

CRICHTON SUB COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday 29 May 2013
at 2:00 pm in Council Offices, English Street, Dumfries

Present

Members

Jack Groom (Chairman)	- Nith
Ian Carruthers (Substitute)	- Annandale South
Brian Collins	- Castle Douglas and Glenkens
Andy Ferguson (Substitute)	- North West Dumfries
Gail Macgregor	- Annandale North
Jane S Maitland	- Dee
John Martin	- Nith
Tom A McAughtrie	- Abbey
Colin Smyth	- Nith
Andrew S Wood	- Mid and Upper Nithsdale

Officials

Alex Haswell	- Director Chief Executive Service
Claire Caution	- Committee Clerk
Ewan Green	- Head of Economic Development

Apologies

Gillian Dykes	- Mid and Upper Nithsdale
Ivor A Hyslop	- Lochar
Willie Scobie	- Stranraer and North Rhins

In Attendance

Donald Mackinnon	- Acting Chief Executive, Crichton Trust
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Alex Haswell

Director Chief Executive Service

1 SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES

10 Members present, 3 apologies

1.1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Decision

AGREED that Jack Groom be appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

PROCEDURE - Jack Groom assumed the Chair.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

PROCEDURE - in response to questions from Members on the potential for a conflict of interest to arise in relation to those Members of the Sub-Committee who were also Members of the Crichton Trust, the Director Chief Executive Service advised that the guidance sought from the Standards Commission was still outstanding. It was his advice, however, that those Members affected should declare their interest on the basis of being Members of the Crichton Trust and, having done so, continue to participate in the work of the Sub-Committee.

Jane S Maitland, Brian Collins and Gail Macgregor declared interests in the following items by virtue of their being Chairman and members of the Crichton Trust respectively, but determined that their interests were such that they did not require to leave the meeting.

3 MINUTE OF MEETING OF 23 NOVEMBER 2012

Decision

NOTED.

4 CRICHTON TRUST - GOVERNANCE - REPORT BY DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

Decision

4.1 **NOTED** the review of the governance issues which had been carried out in relation to the decision-making structures for the Crichton Trust, accepting the recommendation that the Trust should remain in its current form as a company limited by guarantee with charitable status, with a remit to support delivery of the vision and outcomes for the Crichton provided by this Sub-Committee, acting within its two associated charitable outcomes;

AGREED

4.2 that the Council should become the sole member of the Crichton Trust, following the resignation of all other members of the Trust (Scottish Enterprise, Dumfries and Galloway

Chamber of Commerce and the Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland), with the Crichton Trust thereafter requiring a maximum of 10 Directors to be appointed;

4.3 to request that the current 4 non-Council Directors of the Trust consider remaining on the Board; and

4.4 to the appointment of a minimum of 6 new Directors (not Councillors) for the Crichton Trust being made by an Appointments Committee of 7, comprising 4 Members of this Sub-Committee, 2 current Directors and the Chief Executive of the Crichton Trust.

5 CRICHTON 2020+: COUNCIL FUNDING SUPPORT - REPORT BY DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

Decision

AGREED to defer consideration of this report **APPRECIATING** its wider implications for the Council and the need to take the issue forward through the Policy and Resources Committee.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN DUE TO THE NEED FOR A DECISION

Decision

NOTED that there was no business deemed urgent by the Chairman due to the need for a decision.