

## **SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Hamilton on 14 December 2011

**Chair:**

Councillor

**Councillors Present:**

Alex Allison, John Anderson, David Baillie, Walter Brogan, Jackie Burns, John Cairney, Andy Carmichael, Gordon Clark, Russell Clearie, Peter Craig, Maureen Devlin, Jim Docherty, Barry Douglas, Hugh Dunsmuir, Lynn Filshie, Beith Forrest (Depute), Ian Gray, Jim Handibode, Anne Higgins, Bill Holman, Graeme Home, Bobby Lawson, Eileen Logan, Joe Lowe, Edward McAvoy, Clare McColl, Jim McGuigan, Alex McInnes, Brian McKenna, Denis McKenna, Jean McKeown, Davie McLachlan, Anne Maggs, Archie Manson, Danny Meikle, John Menzies, Alice Marie Mitchell, Henry Mitchell, John Murray, Patrick Ross-Taylor, Alan Scott, Graham Scott, David Shearer, Graham Simpson, Mary Smith, Hamish Stewart, George Sutherland, Chris Thompson, Richard Tullett, Jim Wardhaugh, Sheena Wardhaugh, David Watson

**Councillors' Apologies:**

Eileen Baxendale, Archie Buchanan, Graeme Campbell, Pam Clearie, Gerry Convery, Douglas Edwards, Allan Falconer, Bev Gauld, Brian McCaig, Lesley McDonald, John McNamee, Mary McNeill, James Malloy, Bert Thomson, Pat Watters

**Attending:**

**Chief Executive's Service**

A Strang, Chief Executive

**Community Resources**

N Anderson, Executive Director

**Education Resources**

L Forde, Executive Director

**Enterprise Resources**

C McDowall, Executive Director

**Finance and Corporate Resources**

P Manning, Executive Director; R Lake, Head of Administration Services; G McCann, Head of Legal Services; S Somerville, Administration Adviser

**Housing and Technical Resources**

L Freeland, Executive Director

**Social Work Resources**

H Stevenson, Executive Director

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**Provost's Opening Remarks**

The Provost congratulated Councillor John Menzies on his success in the recent by-election held in Electoral Ward 18 (Hamilton West and Earnock) and welcomed him to his first meeting of South Lanarkshire Council.

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**1 Declaration of Interests**

No interests were declared.

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## **2 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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The minutes of the meeting of the South Lanarkshire Council held on 5 October 2011 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

**The Council decided:** that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

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## **3 Urgent Business**

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There were no items of urgent business.

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## **Provost's Closing Remarks – Retiral of Archie Strang, Chief Executive**

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The Provost advised that this would be the last meeting of the Council that Archie Strang, Chief Executive would be attending prior to his forthcoming retiral.

Mr Strang extended his gratitude to all those officers and members who had wholeheartedly supported him in his 17 years of service with South Lanarkshire Council. In particular, he expressed thanks to Councillors Logan and McAvoy and wished Lindsay Freeland, his successor, and South Lanarkshire Council all the very best going forward.

The Provost, on behalf of members and officers, thanked Mr Strang for his leadership, dedication and commitment over his years with the Council and wished him a healthy, long and happy retirement.

In closing the meeting, the Provost wished all present the compliments of the season and a prosperous, healthy and peaceful 2012.