

## Notice of Meeting and Agenda Council

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 28 April 2016	09:30	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

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## **Membership**

Councillor Derek Bibby: Councillor Maria Brown: Councillor Bill Brown: Councillor Lorraine Cameron: Councillor Stuart Clark: Councillor Eddie Devine: Councillor Margaret Devine: Councillor Andy Doig: Councillor Audrey Doig: Councillor Christopher Gilmour: Councillor Roy Glen: Councillor Eddie Grady: Councillor Jim Harte: Councillor Jacqueline Henry: Councillor Michael Holmes: Councillor John Hood: Councillor Terry Kelly: Councillor Brian Lawson: Councillor Paul Mack: Councillor James MacLaren: Councillor Kenny MacLaren: Councillor Mags MacLaren: Councillor Mark Macmillan: Councillor Eileen McCartin: Councillor Cathy McEwan: Councillor Stephen McGee: Councillor Marie McGurk: Councillor Iain McMillan: Councillor James McQuade: Councillor Sam Mullin: Councillor Alexander Murrin: Councillor Will Mylet: Councillor Iain Nicolson: Councillor Allan Noon: Councillor Bill Perrie: Councillor Jim Sharkey: Councillor Maureen Sharkey: Councillor Tommy Williams:

Provost Anne Hall (Convener): Councillor John Caldwell (Depute Convener):

## 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.

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**9 Notice of Motion 1**

Notice of Motion by Councillors Lawson and Mylet in the following terms:

"Council agrees to

a) suspend standing order 28 in order to reconsider the decision of the Leadership Board of the 2nd of December 2015 in relation to the opening hours of Ralston Community Sports Centre.

b) restore the opening hours to their previous level.

c) delegate to the Director of Finance & Resources to make appropriate financial adjustments to enable this change to take place using existing balances if required."

## **10 Notice of Motion 2**

Notice of Motion by Councillors McEwan and Perrie in the following terms:

"Council agrees to,

(A) Suspend standing order 28 in order to reconsider the decision of the Leadership Board of the 2nd December, 2015, in relation to agreeing that the four recycling centres based in Renfrew, Linwood, Erskine and Johnstone be converted into self-service "bring sites", and to be supported by a small mobile staffing resource, operating during opening times."

(B) Thereafter to agree to ensure recycling sites in Renfrew, Linwood, Erskine and Johnstone are fully staffed during opening times, and at any other times required to allow for a smooth operation of all recycling centres.

(C) Delegate to the Director of Finance & Resources to make appropriate financial adjustments to enable this change to take place using existing balances if required."

## **11 Notice of Motion 3**

Notice of Motion by Councillors I McMillan and Williams in the following terms:

"Renfrewshire Council supports the repealing of the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act"

## **12 Notice of Motion 4**

Notice of Motion by Councillors McCartin and Mack in the following terms:

"Council agrees to suspend standing orders in order to amend the decision taken at the Council meeting of the 25th February 2016, item 14, which the Council supported with the amendment of:

"Council agrees that those income taxpayers who earn less than £20,000 should receive a rebate of £100."

"This amendment was moved by the Labour group and, as this is no longer Labour party policy, the Labour group needs to be given the opportunity to change their support to the original motion, which had been moved by the Liberal Democrat and Independent councillors."

## **13 Notice of Motion 5**

Notice of Motion by Councillors Mark Macmillan and Holmes in the following terms:

"Council notes that the £1 billion 2016-24 Clyde and Hebrides ferry services (CHFS) contract will be awarded at the end of May and that the two bidders are public sector operator CalMac and private multinational Serco.

Council welcomes the Scottish Government's increases in public investment in ferry infrastructure and services, including six new vessels for the CHFS network by 2025.

Council notes ferry expert Jeanette Findlay of Glasgow University's report for the RMT union, "Economic benefits of public sector provision on lifeline Clyde and Hebrides ferry services" which found that CalMac is an efficient operator that spreads benefits across the Scottish economy whilst Serco's profit-seeking model restricts performance to contractual minimums and would increase risk to workers, communities, passengers and the taxpayer.

The Council will write to the First Minister and the Transport Minister of the Scottish Government in support of awarding the next CHFS contract to CalMac and retaining the public sector operation of lifeline ferry services, to the benefit of the Scottish economy and society."

## **14 Notice of Motion 6**

Notice of Motion by Councillors Mark Macmillan and Holmes in the following terms:

"Renfrewshire Council recognises that the UK Government's referendum on European Union membership could have a significant impact on the economic environment in which local government operates. As a Council, we firmly believe that the interests of people in this area, Scotland and the UK as a whole are best served by voting to Remain in the European Union."

## **15 Notice of Motion 7**

Notice of Motion by Councillors McCartin and Mack in the following terms:

"Council agrees to write to NHS Greater Glasgow to stress the need for mental health services to be put at the very top of the health agenda over the next five years. In particular this should focus on child and young people's mental health services, where the standards throughout all NHS areas are very varied.

Council further agrees that one way of achieving better mental health services is to provide 24/7 mental health cover in 30 A&E departments across Scotland, including the RAH. It also recognises that the Scottish government needs to provide full time mental health cover in every police division in Scotland, allowing these new staff the ability to offer a rapid reaction force that would help ensure that people suffering a mental ill health crisis to get the support they need."

## **16 Notice of Motion 8**

Notice of Motion by Councillors McCartin and Mack in the following terms:

"Given the recent revelations about the poor construction of PPP schools in Edinburgh, the council undertakes with urgency to check all PPP schools in Renfrewshire, or to identify what steps HAVE been taken to investigate the state of our schools.

While Miller Construction were not involved in Renfrewshire's schools, it is essential to ensure that the defects found in Edinburgh's schools do not also exist in our Renfrewshire schools.

If defects are found, the Administration will report this in full to the public and to the rest of the council and will take steps to ensure that any faults are rectified immediately."

## **17 Notice of Motion 9**

Notice of Motion by Councillors Kenny MacLaren and Mags MacLaren in the following terms:

"Renfrewshire Council Customer Contact Centre

Council notes with concern the problems faced by Renfrewshire residents when attempting to use the council's customer contact centre. This includes a failure to meet the target time for answering telephone calls, long waiting lists at the contact centre and delays in the council replying to residents.

This council will therefore carry out a full evaluation of the customer contact centre to assess the problems within the contact centre and develop an action plan to ensure that all residents can contact the council in a timely manner."

## **18 Notice of Motion 10**

Notice of Motion by Councillors Kenny MacLaren and Cameron in the following terms:

"PFI Schools in Edinburgh

Council notes the safety problems regarding schools in Edinburgh funded and built via the Private Finance Initiative which was promoted by the then Labour and Lib Dem Scottish Executive and agreed by a Labour council administration; council notes that concerns have been raised regarding the safety of all public sector buildings that have been financed through this funding mechanism and calls for a thorough review of all PFI schools in Renfrewshire.

Council also notes that the exorbitant Renfrewshire PFI scheme signed off by Labour will cost Renfrewshire residents £17.765 million this year alone and that the overall cost of this scheme will be £538 million for schools which were estimated to cost around £100 million."



## **19 Notice of Motion 11**

Notice of Motion by Councillors Andy Doig and Kenny MacLaren in the following terms:

"Clyde Muirshiel Country Park and Commercial Grouseshooting

This Council recognises the recreational, tourism, and social benefits of Clyde Muirshiel Country Park to all the people of Renfrewshire, particularly as we approach Paisley's bid for City of Culture in 2021.

Council further recognises the necessity for the Park Authority to examine proposals for the development and diversification of the Park, in full consultation with the people of Renfrewshire, but opposes any move to promote commercial grouseshooting at Clyde Muirshiel."

## **20 Notice of Motion 12**

Notice of Motion by Councillors Andy Doig and Audrey Doig in the following terms:

"Employability Funding and Jobs Boost to Renfrewshire

This Council recognizes the central role of Skills Development Scotland in creating sustainable and substantial jobs opportunities across Renfrewshire, condemns cuts of 87% from the Tory Government to employability funding in the year it is being devolved to Holyrood, and praises the SNP Government for pledging £20 million to treble employability funding from 2018 based on principles of fairness, dignity and respect."

## **21 Notice of Motion 13**

Notice of Motion by Councillors Lawson and Kenny MacLaren in the following terms:

"Council agrees that the SNP Group representation on the Council's Policy Boards be amended as follows:

Economy and Jobs Policy Board - Cllr Andy Doig to replace Cllr Brian Lawson

Leadership Board - Cllr Andy Doig to replace Cllr Bill Perrie

Planning and Property Policy Board - Cllr Andy Doig to replace Cllr Stephen McGee."

## **22 Notice of Motion 14**

Notice of Motion by Councillors Cameron and Lawson in the following terms:

"Council notes, with sadness, the passing of Aileen Matthews who was a highly respected resident and community volunteer in Renfrewshire. Council recognises, in particular, her long and committed involvement with the Shopmobility scheme and Gleniffer Credit Union, and the benefits that her involvement with these organisations brought to the people of Renfrewshire."

## **23 Notice of Motion 15**

Notice of Motion by Councillors Nicolson and McGurk in the following terms:

"Council instructs the Chief Executive to carry out a best value review of our 'membership' of the SLGP (Scottish Local Government Partnership) and ascertain if we have met our best value duties with regard to operation, staff time, resources and benefit to the people of Renfrewshire. The Chief Executive then provides a report to the next full Council."

## 24 Notice of Motion 16

Notice of Motion by Councillors Nicolson and McGurk in the following terms:

"Motion to amend the Scheme of Delegated Functions with respect to the planning function as follows:

Page 142 sec 3 (b) delete the word 'significantly'

Under the heading 'To be determined by a board of the Council:'

insert after (c)

(d)

Any application subject to objection by a Community Council where those objections are relevant material considerations.

Any application which raises significant objections (five or more all of which raise material planning issues)

Any application which due to particular or sensitive circumstances is agreed by the Head of Planning & Development together with the Convener of the Planning and Property Board to be determined by the Planning and Property board.

Any application which if approved would be contrary to the development plan

Council also agrees the following;

The weekly planning list shall contain a schedule with the Planning Officer's recommendation on the application. At the end of a seven day period the recommendation will become the decision of the Planning Authority unless the Head of Planning & development receives from a Councillor a written objection to the recommendation outlining relevant planning reasons and requesting that the application is referred to the Planning and Property board for determination. Such requests must reach the Head of Planning & Development before the deadline shown in the weekly planning list/schedule.

All relevant Council policies be amended accordingly."

## **25 Notice of Motion 17**

Notice of Motion by Councillors McGurk and Nicolson in the following terms:

"Council recognises that the charge to access the provisions of the High Hedges Act, is a barrier to low and fixed income applicants who cannot then gain environmental justice. Council therefore agrees to review the impact that the current charge has on this particular group and on deterring on genuine cases.

Council also agrees that a report be presented to the next relevant board with conclusions and possible recommendations which would allow applicants of limited financial means access to this service. The review should consider a free 'pre-application assessment' of potential cases which would provide a valuable advice service to Renfrewshire residents who may suffer from the anti social blight inflicted by adjacent land owners."

## **26 Notice of Motion 18**

Notice of Motion by Councillors Mylet and Lawson in the following terms:

Bus shelters

Council notes with concern the delay in replacing bus shelters which have been damaged resulting in residents, many of whom are elderly, having to wait out in the cold and wet winter weather, for their bus.

Council will therefore review all contracts surrounding the maintenance and replacement of bus shelters with a view to ensuring that all damaged shelters are replaced as quickly as possible."