

Minute of Meeting Council

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 03 May 2018	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: Grady: Councillor Neill Graham: Councillor Jim Harte: Councillor John Hood: Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes: Councillor Karen Kennedy: Councillor Scott Kerr; 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: and Councillor Jane Strang.

In Attendance

S Black, Chief Executive; M Crearie, Director of Development & Housing Services; S MacDougall, Director of Environment and Communities; A Russell, Director of Finance & Resources; L McIntyre, Head of Policy & Commissioning (Chief Executive's Service); S Quinn, Assistant Director – Schools (Children's Services); K Graham, Head of Corporate Governance, M Conaghan, Legal & Democratic Services Manager, L Belshaw, Democratic Services Manager and C MacDonald, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources); and D Leese and I Beattie (Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership).

Chair

Provost Cameron presided.

Prior to the start of the meeting Provost Cameron intimated that Dr Morag Thow MBE, would give a presentation on dementia friendly villages immediately after the meeting concluded.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Audrey Doig declared a financial interest in respect of item 12 of the agenda (Notice of Motion 6) as she was an employee of Renfrewshire Leisure Limited. She indicated that it was her intention to leave the meeting during consideration of this item and not to take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor Andy Doig declared a financial interest in respect of Item 12 of the agenda (Notice of Motion 6) as he was the husband of an employee of Renfrewshire Leisure Limited. He indicated that it was his intention to leave the meeting during consideration of this item and not to take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor Hughes declared a non-financial interest in respect of Item 12 of the agenda (Notice of Motion 6) 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 McCartin declared a non-financial interest in respect of Item 12 of the agenda (Notice of Motion 6) 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 Begg declared a non-financial interest in respect of Item 12 of the agenda (Notice of Motion 6) as he was a member of the Board of Renfrewshire Leisure Limited. Councillor Begg indicated that as he had a general dispensation from the Standards Commission which allowed him to take part and to vote in relation to such matters it was his intention to remain in the meeting during consideration of this item.

Obituary

On behalf of Renfrewshire Council, the Provost acknowledged the death of the former speaker of the House of Commons Michael Martin, Baron Martin of Springburn and extended sincere condolences to his friends and family.

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, 2 March 2018

Paisley South Local Area Committee, 6 March 2018

Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board, 13 March 2018

Regulatory Functions Board, 14 March 2018

Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside and Erskine Local Area Committee, 14 March 2018

Education and Children's Services Policy Board, 15 March 2018

Johnstone and the Villages Local Area Committee, 15 March 2018

Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board, 19 March 2018

Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board, 21 March 2018

Personnel Appeals and Applied Conditions of Service Appeals Panel, 22 March 2018

Local Review Body, 27 March 2018
Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board, 28 March 2018
Regulatory Functions Board, 29 March 2018
Regulatory Functions Board, 16 April 2018
Leadership Board, 25 April 2018
Appointment Board, 1 May 2018

DECIDED: That the Minutes be approved.

2 Review of Community-level Governance Arrangements

Under reference to Item 6 of the Minute of the meeting of the Council held on 21 December 2017, there was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the review of community-level governance arrangements.

The report intimated that in 2016 the Council agreed changes to the governance arrangements for the Community Planning Partnership and a review was undertaken to assess the Local Area Committees as a model of community level governance and consider future models.

A consultation took place early in 2018 based on a set of nine proposals for a new model which were developed following an engagement exercise around the existing model of Local Area Committees. Responses to the nine proposals were sought through electronic and paper-based surveys, meetings of Local Area Committees, public meetings and drop-in sessions, facilitated sessions and attendance at meetings of community organisations. A summary of the key findings of the consultation was appended to the report.

The report noted that the full set of finalised proposals and supporting processes, including aims, membership, boundaries and meetings would be reported to the meeting of the Council to be held on 28 June 2018.

DECIDED:

(a) That the results of the consultation on the review of community-level governance arrangements outlined within the report be noted; and

(b) That it be agreed that further development of proposals be carried out and reported to the meeting of the Council to be held on 28 June 2018.

3 Support to Community Organisations

Under reference to Item 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Council held on 21 December 2017, there was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the review of the Council's approach to supporting community organisations to improve consistency of support and to better align this to the Council's strategic objectives.

The report intimated that the requirement for the review had been driven by a number of emerging statutory requirements arising from the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 together with new developments within the Council, such as the review of community-level governance arrangements and empowering communities, which required a consolidated approach.

The report outlined the aims and principles for the Council's engagement and support and created a process which was more efficient for the Council and transparent for community organisations. It was proposed that the approach be piloted throughout 2018, with officers working alongside community organisations to develop a more detailed framework of activity.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the findings from the engagement activity be noted;
- (b) That it be agreed that the proposed process be piloted as outlined within the report; and
- (c) That it be noted that a further report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Leadership Board to be held on 20 June 2018, with further details on the Community Empowerment Fund approved by Council on 2 March, 2018.

4 Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015: Allotment Provisions

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources which summarised the main provisions of Part 9 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 relating to allotments and allotment sites which came into force on 1 April 2018. The report provided a summary of the main provisions of this part of the Act and outlined the implications for the Council.

DECIDED:

- (a) That it be noted that the provisions of Part 9 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, relating to allotments and allotment sites, came into force on 1 April 2018;
- (b) That it be agreed that a new paragraph 45 be added to the Terms of Reference of the Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board to read: To consider any matters arising from Part 9 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 relating to allotments, including consideration of the Council's food-growing strategy and allotment site regulations;
- (c) That it be agreed that the following paragraphs be added to Section F of the Scheme of Delegated Functions - Powers Delegated to Officers, delegations to the Head of Property Services.
 - "123. To establish, publish and maintain the list under section 111 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 of persons who make a request to lease or sublease an allotment.
 - 124. To prepare and publish the annual allotments report in terms of section 121 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.
 - 125. In consultation with the Head of Planning and Housing, to make arrangements to promote allotments in Renfrewshire and where appropriate arrange for the provision of training to tenants, or potential tenants, of allotments about the use of allotments.

126. In consultation with the Head of Corporate Governance to determine request for the granting of leases or sub-leases for allotments and to determine the terms and conditions applicable to those leases or subleases.

127. To determine applications for compensation for disturbance or for deterioration of an allotment or for loss of crops in terms of sections 133,134 and 135, respectively, of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, up to a maximum of £50,000 in respect of each application.

128. In consultation with the Head of Corporate Governance to arrange for the removal of any building or other structure on an allotment within the circumstances prescribed by Section 122 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and for the disposal of the material that formed the building or other structure and where appropriate to seek to recover the cost of removal and disposal from the liable tenant.

129. To deal with requests for use of premises in terms of Section 125 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.”; and

All existing paragraphs be re-numbered accordingly;

(d) That the duties and powers imposed on the Council as a result of the allotments provisions in the 2015 Act, as set out in the report be noted; and

(e) That the provisions, as set out in the report, relating to the termination of leases of allotments and the various types of compensation to be paid be noted.

5 Third Religious Representative on Education & Children's Services Policy Board

Under reference to Item 4 of the Minute of the meeting of the Council held on 21 December 2017, there was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to a third religious representative on the Education & Children's Services Policy Board.

The report intimated that an advertisement had been placed in the local and national press and on the Council's website seeking nominations for the third church representative. In addition, all religions with a place of worship in the Council's area had been contacted and given the opportunity to put forward a representative. Only one nomination had been received.

Correspondence had been received from Ravinder Singh, Sikh Chaplain at the University of the West of Scotland who was a member of the Renfrewshire Interfaith Group, nominating himself. In support of his nomination Mr Singh had lodged letters from the Sikh Council of Scotland, from the Shri Guru Ravidass Community Scotland and from Reverend Peter Gill, Wallneuk North Church of Scotland. The report noted that there were no Sikh places of worship within Renfrewshire, and that the Sikh community as at 2011 represented only 0.3% of the Renfrewshire population. Notwithstanding that Mr Singh's was the only nomination received, he was a member of the Renfrewshire Interfaith Group, his nomination was supported by a local Church of Scotland minister and he was the Sikh Chaplain at the University of Scotland, therefore it was considered appropriate that he be appointed as the third church representative on the Education & Children's Services Policy Board.

DECIDED: That it be agreed that Mr Singh be appointed as the third church representative on the Children's Services Policy Board.

6 Timetable of Meetings

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to proposed changes to the timings of meetings of the Communities, Housing & Planning Policy Board, the Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub-committee and the Petitions Board.

The report proposed that with effect from the meetings scheduled for 22 May 2018, meetings of the Communities, Housing & Planning Policy Board start at 1pm and meetings of the Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub-committee start at 3pm. It was also proposed that with effect from the meeting scheduled for 4 June 2018, meetings of the Petitions Board start at 2pm.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be agreed that with effect from the meetings scheduled for 22 May 2018, meetings of the Communities, Housing & Planning Policy Board start at 1pm and meetings of the Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub-committee start at 3pm; and

(b) That it be agreed that with effect from the meeting scheduled for 4 June 2018, meetings of the Petitions Board start at 2pm.

7 Notice of Motion 1 by Councillors Hood and Sharkey

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

"Council agrees to review the maintenance of grassed areas with a view to reinstate naturalised areas into a regular grass cutting schedule."

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

Councillor McCartin, seconded by Councillor McEwan, moved as an amendment that the existing motion be amended to read:

"Council agrees to review maintenance of grassed area to ensure that naturalised areas are still appropriate for their locality, and to make adjustments if necessary."

Council recognises the lack of investment made by the last administration in environmental work throughout Renfrewshire, and will ensure that the damage caused to our environment by this is rectified."

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

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Begg, Bibby, Binks, Brown, Davidson, Devine, Andy Doig, Dowling, Grady, Graham, Harte, Hood, Kennedy, Kerr, Mackay, J MacLaren, McCulloch, McIntyre, Montgomery, Sharkey, Sheridan and Strang.

20 members having voted for the amendment and 22 members having voted for the motion, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED: That Council agrees to review the maintenance of grassed areas with a view to reinstate naturalised areas into a regular grass cutting schedule.

8 Notice of Motion 2 by Councillors Bibby and Andy Doig

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

"Council recognises that the increasing prevalence of Dementia in our communities is one of the major challenges of our time, and that the need to support those affected and their carers has never been greater. Council therefore welcomes the establishment of Lochwinnoch as a Dementia Friendly village, the official launch of which took place on the 27th April, and commends those who have worked to deliver this valuable and important initiative.

Council will work with Renfrewshire's Health and Social Care Partnership to ensure that the Lochwinnoch project receives the necessary support in its future work, and with other communities who may wish to develop similar initiatives."

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

Councillor Rodden, seconded by Councillor Campbell, moved as an amendment to delete paragraph 2 and insert:

"Council will work with a full range of service organisations including RHSCP, the emergency services, local care providers/partners and any other relevant entities to ensure the project receives the necessary support.

Following the undoubted success of this endeavour, council will assist any other communities within Renfrewshire to achieve similar objectives."

In terms of Standing Order 27 Councillors Bibby and Andy Doig being the mover and seconder of the motion agreed the amendment to the motion. The motion, as amended, was approved unanimously.

DECIDED:

(a) That Council recognised that the increasing prevalence of Dementia in our communities was one of the major challenges of our time, and that the need to support those affected and their carers had never been greater. Council therefore welcomed the establishment of Lochwinnoch as a Dementia Friendly village, the official launch of which took place on 27 April 2018, and commended those who had worked to deliver this valuable and important initiative; and

(b) That Council would work with a full range of service organisations including Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership, the emergency services, local care

providers/partners and any other relevant entities to ensure the project received the necessary support following the undoubted success of this endeavour, Council would assist any other communities within Renfrewshire to achieve similar objectives.

9 Notice of Motion 3 by Councillors Devine and Kennedy

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Devine and Kennedy in the following terms:

"This Council congratulates St Mirren Football Club on winning the 2017/18 Ladbroke Championship.

We would ask the Provost to arrange a civic reception to help mark St Mirren's achievements in bringing the championship to Paisley."

Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Kennedy, then moved the motion which was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the Council congratulated St Mirren Football Club on winning the 2017/18 Ladbroke Championship and agreed that the Provost arrange a civic reception to help mark St Mirren's achievement in bringing the championship to Paisley.

10 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:

"Council calls on both the Westminster and Holyrood Governments to amend the legislation governing the periodic statutory reviews undertaken by the Boundary Commission for Scotland and the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland at local authority, Scottish, and UK levels with specific regards to re-assessing the criteria for the frequency of those reviews, and to increasing the time period for public consultation.

Council believes that excessive boundary reviews at local authority, Scottish, and UK level are needlessly costly at a time of austerity and places needless pressures on council and Scottish Government budgets, and are a major factor in promoting voter apathy and undermining the democratic fabric of public life."

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

Councillor J MacLaren, seconded by Councillor Begg, moved as an amendment:

"Boundary Commission Reviews

Council calls on both Westminster and Holyrood Governments to amend the legislation governing the periodic statutory reviews undertaken by the Boundary Commission for Scotland and the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland at local authority Scottish, and UK levels with specific regards to re-assessing the criteria for the frequency of those reviews and to increasing the time for public consultation.

Council believes that excessive boundary reviews at local authority, Scottish and UK level are a major factor in promotion voter apathy.”

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

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

6 members having voted for the amendment and 36 members having voted for the motion, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED:

(a) That Council called on both the Westminster and Holyrood Governments to amend the legislation governing the periodic statutory reviews undertaken by the Boundary Commission for Scotland and the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland at local authority, Scottish, and UK levels with specific regard to re-assessing the criteria for the frequency of those reviews, and to increasing the time period for public consultation; and

(b) That Council believed that excessive boundary reviews at local authority, Scottish, and UK level were needlessly costly at a time of austerity and placed needless pressures on council and Scottish Government budgets, and were a major factor in promoting voter apathy and undermining the democratic fabric of public life.

11 Notice of Motion 5 by Councillors Andy Doig and Binks

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

"Council supports moves to commemorate the life of Lochwinnoch-born social reformer and champion of decolonization, Roland Eugene Muirhead.

Council further will work with interested groups to look at ways of recognizing the work of this Renfrewshire-born pioneer."

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

Councillor Rodden, seconded by Councillor McGurk, moved as an amendment to add an additional paragraph to read:

“Council will also introduce policy to establish criteria and procedures for consideration of community applications to hold commemorative events or placing of plaques/memorials.”

In terms of Standing Order 27 Councillors Andy Doig and Councillor Binks being the mover and seconder of the motion agreed the amendment to the motion. The motion, as amended, was approved unanimously.

DECIDED:

- (a) That Council supported moves to commemorate the life of Lochwinnoch-born social reformer and champion of decolonisation, Roland Eugene Muirhead;
- (b) That Council would work with interested groups to look at ways of recognizing the work of this Renfrewshire-born pioneer; and
- (c) That Council would introduce a policy to establish criteria and procedures for consideration of community applications to hold commemorative events or placing of plaques/memorials.

Declarations of Interest

Councillors Audrey Doig and Andy Doig having previously declared an interest in the following item of business left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

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

12 Notice of Motion 6 by Councillors Bibby and Davidson

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

"Mobile Library

Council believes that Mobile Library Services provide a vital and necessary resource for communities across Renfrewshire, that do not have access to local building based library facilities.

Council is therefore dismayed by the recent decision made by Renfrewshire Leisure to withdraw the Mobile Library Service, and agrees that the service must be reinstated."

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

Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Campbell, moved as an amendment in the first sentence, delete 'provide' and insert 'has provided'.

Delete the second paragraph and insert

"Council agrees that new technologies and community partnerships provide an opportunity to develop a library service that widens access to constituents across Renfrewshire, and provides a varied offering of library stock.

Council notes the significant decrease in visits to the mobile library service and the cost of maintenance and delivery of the service, and agrees that funds should be re-invested to develop a service that is fit for purpose and ensures best value for the people of Renfrewshire.

Council recognises that there are many barriers to constituents accessing services, and that as well location, these include physical disabilities and mental health conditions. Council further notes that the development of a service that delivers library products to those who are homebound would reduce isolation. Council agrees that the use of technology could provide access to a wider range of library products, including books, magazines, music and film.

Council therefore supports Renfrewshire Leisure in its aim to develop a service that provides comprehensive access to library provisions for those who are unable to access a building based service.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Adam-McGregor, Burns, J Cameron, Provost L Cameron, and Councillors Campbell, Don, Hughes, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, McCartin, McEwan, McGurk, McNaughtan, Mylet, Nicolson, Paterson, Rodden, Shaw and Steel.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Begg, Bibby, Binks, Brown, Davidson, Devine, Dowling, Grady, Graham, Harte, Hood, Kennedy, Kerr, Mackay, J MacLaren, McCulloch, McIntyre, Montgomery, Sharkey, Sheridan and Strang.

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

DECIDED: That Council believed that Mobile Library Services provided a vital and necessary resource for communities across Renfrewshire that did not have access to local building-based library facilities. Council was dismayed by the recent decision made by Renfrewshire Leisure to withdraw the Mobile Library Service, and agreed that the service must be reinstated.

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Councillors Audrey Doig and Andy Doig returned to the meeting prior to consideration of the following item of business.

Councillor Mackay left the meeting during discussion of the following item of business.

13 Notice of Motion 7 by Councillors Bibby and McCartin

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

"The decisions that the Council makes on behalf of the people of Renfrewshire are subject to democratic accountability, and as such should be sovereign.

Council notes that the transfer of decision making powers on adult social care provision to the Integrated Joint Board for Health and Social Care, has served to undermine that sovereignty, and has, due to the composition of the boards and its voting membership, created a democratic deficit.

Council therefore agrees that the elected member representation on IJBs for Health and Social Care should be increased, to give a clear elected member majority on the boards, and accordingly mandates its Chief Executive to write to the Scottish Government recommending that legislation be brought forward to implement this change.”

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

Councillor J Cameron, seconded by Councillor Audrey Doig, moved as an amendment to delete all after democratic accountability, (line 2) and insert:

“However, Council notes that the Public Bodies Joint working (Scotland) Act 2014 legislated for a partnership between elected members and NHS non-executive members which would promote “equal participation” and would ensure that “decisions reflect sound clinical practice.” It agrees that members may “draw on the experience of the Health Board” and should “take account of safety and quality of care matters.” The act further states that members “carry out their functions under the Act on behalf of the IJB and not as delegates of their respective party.”

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

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Begg, Bibby, Binks, Brown, Davidson, Devine, Andy Doig, Dowling, Grady, Graham, Harte, Hood, Kennedy, Kerr, J MacLaren, McCartin, McCulloch, McIntyre, Montgomery, Sharkey, Sheridan and Strang.

19 members having voted for the amendment and 22 members having voted for the motion, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED: That the decisions that the Council made on behalf of the people of Renfrewshire were subject to democratic accountability, and as such should be sovereign. Council noted that the transfer of decision making powers on adult social care provision to the Integrated Joint Board for Health and Social Care, had served to undermine that sovereignty, and had, due to the composition of the boards and its voting membership, created a democratic deficit. Council therefore agreed that the elected member representation on IJBs for Health and Social Care should be increased, to give a clear elected member majority on the boards, and accordingly mandated the Chief Executive to write to the Scottish Government recommending that legislation be brought forward to implement this change.

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Councillor Mackay returned to the meeting prior to consideration of the following item of business.

14 Notice of Motion 8 by Councillors Sheridan and Dowling

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

"This Council calls upon the Scottish Government to implement immediately, in full and without undue delay new social security powers devolved to Scotland from the UK Government, with explicit focus on reducing extreme financial and emotional hardship amongst those claiming Universal Credit and disability benefits."

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

Councillor Binks, seconded by Councillor Kerr, moved as a first amendment that this Council calls on the Scottish Government to implement all new social security powers devolved to Scotland from the UK Government with explicit focus on reducing extreme financial and emotional hardship.

Councillor Paterson, seconded by Councillor J Cameron, moved as a second amendment that Council recognises that the establishment of a Scottish social security system is the most significant and wide-ranging transfer of powers since devolution and the creation of the Scottish Parliament and agrees with the Scottish Government's approach to ensure that respect and dignity is at its heart which will deliver for the people of Scotland.

Further Council endorses the decision by the Scottish Government to stagger the devolution of these powers with the system becoming fully operational by 2021.

In terms of Standing Order 27 the first amendment was accepted by Councillors Sheridan and Dowling being the mover and seconder of the motion.

A vote was then taken between the motion as amended and the second amendment.

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

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Begg, Bibby, Binks, Brown, Davidson, Devine, Dowling, Grady, Graham, Harte, Hood, Kennedy, Kerr, Mackay, J MacLaren, McCartin, McCulloch, McIntyre, Montgomery, Sharkey, Sheridan and Strang.

20 members having voted for the amendment and 22 members having voted for the motion, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED: That Council call on the Scottish Government to implement all new social security powers devolved to Scotland from the UK Government with explicit focus on reducing extreme financial and emotional hardship.

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Councillors Harte and Sharkey left the meeting during consideration of the following item of business.

15 Notice of Motion 9 by Councillors Dowling and Montgomery

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Dowling and Montgomery in the following terms:

"The Council notes that women are under-represented across the councils in Scotland and make up only 29% of councillors.

Council further notes that whilst voluntary mechanisms such as all women shortlists, networks and mentoring have made some progress, women are still not represented equally. Council notes that despite these measures 29% is the highest proportion of women in council in Scotland's history.

The Council congratulates the Women 50:50 campaign which has been working across all political parties and has gained support from the SNP, Scottish Labour, Scottish Liberal Democrats and Scottish Green Party leaders and co-conveners. The Council supports Women 50:50's aim for fair representation of women in Scotland through legislated candidate quotas and backs the campaign's call for fair representation of women across Scotland's public life.

The Council recognises that women are not a homogenous group, and that in any of our outreach work to encourage and champion women we should ensure that we engage a diverse group of women from different races, cultures, religions, disabilities, socio-economic statuses and sexualities."

Councillor Dowling, seconded by Councillor Montgomery, then moved the motion.

Councillor Strang, seconded by Councillor McIntyre moved as a first amendment that the Council notes that whilst voluntary mechanisms such as women shortlists, networks and mentoring have made some progress, women are still not represented equally. Council notes that despite these measures 29% is the highest proportion of women in council in Scotland's history.

The Council notes the recent report to the April Leadership board on the gender pay gap. While this report showed many positives, it highlighted that the Craft trades employ no women whatsoever.

The Council commits to further investigations into the reasons for this including barriers to women applying for these roles.

The Council recognises that women are not a homogenous group, and that in any of our outreach work to encourage and champion women we should ensure that we engage a diverse group of women from different races, cultures, religions, disabilities, socio-economic statues and sexualities.

Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Adam-McGregor, moved as a second amendment to add "Council will establish a cross-party working group with the aim of assessing barriers to access for women, and establishing a program to reduce them".

In terms of Standing Order 27, the second amendment was accepted by Councillors Dowling and Montgomery, being the mover and seconder of the motion.

In terms of Standing Order 27, Councillors Strang and McIntyre being the mover and seconder of the first amendment, withdrew their amendment and the motion as amended by the second amendment was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED:

- (a) That Council noted that women were under-represented across the councils in Scotland and made up only 29% of councillors;
- (b) That Council further noted that whilst voluntary mechanisms such as all women shortlists, networks and mentoring had made some progress, women were still not represented equally. Council noted that despite these measures 29% was the highest proportion of women in council in Scotland's history;
- (c) That it be agreed that Council congratulated the Women 50:50 campaign which had been working across all political parties and had gained support from the SNP, Scottish Labour, Scottish Liberal Democrats and Scottish Green Party leaders and co-conveners. The Council supported Women 50:50's aim for fair representation of women in Scotland through legislated candidate quotas and backed the campaign's call for fair representation of women across Scotland's public life;
- (d) That the Council recognised that women were not a homogenous group, and that in any of our outreach work to encourage and champion women we should ensure that we engaged a diverse group of women from different races, cultures, religions, disabilities, socio-economic statuses and sexualities; and
- (e) That Council would establish a cross-party working group with the aim of assessing barriers to access for women, and establish a program to reduce them.

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Councillor Harte returned to the meeting during consideration of the following item of business.

16 Notice of Motion 10 by Councillors Campbell and Burns

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

"Syria Crisis

Council agrees the use of chemical weapons in any circumstances is abhorrent. Council recognises the situation in Syria is desperate with over 13 million civilians in need of aid. As a council we support our local refugees and recognise the need to offer support in relation to these recent escalations. Council agrees work and diplomacy is required to achieve a peaceful resolution which should be fundamental in any proposed action which should be clear and coherent to address the ongoing humanitarian crisis. Therefore, Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to Prime Minister Theresa May to outline the Council's concerns at the lack of diplomatic solution by the UK Government."

Councillor Campbell, seconded by Burns, then moved the motion.

Councillor Graham, seconded by Councillor Begg, moved as an amendment that Council agrees that the use of chemical weapons is not acceptable in our world. Council recognises the situation in Syria is desperate with over 13 million civilians in need of aid. As a council we support our local refugees and recognise the need to offer support in relation to these recent escalations. Council agrees work and

diplomacy is required to achieve a peaceful resolution which should be fundamental in any proposed action which be clear and coherent to address the ongoing humanitarian crises. Therefore, Council instructs the chief executive to write to the Prime Minister to offer the councils continued support in aiding the UK government with resettling vulnerable Syrian families within Renfrewshire and continue to send strong and clear signal that the use of chemical weapons on innocent men, woman and children anywhere in the world will not be tolerated.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Begg, Bibby, Binks, Davidson, Devine, Dowling, Grady, Graham, Harte, Hood, Kennedy, Kerr, Mackay, J MacLaren, McIntyre, Montgomery, and Strang.

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

17 members having voted for the amendment and 24 members having voted for the motion, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED: That Council agreed the use of chemical weapons in any circumstances was abhorrent. Council recognised the situation in Syria was desperate with over 13 million civilians in need of aid. As a council we supported our local refugees and recognised the need to offer support in relation to these recent escalations. Council agreed that work and diplomacy was required to achieve a peaceful resolution which should be fundamental in any proposed action which should be clear and coherent to address the ongoing humanitarian crisis. Therefore, Council instructed the Chief Executive to write to Prime Minister Theresa May to outline the Council's concerns at the lack of diplomatic solution by the UK Government.