

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Council

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 09 May 2019	09:30	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

KENNETH GRAHAM
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Councillor Jennifer Marion Adam-McGregor: Councillor Tom Begg: Councillor Derek Bibby: Councillor Bill Binks: Councillor Bill Brown: Councillor Stephen Burns: Councillor Jacqueline Cameron: Councillor Michelle Campbell: Councillor Carolann Davidson: Councillor Eddie Devine: Councillor Andy Doig: Councillor Audrey Doig: Councillor Natalie Don: Councillor Alison Jean Dowling: Councillor Edward Grady: Councillor Neill Graham: Councillor Jim Harte: Councillor John Hood: Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes: Councillor Karen Kennedy: Councillor Scott Kerr: Councillor Paul Mack: Councillor Alistair Mackay: Councillor James MacLaren: Councillor Kenny MacLaren: Councillor Mags MacLaren: Councillor Eileen McCartin: Councillor Colin McCulloch: Councillor Marie McGurk: Councillor John McIntyre: Councillor John McNaughtan: Councillor Kevin Montgomery: Councillor Will Mylet: Councillor Emma Rodden: Councillor Jim Sharkey: Councillor John Shaw: Councillor James Sheridan: Councillor Andy Steel: Councillor Jane Strang: Provost Lorraine Cameron (Convener): Councillor Cathy McEwan (Depute Convener): Councillor Iain Nicolson (Leader): Councillor Jim Paterson (Depute Leader)

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Items of business

Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

1 Minutes of Meetings of Council, Boards and Panels

Minutes of Meetings of Council, Boards and Panels (attached separately)

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Special Council, 28 February 2019, pages 443-444

Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board, 12 March 2019, pages 445-460

Regulatory Functions Board, 13 March 2019, pages 461-470

Education and Children's Services Policy Board, 14 March 2019, pages 471-476

Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board, 18 March 2019, pages 477-482

Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board, 20 March 2019, pages 483-492

Petitions Board, 25 March 2019, pages 493-496

Special Personnel Appeals and Applied Conditions of Service Appeals Panel, 26 March 2019, pages 497-498

Local Review Body, 26 March 2019, pages 499-502

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Special Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board, 23 April 2019, pages 525-526

Leadership Board, 1 May 2019 (to follow)

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4 Notice of Motion 1 by Councillors Sheridan and Hood 17 - 18

"Tweedie Hall Charges

That this Council reflects on its town hall charges and affords the same charges to community groups/local residents as those applied to major charities." (Appendix attached as a separate document)

5 Notice of Motion 2 by Councillors McCartin and Andy Doig

"20mph road signs in residential areas -

Council agrees to write to the Scottish Government to provide a swift solution to the issue of 20mph roads in residential areas.

This must allow individual councils to judge which roads or areas are suitable for 20mph directives, allowing them to designate where this would be appropriate to the needs of local residents.

It is recognised that there may be extra cost to the council in the erection of new signage and, possibly, the production of information materials to ensure that they do not cause confusion."

6 Notice of Motion 3 by Councillors Harte and Sharkey

"Palestine

This Council notes the result of Israel's general election.

Furthermore, council condemns the continuation of policies that are illegal in international law and in contravention to UN resolutions that results in the disproportionate attacks on the people of Palestine, including women and children, and incursions beyond Israel's borders.

Council supports a two state solution as the best way of achieving a lasting peace in the region."

7 Notice of Motion 4 by Councillors Andy Doig and McCartin

"The Creation of a Bridge Link between Scotland and Northern Ireland -

Renfrewshire Council supports the creation of a bridge link between Scotland and Northern Ireland as promoted by Professor Alan Dunlop of Liverpool University, and supported in principle by the First Minister of Scotland, the former First Minister of Northern Ireland, and the Tanaiste of the Republic of Ireland, and the Federation of Small Businesses.

Council believes that at a time of constitutional fluidity it is essential to consolidate economic and commercial trade between Scotland, Northern Ireland, and the Republic of Ireland, with the objective of:

- revitalising the manufacturing sector in the West of Scotland in the short-term
- creating a new economic East/West focus for trade, commerce, and business in the long-term

- Rebalancing the UK economy by stimulating major growth and investment outwith the City of London

8 Notice of Motion 5 by Councillors Andy Doig and McCartin

"Unpaid Invoices by Renfrewshire Council -

Renfrewshire Council commends the significant role which small and medium sized businesses make to the growth and prosperity of the Renfrewshire economy, and believes that a vibrant local economy depends on this key sector expanding.

Council therefore resolves to review its procedures to ensure that all debt owed to small and medium sized businesses by Renfrewshire Council will be paid within a 28 day period."

9 Notice of Motion 6 by Councillors Graham and McIntyre

"Thomas Coats Memorial Church

This Council notes the good work being done by the Trustees and Advisors of Thomas Coats Memorial Church to preserve the former Church. Council also notes that there is a fundraising campaign to save the former Church for future generations. This Council will make a pledge that whatever money is raised by the public in the "100 days to save Thomas Coats Memorial Church" fundraiser will be matched by the Council"

10 Notice of Motion 7 by Councillors Don and McEwan

"Council commends the work of Renfrewshire Council's Roadside Litter Rapid Response team and agrees that roadside litter is a scourge on our landscapes, a danger to motorists, wildlife and the operatives who have to clean it up at a significant cost to the taxpayer at both a local and national level.

Council notes that further action is required to eradicate the problem and welcomes the Scottish Governments recent announcement, which pledges to take a tougher stance on the issue as part of a future Circular Economy Bill."

11 Notice of Motion 8 by Councillors J Cameron and Hughes

"Carers Passport

Council appreciates the dedication and commitment of unpaid carers and further notes the benefits their in-kind contribution brings to Renfrewshire.

Council notes that other local authorities provide a carers passport or discount card in recognition of the contribution carers make. Council

agrees to explore a similar option in Renfrewshire council, to thank carers for the difference they make on a daily basis."

12 Notice of Motion 9 by Councillors Don and Paterson

"Council welcomes the Scottish Government's decision that EU citizens who study a Further or Higher education course in Scotland in the 2020/21 academic year will be charged the same tuition fees and receive the same fee support as Scottish students for the entirety of their courses; further welcomes the decision to honour this, even if current legal obligations to EU students cease to apply when the UK exits the EU.

Council recognises the significant contribution overseas students make to our institutions and society and commends the Scottish Government for making Scotland the first nation in the UK to offer this commitment.

Amidst this ongoing Brexit uncertainty, council understands that this decision will give great peace of mind, to both potential students and Renfrewshire's academic institutions. EU students are welcome in Renfrewshire and we recognise their contribution academically, economically and culturally to our local communities."

13 Notice of Motion 10 by Councillors Brown and Grady

"Renfrew Ladies Football Team

This Council congratulates Renfrew Ladies Football Team on reaching the final of the First Division cup. The game was on Friday May 3rd. It is appreciated if as many locals as possible attended the match. The Council trusts this is the first cup final of many for Renfrew Ladies."

14 Notice of Motion 11 by Councillors Audrey Doig and Paterson

"Council is a member of the Mayors for Peace, the global international body of Councils working for over 3 decades to promote multilateral nuclear disarmament and a more peaceful world. Council passed a motion on 12/12/18 calling on the UK government to cancel Trident replacement plans and support the 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

Strathclyde Pension Fund manages the pension contributions of Council employees. Strathclyde Pension Fund is known to hold shares in companies that are involved in the production or maintenance of nuclear weapons or their delivery systems, including some that undertake work on the UK's nuclear weapons programme.

Any investments in nuclear weapons producers are at odds with Council's support for the TPNW and Council's opposition to Trident renewal. Such investments also present a growing risk to Strathclyde Pension Fund. The TPNW has increased the stigma associated with nuclear weapons and companies which continue to produce nuclear weapons after the treaty enters into force will face damage to their reputation which could affect their value.

Council calls on Strathclyde Pension Fund to:

1. Work towards eliminating current and future financial exposure to companies that are involved in the production or maintenance of nuclear weapons and their delivery systems, giving due regard to fiduciary duty.
2. Council asks the Chief Executive to write to the convenor of Strathclyde Pension Fund pension committee to urge them to take full consideration of this resolution."

15 Notice of Motion 12 by Councillors Mack and Andy Doig

"Motion of Censure

This Council will with immediate effect, name, shame and censure Councillors who release or impart information to other agencies which are governed by exempt report status. Not only does this prejudice the Council and other parties but people's livelihoods are also endangered.

The most recent act at the Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board served no one's benefit except the narrow vengeful interests of the surreptitious informant - they should be ashamed of themselves."

16 Notice of Motion 13 by Councillors Burns and K

MacLaren

"Council is concerned by the increasing numbers of ATM's which charge a fee for withdrawals. These fees can have disproportionate and detrimental impact on people with fixed incomes, for example benefits, pensions and individuals who cannot afford to travel to access a free to use ATM.

Council agrees that officers will look into the issue of chargeable ATM's in Renfrewshire and that a report be produced on all available actions/options available to the local authority to increase the numbers of free to use ATM's, within our communities."

17 Notice of Motion 14 by Councillors Sheridan and Kerr

"Business Case red blaes, Gryffe High School -

This Council agrees to commission a Business Case and Research Report looking at the potential viability of upgrading the dilapidated red blaes mineral area at Gryffe High School and report back to full Council in a timeous fashion."

18 Notice of Motion 15 by Councillors McNaughtan and

Burns

"Protection of music venues and other locations of cultural significance

Council recognises the importance of music venues and other locations of cultural significance to the local economy. Increasingly, with the move to repopulate town centres, noise generating venues come into

conflict with residential development and Council supports proposals in the Planning (Scotland) Bill to allow the designation of culturally significant zones.

Council also supports use of the principle of 'Agent of Change' in order to assess and ameliorate conflict arising from such situations. Finally, Council will use its powers to support business and ensure residents have sufficient amenity in such situations of conflict. Officers will examine measures to address such conflicts and report back to the Communities Housing and Planning Policy Board."