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7th Meeting 2003, Session 2

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*Johann Lamont (Glasgow Pollok) (Lab)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Donald Gorrie (Central Scotland) (LD)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Scott Barrie (Dunfermline West) (Lab)

*Cathie Craigie (Cumbernauld and Kilsyth) (Lab)

*Patrick Harvie (Glasgow) (Green)

Campbell Martin (West of Scotland) (SNP)

*Mary Scanlon (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

Elaine Smith (Coatbridge and Chryston) (Lab)

*Stewart Stevenson (Banff and Buchan) (SNP)

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Shona Robison (Dundee East) (SNP)

Mike Rumbles (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine) (LD)

John Scott (Ayr) (Con)

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Scottish Parliament

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 10:01*]

Items in Private

The Convener (Johann Lamont): I welcome everyone to this meeting of the Communities Committee. We have received apologies from Campbell Martin and Elaine Smith. This is not to do with agenda item 1, but I mention that, over the past few weeks, we have been out on our travels in relation to the Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Bill. We will be reporting on the bill in due course, but I wanted to put on record now my thanks to the clerks for managing what must have been an almost impossible task. I believe that MSPs are even more difficult to herd than hens, so the fact that the clerks managed to organise a substantial number of what turned out to be really good meetings is all credit to them. Many thanks go to them for that.

I invite members to agree to take items 3 and 4 in private. Item 3 concerns an approach paper, which has not been signed off by the committee. Item 4 deals with a draft report. Is that agreed?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Mainstreaming Equality

10:02

The Convener: Item 2 is on mainstreaming equality. Members have before them an approach paper from the clerk. Do members have any comments?

Members: No.

The Convener: I take it that members are content with the approach that is suggested in the paper. Is that approach agreed?

Members *indicated agreement.*

10:02

Meeting continued in private until 11:01.

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