

Minute of Special Meeting Council

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 27 June 2019	11:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

Present: Councillor Jennifer Marion Adam-McGregor, Councillor Tom Begg, Councillor Derek Bibby, Councillor Bill Binks, Councillor Bill Brown, Councillor Stephen Burns, Councillor Jacqueline Cameron, Provost Lorraine Cameron, Councillor Michelle Campbell, Councillor Carolann Davidson, Councillor Eddie Devine, Councillor Andy Doig, Councillor Audrey Doig, Councillor Natalie Don, Councillor Alison Jean Dowling, Councillor Edward Grady, Councillor Neill Graham, Councillor Jim Harte, Councillor John Hood, Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes, Councillor Karen Kennedy, Councillor Scott Kerr, Councillor Paul Mack, Councillor Alistair Mackay, Councillor James MacLaren, Councillor Kenny MacLaren, Councillor Mags MacLaren, Councillor Eileen McCartin, Councillor Colin McCulloch, Councillor Cathy McEwan, Councillor Marie McGurk, Councillor John McIntyre, Councillor John McNaughtan, Councillor Kevin Montgomery, Councillor Will Mylet, Councillor Iain Nicolson, Councillor Jim Paterson, Councillor Emma Rodden, Councillor Jim Sharkey, Councillor John Shaw, Councillor James Sheridan, Councillor Andy Steel, Councillor Jane Strang

Chair

Provost L Cameron presided.

In Attendance

S Black, Chief Executive; M Crearie, Director of Communities, Housing & Planning Services; A Russell, Director of Finance & Resources; S Quinn, Director of Children's Services; L Mahon, Head of Marketing (Chief Executive's); G Hutton, Head of Operations & Infrastructure (Environment & Infrastructure); K Graham, Head of Corporate Governance), A MacArthur, Head of Finance, M Conaghan, Legal & Democratic Services Manager, L Belshaw Democratic Services Manager and A McNaughton, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources); and D Leese, Chief Officer (Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership).

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1 Review of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils

Under reference to paragraph 1 of page 444 of the Minute of the special meeting of the Council held on 28 February 2019, there was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the outcome of the second and final phase of statutory public consultation on the Council's proposals to amend the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils (the Scheme).

The report explained that the second phase of public consultation had sought the views of community councils and any other interested party on a further proposal to allow self-nomination for membership of community councils and on three further proposals to correct and clarify information about communications between community councils and Council services. The proposals had been published for consultation in an Amended Draft Scheme.

A statutory public consultation exercise was carried out during March/April 2019 and three community councils submitted representations. Of the 21 active community councils in Renfrewshire: two intimated their support for the proposed changes; and one objected to the proposal to simplify the nomination process for membership claiming it might lead to an influx of new members who were concerned only about one specific issue affecting the community. It was noted that reason(s) for joining a community council were not part of the criteria for membership. Residents were free to join or withdraw from a community council without providing a reason.

As the representations received during the consultation showed that there was no strength of opposition to the proposed amendments from community councils or any other interested party, it was recommended that the amendments be accepted and included within a revised Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils 2019, a copy of which was appended to the report.

Councillor Hood, seconded by Councillor Andy Doig, proposed that the Council agree that the proposed Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils should be taken back to a full meeting of the RCCF for discussion and a proper vote by that body should be held before any proposal is brought back to this Council. This was agreed, unanimously.

DECIDED: That the Council agree that the proposed Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils should be taken back to a full meeting of the RCCF for discussion and a proper vote by that body should be held before any proposal is brought back to this Council.