **9 Minutes of Meetings held prior to 3 May 2007**

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The minutes of meetings held prior to 3 May 2007 were submitted as follows:-

- ◆ South Lanarkshire Council held on 21 March 2007
- ◆ Appeals Panel held on 4 April 2007
- ◆ Licensing Committee held on 19 April 2007

**The Council decided:** that the minutes be noted.

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## **10 Delegated Authority - Business Dealt with by the Chief Executive in the Period from 21 March 2007**

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A report dated 16 May 2007 by the Chief Executive was submitted on items of business dealt with by him under delegated authority in the period from 21 March 2007 to the first meeting of the new Council. Authority had been delegated to the Chief Executive by the Executive Committee at its meeting on 11 October 2006 to deal with items of business arising in that period. The items dealt with by the Chief Executive under that delegated authority were as follows:-

### **Community Resources**

#### **Date Approved**

4 May 2007

#### **Subject**

International Children's Games 2011

### **Corporate Resources**

#### **Date Approved**

25 April 2007

#### **Subject**

Twinning Grant Applications – Larkhall United Football Club and Claremont High School, East Kilbride

25 April 2007

Community Grant Applications

14 May 2007

Printing Section Volume Photocopying Contract

### **Education Resources**

#### **Date Approved**

8 May 2007

#### **Subject**

Appointment of Suppliers of Loose Classroom Furniture for the Secondary Schools' Modernisation Programme

### **Enterprise Resources**

#### **Date Approved**

10 May 2007

#### **Subject**

Planning Applications

16 May 2007

Depot Rationalisation – Proposed Resiting of Elvanfoot Winter Maintenance Facility

**Finance and Information Technology Resources****Date Approved****Subject**

5 April 2007

IT Services Senior Management Structure (Joint report by Executive Directors (Finance and Information Technology Resources) and (Corporate Resources))

14 May 2007

Coalburn Miners' Welfare One Stop Shop

**Social Work Resources****Date Approved****Subject**

16 April 2007

E-Tender Home Care/Housing Report – Older People's and Adults and Justice Services

10 May 2007

Monthly Licence and Lease Agreement of The Coalyard Tearoom, 1 Caledonian Road, Larkhall by Social Work Resources (Joint report by Executive Directors (Enterprise Resources), (Social Work Resources) and (Corporate Resources))

**The Council decided:**

that the items of business dealt with by the Chief Executive under delegated authority in the period from 21 March 2007 to the first meeting of the new Council following the elections be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of Executive Committee of 11 October 2006 (Paragraph 15)]*

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**11 Urgent Business – Colonsay Field, East Kilbride and Covenanters Field, Bothwell**

In terms of Standing Order No 4, the Provost allowed discussion on previous decisions taken by the Executive and Planning Committees in relation to Colonsay Field, East Kilbride and Covenanters Field, Bothwell.

**The Council decided:**

that a report be submitted to a special meeting of the Council on issues and implications arising from any revision to previous decisions in relation to Colonsay Field, East Kilbride and Covenanters Field, Bothwell.