

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Council

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 15 December 2022	09:30	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

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Head of Corporate Governance

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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.

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Report by Chief Executive

8 Notice of Motion 1 by Councillors Ann-Dowling and Davidson

“Women Against State Pension Injustice (WASPI)

This council is disappointed in what it sees as the Conservative Government's inaction to end the injustice experienced by Renfrewshire women affected by the changes to state pension laws. Council notes the campaign of the Women Against State Pension Injustice (WASPI) group together with similar campaign groups, to achieve fair and fast compensation arrangements for all women who were born in the 1950s and were affected by these changes to the state pension age.

Council calls for the UK Government to accept the reported findings of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman that 1950s-born women have been severely affected by Department for Work and Pensions maladministration, to take the swift action that many believe is needed to provide the recommended level of compensation to the women, and to compensate beneficiaries of the estates of those who are deceased and failed to receive a pension.”

9 Notice of Motion 2 by Councillors Ann-Dowling and J Cameron

"Women, Life, Freedom

Council notes that women and girls in Iran are facing lethal levels of violence, perpetuated against them by Islamic Republic security forces.

Council condemns the atrocities committed against women and girls in Iran and stands in solidarity with their legitimate desire for autonomy and freedom of expression.

Council agrees to write to the UN Women's Rights Commission to request that Iran is removed from its membership, as a gesture of solidarity and to signal that the international community stands with Iranian women and girls defending their human rights against the Iranian regime."

10 Notice of Motion 3 by Councillors Smith and MacFarlane

"St Charles' RC Church- 125th Anniversary

Renfrewshire Council congratulates St. Charles' Roman Catholic Church, Paisley, on the 125th anniversary of the parish, founded on the 4th of November 1897. Now in its 13th decade, the parish continues to serve the wider community in Charleston and beyond. Under the leadership of the parish priest, Fr. Jim Duggan, St. Charles' continues to be a vibrant, multicultural community and the Council expresses its gratitude for the parish's commitment to serving and supporting the people of Charleston and Paisley."

11 Notice of Motion 4 by Councillors McMillan and Davidson

"GP Practices

Council understands the frustration being felt by local communities who are finding it difficult to access local G.P. services.

Council therefore agrees to write to the Health Secretary to ask that more be done by the Scottish government to restore people's confidence in their local practices."

12 Notice of Motion 5 by Councillors McMillan and Gilmour

"Type 26 Frigates

Renfrewshire Council welcomes the recent announcement that five more Type 26 frigates are to be built on the Clyde.

This will support 1700 jobs across the Govan and Scotstoun shipyards over the next decade. Council recognises that many of these jobs are held by Renfrewshire residents.

Council notes that these jobs are a result of Scotland being part of the United Kingdom."

**13 Notice of Motion 6 by Councillors Leishman and N
Graham**

"Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

That Renfrewshire Council opposes the proposed new laws of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill currently supported by the Scottish Government.

That this Council recognises that the Bill's current proposals, while probably well-intentioned, will have ill consequences for the greater part of the broader population.

That this Council is gravely concerned about the impact this Bill in its current form would have on the safety, well-being and welfare of other groups within society that already experience marginalisation and unique challenges, specifically: women and girls; homosexuals, particularly young homosexuals and gay women; children; young persons; adolescents with Autistic Spectrum Disorder, learning difficulties/ disabilities or mental health issues; and post-operative transsexuals.

That this Council agrees that the protection of children, young persons and vulnerable persons is of paramount importance; and that they should be encouraged to consider long and carefully before committing to legal, pharmacological and surgical interventions that are life-altering, permanent and risk-prone; and that safeguards should be in place to discourage succumbing to socio-cultural contagions.

That this Council agrees that the negation or diminishment of the hard-won sex-based rights of women and girls is both wrongful and alarming.

That this Council agrees the rights of young persons and adolescents to experience healthy sexual and psychological development is self-evident and indisputable.

That this Council agrees that young gay persons should be encouraged to embrace and feel comfortable with their sexual orientation without their gender-identity being questioned.

That this Council agrees to communicate its concerns and opposition directly to the Scottish Government."

14 Notice of Motion 7 by Councillors G Graham and Smith

"Projected school rolls and section 75 agreements

The public has lost confidence in those involved in the gross miscalculation of the school roll for Dargavel Primary. This appalling miscalculation has caused significant distress to parents and will cost the people of Renfrewshire millions of pounds to resolve. Millions which would have been paid for by the developer had this Council got its figures right.

In light of the Dargavel debacle, Council will postpone signing off Section 75 agreements for both the Dykebar and Thornly Park developments until the Council's projected impact upon the school rolls of both St Andrews' Academy and Todholm Primary have been externally reviewed via the procurement of professional consultants. This review should also include the new Paisley Grammar development."

15 Notice of Motion 8 by Councillors Andy Doig and Hannigan

"Accessibility of UK National Energy Companies to Renfrewshire Consumers

"Council deplores the lack of accessibility of all UK national energy companies to the consumers of Renfrewshire, a dire situation which over recent years has got increasingly worse over the current cost of living crisis. The inability to contact energy suppliers easily and quickly is a source of considerable mental ill-health and stress to the most vulnerable service users, especially those with pay as you go meters".

"Council believes the status quo actively discriminates against the less digitally and IT proficient, and those financially excluded from IT networks, and therefore calls on all UK national energy companies to use their excessive profits to re-establish a network of shop front energy hubs where consumers can obtain face to face advice and support".

16 Notice of Motion 9 by Councillors Innes and MacFarlane

"The UK Supreme Court Decision and Defending Scottish Democracy Council upholds the right of the Scottish people to national self-determination, as recognised in Part 1, Article 1, of the United Nations International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, an international treaty which the UK signed in 1976.

Council further notes that pro-independence parties won a majority of seats at the 2021 Scottish elections.

Council deeply regrets, therefore, the recent decision by the UK Supreme Court to deny the Scottish Government the right to hold an independence referendum and believes this means that the UK is no longer a voluntary union of nations.

As a majority pro-independence council, Renfrewshire Council therefore supports the right of political parties to contest national parliamentary elections on an independence mandate platform in defence of Scottish democracy."

17 Notice of Motion 10 by Councillors Innes and McGurk

"Green spaces and play parks"

That council welcomes the continued investment in improving our green

spaces and play parks around Renfrewshire. Further, it welcomes the inclusion of local members, communities and schools in shaping these plans going forward. Council recognises the positive impact that enhancing our play parks and green spaces has on Renfrewshire residents' health and well-being.

Council recognises the recent park improvements at Dunvegan Avenue, Elderslie; Campbell Street, Renfrew; Ardgyffe Park, Houston; Churchill Drive, Bishopton; Craggs Park, Paisley and Elm Drive, Johnstone. It also recognises the completed improvements to equipment at Kilbarchan Park, Kilbarchan; Sandyflats, Johnstone; Tinto Square, Renfrew; Lochwinnoch Park, Lochwinnoch; Barwood Park, Erskine; Maxwellton Park, East End Park, Durrockstock Park, Morar Drive, Ben Lawers Park, Paisley. Further welcomes the planned refurbishments to Moss Road Park, Bridge of Weir; Inchinnan Playing Fields, Inchinnan; and Houston Public Park, Houston."

18 Notice of Motion 11 by Councillors J MacLaren and Leishman

"Bishopton Football Pitch

Council agrees that it is good to encourage sport including football in Renfrewshire and recognises the size of the growing community in Bishopton and Dargavel, which has 17 adult and youth teams and 460 registered players.

As the existing grassed football pitch is rendered unplayable for much of the winter due to it being water logged, council agrees to make the provision of a 3g or 4g pitch a priority for Bishopton and Dargavel."

19 Notice of Motion 12 by Councillors Ann-Dowling and McMillan

"Supreme Court Referendum Ruling

Council notes that the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that matters relating to holding an independence referendum are outwith the legal remit of Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government. Council therefore requests that £20 million set aside by Scottish Government for a 2023 referendum should be directed to local government general funding settlements to support councils in alleviating the cost of living crisis."

20 Notice of Motion 13 by Councillors J MacLaren and Gray

"Cycle Paths Motion

Council is pleased to promote cycling for a healthy lifestyle and recognises that cycle paths need to be kept clean if cyclists are going to use them without risk of punctures. Council agrees that council owned cycle paths be swept on a frequent and regular basis."