

Minute of Meeting Council

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 29 June 2017	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 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 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 Lorraine Cameron presided.

In Attendance

S Black, Chief Executive; P Macleod, Director of Children's Services; S MacDougall, Director of Community Resources; M Crearie, Director of Development & Housing Services; A Russell, Director of Finance & Resources; D Leese, Chief Officer (Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership); J McKellar, Chief Executive (Renfrewshire Leisure Limited); D Amos, Head of Policy & Commissioning and L Mahon, Head of Marketing (both Chief Executive's); G McKinlay, Head of Schools (Children's Services); F Carlin, Head of Planning & Housing Services (Development & Housing Services); and K Graham, Head of Corporate Governance, J Lynch, Head of Property Services, M Conaghan, Legal & Democratic Services Manager, L Belshaw, Democratic Services Manager and A McNaughton, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources).

Additional Item

Provost Cameron intimated that there was an additional item in relation to the Grenfell Tower in London which had not been included in the notice calling the meeting. Provost Cameron, being of the opinion that the item which is dealt with below was urgent, in order to allow the Council to consider its response, authorised its consideration.

Grenfell Tower, London

Provost Cameron proposed that, notwithstanding the recent tragic terrorist events in Manchester and London, the Council donate £10,000 towards the appeal to assist victims of the fire at Grenfell Tower in London. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the Council donate £10,000 to the appeal to assist victims of the fire at Grenfell Tower in London.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Montgomery declared a non-financial interest in respect of item 4 of the agenda as he was an employee of Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau.

1 Minutes of Meetings of the Council, Boards and Panels

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

Council, 18 May 2017

Social Work (Complaints Review) Appeals Panel, 19 May 2017

Renfrew and Gallowhill Local Area Committee, 30 May 2017

Regulatory Functions Board, 31 May 2017

Education and Children's Services Policy Board, 1 June 2017

Paisley North Local Area Committee, 1 June 2017

Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board, 5 June 2017

Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board, 6 June 2017

Paisley South Local Area Committee, 6 June 2017

Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board, 7 June 2017

Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board, 7 June 2017

Petitions Board, 7 June 2017

Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside and Erskine Local Area Committee, 14 June 2017

Regulatory Functions Board, 15 June 2017

Johnstone and the Villages Local Area Committee, 15 June 2017

Leadership Board, 20 June 2017

Special Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board, 21 June 2017

Reconvened Johnstone & the Villages Local Area Committee, 22 June 2017

DECIDED: That the Minutes be approved except insofar as dealt with separately at items 2 and 3 hereof.

2 Finance, Resources & Customer Services Policy Board

Under reference to item 1 of page 139 of the Minute of the meeting of the Finance, Resources & Customer Services Policy Board held on 7 June 2017, it was agreed that the Minute of the Procurement Sub-committee held on 15 March 2017 included as Appendix I to the Minute (pages 151 - 153) be replaced with the revised Minute, which included the missing sederunt, as agreed by the Board.

DECIDED: That, subject to the above amendment, the Minute be approved.

3 Paisley North Local Area Committee

Under reference to item 5 of page 104 of the Minute of the meeting of Paisley North Local Area Committee held on 1 June 2017 it was agreed that reference to 'his second and casting vote' should be 'her second and casting vote'.

DECIDED: That the Minute as corrected be approved.

4 Unaudited Annual Accounts 2016/17

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Council's Annual Accounts and Group Accounts for 2016/17, which were appended to the report and would be submitted for audit by the statutory deadline of 30 June 2017. The report intimated that the Auditor was planning to complete the audit process by early September 2017 and their report on the accounts would be made available to all members and would be submitted to the meeting of the Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Board in September 2017 for consideration.

It was noted that the 2016/17 accounts fully complied with International Financial Reporting Standards and relevant accounting regulations and in order to comply with charity accounting requirements, the Council's Accounts did not incorporate statements relating to the Common Good Funds and Charitable Trust Funds and separate accounts had been prepared to accord with these requirements.

DECIDED:

(a) That, subject to Audit, the Annual Accounts for 2016/17 be approved;

(b) That it be noted that the Auditor was planning to complete the audit of the Accounts by early September 2017 and that their report would be made available to all members and would be submitted to meeting of the Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Board in September 2017 for detailed consideration;

(c) That the sums earmarked within the General Fund reserves and HRA reserves as outlined in paragraph 1.3 of the report and in note 11 of the Accounts be approved;

(d) That the transfer of resources to and from specific reserves as detailed below and in note 11 of the accounts be approved;

	Opening Balance	Contributions to Reserves	Reserves Used / Transferred	Closing Balance
	£MS	£MS	£MS	£MS
Insurance Fund	2.543	-	-	2.543
Reservoir Repair Fund	0.312	0.002	-	0.314
Education Capital Items	0.751	0.096	0.081	0.766
Investment Programme Capital Fund	55.264	32.817	7.042	81.039
Housing Capital Fund	6.773	-	6.773	-
TOTAL	65.643	32.915	13.896	84.662

(e) That, subject to audit, the annual accounts attached for the Common Good Funds and Charitable Trusts which under accounting regulations require to be prepared and audited separately from the Council's accounts be approved.

5 Treasury Management Annual Report 2016/17

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2016/17 submitted in accordance with Scottish Government Investment Regulations which came into force on 1 April 2010.

It was noted that it was a requirement of the Regulations that the Council's Treasury Management Annual Report be reported to the Council. The report intimated that all aspects of the Treasury Policy Statement had been complied with in 2016/17. The report provided an overview of the 2016/17 Treasury activities, including the Treasury portfolio position as at 31 March 2017, reviews of borrowing and investment outturn, borrowing strategy and new borrowing, investment strategy and investment outturn, debt rescheduling, and compliance with Treasury limits.

DECIDED: That the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2016/17 be approved.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Having declared an interest in the undernoted item, Councillor Montgomery remained in the meeting but took no part in the discussion.

6 Membership of Boards and Other Bodies

Under reference to items 8 and 11 of the Minute of the statutory meeting of the Council held on 18 May 2017, there was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the composition of Council Boards and other bodies.

The report indicated that the Conservative, Labour and Independent groups had now intimated the names of those members taking up the places remaining to be filled on Council Boards and other bodies. Appendix 1 to the report set out membership of Council Boards and Appendix 2 to the report listed the members appointed to other bodies.

The report explained that as Councillor McNaughtan had not been appointed to the Petitions Board he had not taken up the position of Depute Convener and Councillor Campbell had now been nominated as Depute Convener in his place; and that as Councillor Hughes had not been appointed to the Finance, Resources & Customer Services Policy Board she could not be appointed to the Joint Consultative Board Non-teaching and Councillor Paterson had been appointed in her place.

It was noted that Councillor Sharkey had been appointed by the Labour Group as the Depute Convener of the Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Board and Councillor Hood had been appointed as Depute Convener of the Local Review Body.

Following receipt of correspondence from the General Secretary of Veterans Scotland, it was proposed that a member be appointed as a Veterans' Champion, a position previously held by the Provost. It was proposed that the Provost be appointed. This was agreed.

It was further proposed that the Leader of the Council, the Convener of the Education & Children's Services Policy Board, the Council's appointee as Chair of the Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership Integration Joint Board and three members of the opposition be appointed as members of the Children's Champion Board. This was agreed.

Correspondence had also been received from COSLA advising that, under the terms of its Royal Charter, the Scottish National War Memorial (SNWM) had invited COSLA to nominate six trustees and it was proposed that COSLA be advised that Councillors Binks, Andy Doig, Grady, Hood, Kerr and McCartin wished their names put forward to SNWM for consideration as trustees. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

(a) That the membership of the Boards as approved at the meeting of the Council held on 18 May 2017 and the appointment of the other members as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be noted;

(b) That the appointment of Councillor Campbell as the Depute Convener of the Petitions Board be approved;

(c) That the appointment of Councillor Sharkey as the Depute Convener of the Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Board be noted;

(d) That the appointment of Councillor Hood as the Depute Convener of the Local Review Body be noted;

(e) That the appointment to Joint Boards and other bodies as approved at the meeting of the Council held on 18 May 2017 and the other members as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report be noted;

(f) That the Provost be appointed as the Veterans' Champion;

(g) That Councillors Nicolson, Paterson and Cameron and three members of the opposition be appointed to the Children's Champion Board and that names of opposition members be notified to the Head of Corporate Governance as soon as possible; and

(h) That COSLA be advised that Councillors Binks, Andy Doig, Grady, Hood, Kerr and McCartin wished their names put forward to SNWM for consideration as trustees.

7 Improving Renfrewshire's Environment and Place

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources relative to investment to deliver improved environmental and place standards across Renfrewshire and to support local communities in their efforts to improve Renfrewshire. The report set out a number of targeted service interventions and additional operational activities, as well as a marketing campaign to further engage with local communities and people and enhance civic pride across Renfrewshire.

The initiative would support local communities, as well as the strategic aims of the Council and partners to make Renfrewshire a superior place to live, work, visit and invest. It aligned with the development of Renfrewshire's destination brand and the bid to become UK City of Culture in 2021, as well as supporting economic development in the area.

Councillor McEwan, seconded by Councillor Nicolson, moved that an initial investment of £250,000 in 2017/18 to deliver a programme of improvements to Renfrewshire's environment and the development and implementation of a campaign to engage and support local people to enhance civic pride be approved.

Councillor Andy Doig, seconded by Councillor Hood, moved as an amendment that a new recommendation 2.2 be included in the report adding at paragraph 5.1 bullet point 3 "There will be a Rural Rapid Response Team dedicated to all of Renfrewshire's village communities focusing on gully cleaning."

On the roll being called the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Begg, Bibby, Binks, Brown, Davidson, Devine, Andy Doig, Dowling, Grady, Harte, Hood, Kennedy, Kerr, Mack, J MacLaren, McCartin, McCulloch, McIntyre, Montgomery, Sharkey and Sheridan.

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

21 members having voted for the amendment and 20 members having voted for the motion, the amendment was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED:

(a) That an initial investment of £250,000 in 2017/18 to deliver a programme of improvements to Renfrewshire's environment and the development and implementation of a campaign to engage and support local people to enhance civic pride be approved;

(b) That paragraph 5.1 of the report be amended to include as bullet point 3, "There will be a Rural Rapid Response Team dedicated to all of Renfrewshire's village communities focusing on gully cleaning."; and

(c) That it be agreed that there would be a Rural Rapid Response Team dedicated to all of Renfrewshire's village communities focusing on gully cleaning.

8 Renfrewshire Community Protection Chief Officers Group - Annual Report 2016/17

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the Renfrewshire Community Protection Chief Officers Group Annual Report 2016/17 which outlined the key activities and developments progressed in 2016/17 as they related to child and adult protection, offender management, problem alcohol and drug use, gender-based violence and public protection. A copy of the Annual Report was appended to the report.

The report also set out the range of priorities to be taken forward in partnership during 2017/18 and emphasised that the group would continue to seek to ensure that performance and practice were scrutinised at a strategic level to identify good practice, highlight areas for improvement and to consider whether further opportunities for early intervention and prevention activity would achieve improved outcomes for local people.

It was noted that following a review of the strategic oversight arrangements for public protection in 2015, it had been agreed that the Chief Officers Group would report annually to parent bodies, including the Council, on the public protection position.

DECIDED:

(a) That the key activities progressed during 2016/17 by the Chief Officers Group be noted; and

(b) That the identified priorities to be taken forward in partnership during 2017/18 be noted.

9 Education Governance: Next Steps. Empowering our Teachers, Parents and Communities to Deliver Excellence and Equity for our Children

There was submitted a report by the Director of Children's Services relative to the Scottish Government's consultation on the review of education governance and the announcement by the Depute First Minister on 15 June 2017 of the publication of 'Education Governance: Next Steps Empowering Our Teachers, Parents and Communities To Deliver Excellence and Equity For Our Children' outlining plans to reform educational governance in Scotland.

The report advised that the proposals set out in the publication had the potential to result in significant changes to the way that education services were organised in Scotland. It was anticipated that these changes would have wide-ranging consequences for the role of local authorities in the delivery of education to children and young people in their communities.

The main principle of the review had been to seek to devolve power from a national level to a regional level and from a local level to a school level.

The stated purpose of this shift was to empower schools and teachers to drive improvement at a local level with others in the system sharing responsibility for collaborating to support this improvement.

Legislation would be required to enact many of the proposals and a new education bill would come before parliament in June 2018. This would place revised duties on local authorities, head teachers and newly-formed regional improvement collaboratives.

It was anticipated that further clarity around these proposals would emerge over the coming months as the Scottish Government engaged in further consultation with local authorities and professional organisations. The Council's response to each consultation exercise would be reported to the appropriate policy board. The first of these consultation exercises, in relation to the funding of schools, had been published simultaneously with the main review document and responses were invited by October 2017.

The report provided an overview of the main proposals along with an indication of the likely timescale for implementation.

Councillor Paterson, seconded by Councillor Nicolson, moved that the content of the report be noted and that responses to consultation documents related to it would be brought to elected members for consideration and approval; and that it be noted that council officers would seek clarity through COSLA, professional associations and other relevant bodies in relation to the matters outlined in paragraph 3.9 and report back to elected members in due course.

Councillor Grady, seconded by Councillor Bibby, moved as an amendment that the Council recognises that the influence of the Local Authority will be greatly diminished due to these proposed changes in governance.

The Council will also recognise that Education alone cannot close the poverty attainment gap and that other services including Social Services, Criminal Justice and Housing must be supported with similar amounts of funding to contribute equally to closing these gaps in society.

The Council will further recognise that the added legislative expectation thrust upon Head Teachers to close the attainment gap may exacerbate the Head Teacher recruitment issue.

This is hard on the heels of the named person role of the Children and Young Persons Act (2014), yet another legislative responsibility being imposed on our Head Teachers.

Given these new legal duties for performance and the potential extra work arising from the Named Person legislation, the Council agrees to write to the Scottish Government to undertake a full review of Head Teacher and teacher workload prior to publication of the Education Bill.

In terms of Standing Order 27, Councillors Paterson and Nicolson being the mover and seconder of the motion, agreed to accept the final paragraph of the amendment and the motion as combined was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the content of the report be noted;
- (b) That it be noted that responses to related consultation documents would be brought to elected members for consideration and approval;
- (c) That Council officers seek clarity through COSLA, professional associations and other relevant bodies in relation to the matters outlined in paragraph 3.9 of the report and report back to elected members in due course; and
- (d) That given the new legal duties for performance and the potential extra work arising from the Named Person legislation, it be agreed that the Council write to the Scottish Government to undertake a full review of Head Teacher and teacher workload prior to the publication of the Education Bill.

10 Notice of Motion 1

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

“Council Housing for Renfrewshire and Re-Cladding programme

This Council underlines the historical importance of council house provision for the people of Renfrewshire given that historically the private sector was unable to provide adequate housing for all, and state intervention was required to ensure there was good quality affordable housing for low income households.

Council notes the challenges of improving council housing stock which is aged but stresses how crucial this improvement is for community regeneration overall. Accordingly this Council resolves to fund re-cladding refurbishment not only for mixed tenure blocks of accommodation but also for blocks of accommodation which are 100% owner occupied”.

It was proposed that the wording of the second paragraph of the motion be amended to replace “fund” with “facilitate”. This was agreed.

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

DECIDED: That the Council underline the historic importance of council provision for the people of Renfrewshire given that historically the private sector was unable to provide adequate housing for all, and state intervention was required to ensure there was good quality affordable housing for low income households.

Council noted the challenges of improving council housing stock which was aged but stressed how crucial this improvement was for community regeneration overall. Accordingly this Council resolved to facilitate re-cladding refurbishment not only for mixed tenure blocks of accommodation but also for blocks of accommodation which are 100% owner occupied.

11 Notice of Motion 2

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

"Safe Cycling in Renfrewshire

This Council notes with concern national accident statistics published recently by Sustrans Scotland which indicate that two of the worst twenty accident blackspots for cyclists are in Renfrewshire, the worst being the A761 junction with Arkleston Road in Paisley, and the fourth being the A726/Parkway Roundabout in Erskine.

Council views positively the tremendous health benefits which regular cycling can bring, highlights its commitment to the implementation of the Council's agreed Cycling Strategy, and agrees to review all its roads networks to make it as safe as possible for cyclists."

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

Councillor Nicolson, seconded by Councillor McGurk, moved as an amendment that the Council notes the newly approved Cycling Strategy 2015/25 approved in November 2016 which states the Council's intent with ambition to make cycling in Renfrewshire an attractive mode of transport.

Council also notes that two junctions were identified in the 'Cycling in Scotland' report as 'collision hotspots' and agrees that further analysis of these locations be undertaken with regard to any measures that may be available to enhance safety for all road users at these junctions.

Council further notes that where accidents do occur involving all road users and vehicle types it is Council practice to carry out an analysis to identify issues where evidence suggests a common root cause and results are used to develop safety improvements.

In terms of Standing Order 27, the motion was withdrawn by the mover and seconder of the motion and the amendment was approved unanimously.

DECIDED: That the Council noted the newly approved Cycling Strategy 2015/25 approved in November 2016 which stated the Council's intent with ambition to make cycling in Renfrewshire an attractive mode of transport.

Council also noted that two junctions were identified in the 'Cycling in Scotland' report as 'collision hotspots' and agreed that further analysis of these locations be undertaken with regard to any measures that may be available to enhance safety for all road users at these junctions.

Council further noted that where accidents occurred involving all road users and vehicle types it was Council practice to carry out an analysis to identify issues where evidence suggested a common root cause and results were used to develop safety improvements.

12 Notice of Motion 3

There was submitted a Notice of motion by Councillors Bibby and Davidson in the following terms:

"Council deplores the austerity cuts imposed on the people of Renfrewshire by the Tory Westminster Government and the SNP Holyrood Government.

Council recognises that the impact of these cuts has been felt most acutely by the vulnerable and disadvantaged.

Council further recognises that these groups most affected rely on Council services to cushion the impact of these cuts.

Council therefore commits to a policy of not considering or imposing cuts to Education and Social Work services through its Policy Boards, Leadership Boards and Outside Bodies such as the Integrated Joint Board for Health and Social Care."

Councillor Bibby, seconded by Councillor Davidson, then moved the motion.

Councillor Shaw, seconded by Councillor Nicolson, moved as an amendment that the Council notes that there is a requirement on all members to explain in detail budget proposals in order that the Council can meet its statutory obligation to set a balanced budget position for each financial year. In this context Council notes that significant decisions regarding future year budgets should be taken within an informed context. Paramount to this is the Council's latest financial outlook and known significant factors impacting upon the future year budget at the time of decision making.

On the roll being called the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Adam-McGregor, Begg, Binks, Burns, J Cameron, Provost L Cameron, Councillors Campbell, Audrey Doig, Don, Graham, Hughes, Kerr, J MacLaren, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, McEwan, McGurk, McIntyre, McNaughtan, Nicolson, Paterson, Rodden, Shaw, Steel and Strang.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Bibby, Brown, Davidson, Devine, Andy Doig, Dowling, Grady, Harte, Hood, Kennedy, McCulloch, Montgomery, Sharkey and Sheridan.

The following members abstained: Councillors Mack and McCartin.

25 members having voted for the amendment, 14 members having voted for the motion and 2 members having abstained, the amendment was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED: That it be noted that there was a requirement on all members to explain in detail budget proposals in order that the Council could meet its statutory obligation to set a balanced budget position for each financial year. In this context Council noted that significant decisions regarding future year budgets should be taken within an informed context. Paramount to this was the Council's latest financial outlook and known significant factors impacting upon the future year budget at the time of decision making.

13 Notice of Motion 4

There was submitted a Notice of motion by Councillors Begg and Binks in the following terms:

"This Council regrets the tragedy at the Grenfell Flats at West Kensington, London. Council instructs Officers to take immediate steps to ensure that all buildings over four stories high are in compliance with fire safety regulations as well as relevant building standards".

Councillor Begg, seconded by Councillor Binks, then moved the motion.

Councillor Mack, seconded by Councillor Andy Doig, moved as an amendment that the motion be amended to include that the Council further instructs council officers to ensure that re-cladding material currently being delivered by Renfrewshire Council, and other partners in re-cladding programmes, also complies with the highest legal fire safety specifications and standards in the public interest, and declares that Renfrewshire Council will fully co-operate with the review promised by the Scottish Government nationally or existing cladding standard and specifications.

In terms of Standing Order 27, the mover and seconder of the motion agreed to revise the motion to read "North Kensington" and to include "which have been over-clad" after "all buildings" and thereafter to accept the addition of the amendment. With these revisions, and the inclusion of the amendment, the motion was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED:

(a) That this Council regretted the tragedy at the Grenfell Flats at North Kensington, London. Council instructed Officers to take immediate steps to ensure that all buildings which had been over-clad over four stories high were in compliance with fire safety regulations as well as relevant building standards; and

(b) Council further instructed council officers to ensure that re-cladding material currently being delivered by Renfrewshire Council, and other partners in re-cladding programmes, also complied with the highest legal fire safety specifications and standards in the public interest, and declared that Renfrewshire Council would fully co-operate with the review promised by the Scottish Government nationally of existing cladding standard and specifications.

14 Notice of Motion 5

There was submitted a Notice of motion by Councillors J MacLaren and McIntyre in the following terms:

"Council recognises that there are many footpaths and pavements in Renfrewshire which are in private ownership and that some are poorly maintained by their respective owners. Council therefore agrees that where a community group expresses a desire to carry out improvements to a particular well used footway that the council will provide support, assistance and guidance in establishing the ownership, potential funding opportunities and to the footpaths and pavements being designated official rights of way".

Councillor J MacLaren, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, then moved the motion.

Councillor Sharkey, seconded by Councillor Hood, moved as an amendment, that the Council recognises that there are many unadopted pavements in Renfrewshire. Council instructs officers to bring forward a plan that will reduce the established list of unadopted pavements by adopting a fixed number of such pavements each year. The priority and number of the pavements to be adopted is to be determined by the appropriate officer. Where a community council wishes to bring an area of pavement up to the standard at which it could be adopted then no unreasonable impediments shall be put in their way.

On the roll being called the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Bibby, Brown, Davidson, 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, J MacLaren, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, McCartin, McEwan, McGurk, McIntyre, McNaughtan, Nicolson, Paterson, Rodden, Shaw, Steel and Strang.

13 members having voted for the amendment and 28 members having voted for the motion, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED: Council recognised that there were many footpaths and pavements in Renfrewshire which were in private ownership and that some were poorly maintained by their respective owners. Council therefore agreed that where a community group expresses a desire to carry out improvements to a particular well-used footway that the Council will provide support, assistance and guidance in establishing the ownership, potential funding opportunities and to the footpaths and pavements being designated official rights of way.

15 Notice of Motion 6

There was submitted a Notice of motion by Councillors J MacLaren and McIntyre in the following terms:

"Council regards the obstruction of dropped kerbs at junctions by parked vehicles as an offence under Section 103 of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986. Council agrees that where an offence is committed the matter should be referred in the first instance to the Police. However, the Council does have power to make Traffic Regulation Orders where they are appropriate to local circumstances. Council therefore agrees that Traffic Regulation Orders are implemented where there has been a consistent pattern of obstruction, for example on 5 occasions within any 6 month period, having regard to individuals who have a need through mobility issues to access and cross roads safely at those locations".

Councillor J MacLaren, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, then moved the motion which was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: Council regarded the obstruction of dropped kerbs at junctions by parked vehicles as an offence under Section 103 of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986. Council agreed that where an offence was committed the matter should be referred in the first instance to the Police. However, the Council did have power to make Traffic Regulation Orders where they were appropriate to local circumstances. Council therefore agreed that Traffic Regulation Orders were implemented where there had been a consistent pattern of obstruction, for example on 5 occasions within any 6 month period, having regard to individuals who had a need through mobility issues to access and cross roads safely at those locations.

16 Notice of Motion 7

There was submitted a Notice of motion by Councillors Nicolson and McNaughtan in the following terms:

"Following the election of the new Council, and a new Administration in May, Council agrees to instruct officers to bring a report to the next meeting of the Leadership Board, detailing the progress on the development of sports facilities and housing investment, as reported to the leadership board in February 2017.

In doing so, officers are instructed to provide in detail an alternative option(s) for the development of the sports facilities at St. James Park. This should also take account of any requirements for outdoor space for hosting large scale events.

Officers are also instructed to further review the options for housing investment in Ferguslie, ensuring that tenants and communities views are fully reflected in the report to members".

Councillor Nicolson, seconded by Councillor McNaughtan, then moved the motion.

Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Kennedy, then moved as an amendment that this Council notes the outcomes of the consultation held over summer and autumn 2016, in Ferguslie, which included broad support for the development of the regional sports facility, and support for targeted housing investment in the area and demolition of low-demand housing stock, and in doing so, re-confirms the decision taken by the Leadership Board on 15 February 2017.

Further, this Council looks forward to seeing the detailed proposals, the business case and the implementation plan currently being developed by the Director of Development & Housing Services in consultation with the Chief Executive of Renfrewshire Leisure, potential partners and funding agencies.

Finally, Council also looks forward to seeing the results of the consultation with affected tenants and residents on the regeneration proposals which included the demolition of the properties listed in the report to the Leadership Board, above, and the proposed investment in around 40 new-build homes mainly for social rent and an enhanced programme of investment in 48 homes in the area.

Details of future progression on the proposals for sports facilities and housing in the area, should come back to future meetings of this Council.

On the roll being called the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Bibby, Brown, Davidson, 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, J MacLaren, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, McCartin, McEwan, McGurk, McIntyre, McNaughtan, Nicolson, Paterson, Rodden, Shaw, Steel and Strang.

13 members having voted for the amendment and 28 members having voted for the motion, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED: That following the election of the new Council, and a new Administration in May, Council agreed to instruct officers to bring a report to the next meeting of the Leadership Board, detailing the progress on the development of sports facilities and housing investment, as reported to the Leadership Board in February 2017.

In doing so, officers were instructed to provide in detail an alternative option(s) for the development of the sports facilities at St James Park. This should also take account of any requirements for outdoor space for hosting large scale events.

Officers were also instructed to further review the options for housing investment in Ferguslie, ensuring that tenants' and communities' views were fully reflected in the report to members.