

## Minute of Meeting Council

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

### Present

Councillor Jennifer Marion Adam-McGregor, Councillor Tom Begg, Councillor Derek Bibby, Councillor Bill Binks, Councillor Bill Brown, Councillor Stephen Burns, Councillor Jacqueline Cameron, Provost Lorraine 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 Cathy McEwan, Councillor Marie McGurk, Councillor John McIntyre, Councillor John McNaughtan, Councillor Kevin Montgomery, Councillor Will Mylet, Councillor Iain Nicolson, Councillor Jim Paterson, Councillor Emma Rodden, Councillor Jim Sharkey, Councillor John Shaw, Councillor James Sheridan, Councillor Andy Steel, Councillor Jane Strang

### Chair

Provost L Cameron presided.

### In Attendance

S Black, Chief Executive; M Crearie, Director of Communities, Housing & Planning Services; G McNeil, Director of Environment & Infrastructure; A Russell, Director of Finance & Resources; S Quinn, Acting Director of Children's Services; L McIntyre, Head of Policy & Commissioning and A Morrison, Head of Regeneration (both Chief Executive's); K Graham, Head of Corporate Governance), A MacArthur, Head of Finance, L Neary, Head of Transformation & OD, M Conaghan, Legal & Democratic Services Manager, L Belshaw Democratic Services Manager and P Shiach, Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources); D Leese, Chief Officer (Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership); and V Hollows, Chief Executive (Renfrewshire Leisure Limited).

## **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor McCartin declared a non-financial interest in respect of item 4 of the agenda (Notice of Motion 1) as she was a member of the Board of Renfrewshire Leisure Limited. Councillor McCartin indicated that as she had a general dispensation from the Standards Commission which allowed her to take part and to vote in relation to such matters it was her intention to remain in the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Hughes declared a non-financial interest in respect of item 4 of the agenda (Notice of Motion 1) as she was Chair of the Board of Renfrewshire Leisure Limited. Councillor Hughes indicated that as she had a general dispensation from the Standards Commission which allowed her to take part and to vote in relation to such matters it was her intention to remain in the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor McNaughtan declared a non-financial interest in item 14 of the agenda (Notice of Motion 11) as he was a member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. However, he intimated that as his interest was insignificant he would remain in the meeting and take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Provost Cameron declared a non-financial interest in item 14 of the agenda (Notice of Motion 11) as she was a member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. However, she intimated that as her interest was insignificant she would remain in the meeting and take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor Shaw declared a non-financial interest in item 14 of the agenda (Notice of Motion 11) as he was a member of the Board of Strathclyde Pension Fund. However, he intimated that he would remain in the meeting and take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

## **Intimation**

The Provost referred to former Councillor Bruce McFee who was in hospital and severely ill and offered best wishes on behalf of the Council for his recovery.

## **1 Minutes of Meetings of Council, Boards and Panels**

There were submitted the Minutes of the following meetings of the Council, Boards and Panels on the dates specified:

Council, 28 February 2019

Special Council, 28 February 2019

Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board, 12 March 2019

Regulatory Functions Board, 13 March 2019

Education and Children's Services Policy Board, 104 March 2019

Audit Risk and Scrutiny Board, 18 March 2019

Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board, 20 March 2019

Petitions Board, 25 March 2019

Special Personnel Appeals and Applied Conditions of Service Appeals Panel, 26 March 2019

Local Review Body, 26 March 2019

Special Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board, 26 March 2019

Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board, 27 March 2019

Regulatory Functions Board, 28 March 2019

Special Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board, 23 April 2019

Leadership Board, 1 May 2019

**DECIDED:** That the Minutes be approved.

## **2 Remuneration of Elected Members**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to remuneration arrangements for elected members which were in accordance with prevailing Scottish Government Regulations. The current arrangements were approved by Council on 18 May 2017. The report advised that amendments to the Regulations had been laid before the Scottish Parliament on 1 February 2019 and came into force on 1 April 2019.

The Regulations outlined an increase in elected member remuneration. Increases in local government elected member salaries were linked to the movement in the median annual earnings of public sector workers in Scotland. The report proposed that the same percentage increase be applied to the pay of senior councillors as that applied by Regulations to the basic rate of councillors' remuneration.

### **DECIDED:**

(a) That the 2.8% increase in the remuneration levels mandated by the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2019 for the Leader of the Council, for the Provost and for councillors with effect from 1 April 2019; their salaries therefore being £34,944, £26,208 and £17,470 respectively, be noted;

(b) That the application of a 2.8% increase in the pay of senior councillors with effect from 1 April 2019 be approved. Senior councillors comprised of (i) Policy Board Conveners, (ii) the Council representative nominated as, on rotation, the chair or depute chair of Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership's Integration Joint Board, (iii) the Council representative nominated as the chair of Renfrewshire Leisure Limited's Board of Directors, (iv) Regulatory Board Conveners and (v) the Leaders of the largest and second largest Opposition groups. The salaries of senior councillors in classifications (i), (ii) and (iii) above would therefore be £25,906 from 1 April 2019; and the salaries of senior councillors in classifications (iv) and (v) above would therefore be £21,365 from 1 April 2019; and

(c) That for future changes in remuneration for councillors, the Director of Finance & Resources be authorised to apply the same percentage increase in remuneration for senior councillors as that applied by Regulations to the basic rate of councillors' remuneration.

## **Recording of Dissent**

Councillor Mackay, being the mover of an amendment, which failed to find a seconder asked that his dissent be recorded in terms of Standing Order 24.

## **Sederunt**

Councillor Mylet entered the meeting during consideration of the following item.

### **3 Governance Arrangements**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to replacement members on the Paisley 2021 Legacy Board; Infrastructure Land & Environment and Education & Children's Services Policy Boards; and the Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board. A delegation was also sought to deal with applications for funding of gala days which would take place prior to the next cycle of Local Partnership meetings.

#### **DECIDED:**

(a) That the appointment of Councillor Sharkey as the representative of the main Opposition Group on the Paisley 2021 Legacy Board be approved;

(b) That the appointment of Councillors Kerr and Strang to replace Councillor Binks on the Infrastructure, Land & Environment and Education & Children's Services Policy Boards respectively be approved;

(c) That the appointment of Councillor J MacLaren to the Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership Joint Board in place of Councillor Kerr be approved; and

(d) That the Director of Communities, Housing & Planning Services be given delegated authority to consider applications and award funding to organisations involved in running local galas as set out in paragraph 1.5 of the report.

## **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Hughes and McCartin, having declared an interest in the following item of business and their general dispensation from the Standards Commission which allowed them to take part and to vote in relation to such matters remained in the meeting during consideration of this item.

### **4 Notice of Motion 1 by Councillors Sheridan and Hood**

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Sheridan and Hood which Provost L Cameron ruled was not competent in terms of Standing Order 28 – rescinding of decisions - as it was contrary to the decision which had been taken at item 8 of page 531 of the Minute of the meeting of the Leadership Board held on 1 May 2019 and there had been no material change in circumstances justifying the matter being reconsidered.

## Motion to Suspend Standing Orders

Councillor Sheridan, seconded by Councillor Sharkey, moved in terms of Standing Order 44 that Standing Order 28 – rescinding of decisions – be suspended to allow the Council to consider the Notice of Motion by Councillors Sheridan and Hood.

On the roll being called, the following members voted to suspend Standing Order 28: Councillors Begg, Bibby, Binks, Brown, Davidson, Devine, Dowling, Grady, Graham, Harte, Hood, Kennedy, Kerr, Mack, Mackay, J MacLaren, McCulloch, McIntyre, Montgomery, Sharkey, Sheridan and Strang.

The following members voted against the motion to suspend Standing Order 28: Councillors Adam-McGregor, Burns, J Cameron, Provost L Cameron, Councillors Campbell, Andy Doig, Audrey Doig, Don, Hughes, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, McCartin, McEwan, McGurk, McNaughtan, Mylet, Nicolson, Paterson, Rodden, Shaw and Steel.

22 members having voted for the motion to suspend Standing Order 28 and 21 members having voted against the motion to suspend Standing Order 28, the necessary two-thirds of those members present and voting at the meeting was not achieved as required for the suspension of Standing Orders and accordingly the motion to suspend Standing Order 28 was defeated.

## 5 Notice of Motion 2 by Councillors McCartin and Andy Doig

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors McCartin and Andy Doig in the following terms:-

“20mph road signs in residential areas –

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

This must allow individual councils to judge which roads or areas are suitable for 20 mph 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.”

Councillor McCartin, seconded by Councillor Andy Doig, then moved the motion which was approved unanimously.

**DECIDED:** 20mph road signs in residential areas –

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

(b) That this must allow individual councils to judge which roads or areas are suitable for 20 mph directives, allowing them to designate where this would be appropriate to the needs of local residents; and

(c) That 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**

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Harte and Sharkey in the following terms:

“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”.

Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Sharkey, then moved the motion.

Councillor Graham, seconded by Councillor Kerr, moved, as an amendment that this Council notes the democratic election that was held in Israel on 9 April 2019.

Council further notes that there have been no Presidential elections in the Palestine National Authority since 2005.

Furthermore, Council condemns the latest terrorist attacks in Israel resulting in the deaths of four Israelis.

Council believes that it is for the Israeli and Palestinian people to come together and agree a solution that mutually benefits all concerned parties.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Begg, Binks, Graham, Kerr, J MacLaren, McIntyre and Strang.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Adam-McGregor, Bibby, Brown, Burns, J Cameron, Provost L Cameron, Councillors Campbell, Davidson, Devine, Andy Doig, Audrey Doig, Don, Grady, Harte, Hood, Hughes, Kennedy, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, McCartin, McCulloch, McEwan, McGurk, McNaughtan, Mylet, Nicolson, Paterson, Rodden, Sharkey, Shaw, Sheridan, and Steel.

The following members abstained: Councillors Dowling, Mack, Mackay and Montgomery.

32 members having voted for the motion, 7 members having voted for the amendment and 4 members having abstained, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

**DECIDED:** Palestine

(a) That 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; and

(b) That 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**

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Andy Doig and McCartin in the following terms:

“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 Tánaiste 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 outside the City of London

Councillor Andy Doig, seconded by Councillor McCartin, then moved the motion.

Councillor Sharkey, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, moved as an amendment that Council supports the revitalising of the manufacturing sector in the West of Scotland, promotes sustainable trade and agreed with rebalancing the UK economy.

Council believes this is best done by projects like Crossrail Glasgow and a standard rail GARL connection.

Councillors Doig and McCartin, being the mover and seconder of the motion agreed to accept the word “sustainable” between “consolidate” and “economic”.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Bibby, Brown, Devine, Dowling, Grady, Harte, Hood, Kennedy, McCulloch, Montgomery, Sharkey and Sheridan.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Adam-McGregor, Begg, Binks, Burns, J Cameron, Provost L Cameron, Councillors Campbell, Andy Doig, Audrey Doig, Don, Graham, Hughes, Kerr, Mack, Mackay, J MacLaren, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, McCartin, McEwan, McGurk, McIntyre, McNaughtan, Mylet, Nicolson, Paterson, Rodden, Shaw, Steel and Strang.

The following member abstained: Councillor Davidson.

30 members having voted for the motion, 12 members having voted for the amendment and 1 member having abstained, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

**DECIDED:** The Creation of a Bridge Link between Scotland and Northern Ireland –

(a) That 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 Tánaiste of the Republic of Ireland, and the Federation of Small Businesses; and

(b) That Council believes that at a time of constitutional fluidity it is essential to consolidate sustainable 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 outside the City of London.

## **8 Notice of Motion 5 by Councillors Andy Doig and McCartin**

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Andy Doig and McCartin in the following terms:

“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.”

Councillor Andy Doig, seconded by Councillor McCartin, then moved the motion.

Councillor Nicolson, seconded by Councillor Shaw, moved as an amendment that paragraph 2 be removed and replaced by



“Council notes that Renfrewshire has consistently remained one of the highest performing councils in Scotland in respect of payment of supplier invoices within the nationally defined performance period of 30 days.

Council resolves to review its procedures to ensure that invoices received from small and medium sized businesses are paid subject to policy and within 30 calendar days”.

In terms of Standing Order 27, Councillors Andy Doig and McCartin, being the mover and seconder of the motion agreed to accept the amendment which was approved unanimously.

**DECIDED:** Unpaid Invoices by Renfrewshire Council –

(a) That 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;

(b) That Council notes that Renfrewshire has consistently remained one of the highest performing councils in Scotland in respect of payment of supplier invoices within the nationally defined performance period of 30 days; and

(c) That Council resolves to review its procedures to ensure that invoices received from small and medium sized businesses are paid subject to policy and within 30 calendar days.

## **Sederunt**

Councillor Bibby left the meeting during consideration of the following item and prior to the vote being taken.

## **9 Notice of Motion 6 by Councillors Graham and McIntyre**

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Graham and McIntyre which Provost L Cameron ruled was not competent in terms of Standing Order 28 – rescinding of decisions - as it was contrary to the decision which had been taken at item 5 of page 530 of the Minute of the meeting of the Leadership Board held on 1 May 2019 and there had been no material change in circumstances justifying the matter being reconsidered.

### **Motion to Suspend Standing Orders**

Councillor Graham seconded by Councillor McIntyre moved in terms of Standing Order 44 that Standing Order 28 – rescinding of decisions – be suspended to allow the Council to consider the Notice of Motion by Councillors Graham and McIntyre.

On the roll being called, the following members voted to suspend Standing Order 28: Councillors Begg, Binks, Brown, Devine, Grady, Graham, Harte, Hood, Kennedy, Kerr, Mack, Mackay, J MacLaren, McIntyre, Sharkey, Sheridan and Strang.

The following members voted not to suspend Standing Order 28: Councillors Adam-McGregor, Burns, J Cameron, Provost L Cameron, Councillors Campbell, Davidson, Andy Doig, Audrey Doig, Don, Dowling, Hughes, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, McCartin,

McCulloch, McEwan, McGurk, McNaughtan, Montgomery, Mylet, Nicolson, Paterson, Rodden, Shaw and Steel.

17 members having voted for the motion to suspend Standing Order 28 and 25 members having voted against the motion to suspend Standing Order 28, the necessary two-thirds of those members present and voting at the meeting was not achieved as required for the suspension of Standing Orders and accordingly the motion to suspend Standing Order 28 was defeated.

## **Sederunt**

Councillor Bibby re-entered the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

### **10 Notice of Motion 7 by Councillors Don and McEwan**

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Don and McEwan in the following terms:

“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 both at local and national level.

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

Councillor Don, seconded by Councillor McEwan, then moved the motion which was approved unanimously.

#### **DECIDED:**

(a) That 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 both at local and national level; and

(b) That Council notes that further action is required to eradicate the problem and welcomes the Scottish Government’s 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**

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors J Cameron and Hughes in the following terms:

“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.”

Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Hughes, then moved the motion which was approved unanimously.

**DECIDED:** Carers’ Passport –

(a) That Council appreciates the dedication and commitment of unpaid carers’ and further notes the benefits their in-kind contribution brings to Renfrewshire;

(b) That Council notes that other local authorities provide a carers passport or discount card in recognition of the contribution carers make; and

(c) That Council agrees to explore a similar option in Renfrewshire Council, to thank carers for the difference they made on a daily basis.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10.50 am and reconvened at 11.00 am.

## **Sederunt**

Councillor Bibby was not present when the meeting reconvened.

## **12 Notice of Motion 9 by Councillors Don and Paterson**

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Don and Paterson in the following terms:

“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 to our local communities”.

Councillor Don, seconded by Councillor Paterson, then moved the motion which was approved unanimously.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That 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;

(b) That 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; and

(c) That 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 to our local communities.

### **13 Notice of Motion 10 by Councillors Brown and Grady**

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Brown and Grady in the following terms:

"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."

Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Grady, then moved the motion which was approved unanimously.

**DECIDED:** Renfrew Ladies Football Team

That 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.

### **Sederunt**

Councillor Bibby re-entered the meeting prior to consideration of the following item of business.

## **Declarations of Interest**

Provost L Cameron and Councillors McNaughtan and Shaw, having declared an interest in the following item of business remained in the meeting during consideration of this item.

### **14 Notice of Motion 11 by Councillors Audrey Doig and Paterson**

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Audrey Doig and Paterson in the following terms:

“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 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”.

Councillor Audrey Doig, seconded by Councillor Paterson, then moved the motion.

Councillor McIntyre, seconded by Councillor Kerr, moved as an amendment that the Council agrees that the investment decisions of the Strathclyde Pension Fund are best decided by the fund with due regard to their own investment criteria and governance structures.

Furthermore, the Council will not pass a motion which could undermine the City Deal Projects which are approved and already underway.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Begg, Binks, Dowling, Graham, Kerr, J MacLaren, McIntyre and Strang.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Adam-McGregor, Brown, Burns, J Cameron, Provost L Cameron, Councillors Campbell, Devine, Andy Doig, Audrey Doig, Don, Grady, Harte, Hood, Hughes, Kennedy, Mack, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, McCartin, McEwan, McGurk, McNaughtan, Mylet, Nicolson, Paterson, Rodden, Sharkey, Shaw, Sheridan and Steel.

The following members abstained: Councillors Bibby, Davidson, Mackay, McCulloch and Montgomery.

30 members having voted for the motion, 8 members having voted for the amendment and 5 members having abstained, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

### **DECIDED:**

(a) That 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);

(b) That 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;

(c) That 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 companies which continue to produce nuclear weapons after the treaty enters into force will face damage to their reputation which could affect their value;

(d) That 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**

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Mack and Andy Doig in the following terms:

"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 Environmental Policy Board served no one's benefit except the narrow vengeful interests of the surreptitious informant – they should be ashamed of themselves."

Councillor Mack, seconded by Councillor Andy Doig, then moved the motion which was approved unanimously.

**DECIDED:** Motion of Censure -

(a) That 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; and

(b) That the most recent act at the Infrastructure, Land and Environmental 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**

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Burns and K MacLaren in the following terms:

"Council is concerned by the increasing number 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."

Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor K MacLaren, then moved the motion which was approved unanimously.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That Council is concerned by the increasing number 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; and

(b) That 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**

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Sheridan and Kerr in the following terms:

“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”.

Councillor Sheridan, seconded by Councillor Kerr, then moved the motion.

Councillor Paterson, seconded by Councillor Audrey Doig, moved as an amendment that Renfrewshire Council agrees to undertake a full audit on the condition of all Secondary Schools red blaes pitches and bring back a report detailing proposals for future investment.

In terms of Standing Order 27, Councillors Sheridan and Kerr, being the mover and seconder of the motion agreed to accept the amendment which was approved unanimously.

It was further proposed that the report be submitted to the first meeting of the Council following the Summer recess. This was agreed.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That Renfrewshire Council agrees to undertake a full audit on the condition of all Secondary Schools red blaes pitches and bring back a report detailing proposals for future investment; and

(b) That the report be submitted to the first meeting of the Council following the Summer recess.

## **18 Notice of Motion 15 by Councillors McNaughtan and Burns**

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors McNaughtan and Burns in the following terms:

“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.”

Councillor McNaughtan, seconded by Councillor Burns, then moved the motion which was approved unanimously.

**DECIDED:** Protection of music venues and other locations of cultural significance



(a) That 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;

(b) That Council also supports use of the principle of 'Agent of Change' in order to assess and ameliorate conflict arising from such situations; and

(c) Finally, that 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.