

GLASGOW BAR ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee Meeting
Glasgow Sheriff Court, Glasgow

on

Monday 6th April 2020 @ 5pm (Via videoconference)

MINUTES

- **Sederunt**

- Billy Lavelle, Fiona McKinnon, Craig Dewar, Moira Deeney, Alison Heron, Tracey Mulholland, Lindsay Gaughan, Katy Wilson, David Fiskin, Umar Hussain, Lorna McCann, Michael Gallen, Jim Bauld, Eddie Gilroy, Scott Adair

- **Apologies for Absence**

- None

- **Matters requiring Special Attention**

- Jury provision – SG’s proposed legislative change

This matter was discussed in detail. DF has been sitting as part of the Law Society group preparing a response in relation to and in advance of the next piece of proposed legislation by the Scottish Government. He was involved in a further telephone conference today and was able to update the committee in relation to same. A number of options are being discussed by the Law Society. They have not finalised their position in relation to matters. They cannot do so until they see the text of the draft Bill. He relayed the terms of the Law Society group’s discussions. A further telephone conference will be held on Thursday and this will be fed back to the committee then.

All options discussed by the Committee. Agreed that we will draft strong response to draft Bill when published. The work in relation to that requires to start now. Initial consensus is that it is too premature to be considering wholesale change to justice system. Consensus is that we should not be holding jury trials during the lockdown phase of Government restrictions. The focus should be on clearing the backlog in due course. However, we will give views in relation to alternatives, should it be required that jury trials are to be considered to resume sooner rather than later.

- **A.O.C.B**

- None

- **Next Meeting – 9th April 2020 at 5pm**