

Minute of Meeting Council

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 27 September 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, Councillor Edward Grady, Councillor Neill Graham, Councillor John Hood, Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes, Councillor Karen Kennedy, Councillor Scott Kerr, Councillor Paul Mack, Councillor Alistair Mackay, Councillor James 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 Cameron presided.

In Attendance

S Black, Chief Executive; S Quinn, Acting Director of Children's Services; M Crearie, Director of Communities, Housing & Planning Services; G McNeil, Director of Environment & Infrastructure; A Russell, Director of Finance & Resources; A Morrison, Head of Regeneration, L McIntyre, Head of Policy & Commissioning and L Mahon, Head of Marketing & Communications (all Chief Executive's); J Trainer, Head of Child Care and Criminal Justice (Children's Services); K Graham, Head of Corporate Governance, A MacArthur, Head of Finance, M Conaghan, Legal & Democratic Services Manager, L Belshaw, Democratic Services Manager and E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources); J McKellar, Chief Executive (Renfrewshire Leisure Limited); and D Leese, Chief Officer and P McCulloch, Acting Head of Health and Social Care (Paisley) (both Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership).

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Campbell declared a non-financial interest in items 26 and 31 on the agenda as she was an employee with NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde but not in the Council's area and intimated that she would remain in the meeting.

Councillor J Cameron declared a non-financial interest in item 29 on the agenda as she was a member of the KAIROS group and intimated that she would remain in the meeting.

Obituary

The Provost acknowledged the death of Alex Murrin, a former Renfrewshire Councillor who had represented Renfrew, and after hearing tributes from members advised that she had extended sincere condolences to his family and friends on behalf of Renfrewshire Council.

Valedictory

The Provost advised that this would be Joyce McKellar's last Council meeting before she retired as Chief Executive of Renfrewshire Leisure Limited. Both Provost Cameron and Councillor Hughes thanked her for her contribution to sporting, leisure and cultural activities in Renfrewshire.

Additional Item

Councillor Graham intimated that he wished to table an emergency motion which had not been included in the notice calling the meeting and he requested that this be taken as an additional item.

Provost Cameron ruled, in terms of Standing Order 14, that as there were no special circumstances which required the item to be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency, the motion would not be taken up as an additional item of business.

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, 28 June 2018

Regulatory Functions Board, 7 August 2018

Cross Party Sounding Board, 16 August 2018
Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board, 21 August 2018
Renfrew and Gallowhill Local Area Committee, 21 August 2018
Regulatory Functions Board, 22 August 2018
Education and Children's Services Policy Board, 23 August 2018
Paisley North Local Area Committee, 23 August 2018
Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board, 27 August 2018
Paisley South Local Area Committee, 28 August 2018
Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board, 29 August 2018
Johnstone and the Villages Local Area Committee, 30 August 2018
Petitions Board, 3 September 2018
Placing Requests, Exclusions and Appeals Panel, 4 September 2018
Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board, 5 September 2018
Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside and Erskine Local Area Committee, 5 September 2018
Regulatory Functions Board, 6 September 2018
Local Review Body, 11 September 2018
Personnel Appeals and Applied Conditions of Service Appeals Panel, 12 September 2018
Appointment Board, 13 September 2018
Leadership Board, 19 September 2018
Appointment Board, 19 September 2018
Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board, 25 September 2018
Regulatory Functions Board, 25 September 2018

DECIDED: That the Minutes be approved.

2 Audited Annual Accounts 2017-18

Under reference to item 2 of the Minute of the meeting of the Council held on 28 June 2018, there was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the audit of the Council's 2017/18 annual accounts, which had been undertaken by the Council's appointed external auditors, Audit Scotland.

The report highlighted that the audit process had been completed and that an audit opinion, free from qualification, had been provided. In terms of the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014, the Council required to consider and approve the annual accounts for signature no later than 30 September each year. The Assistant Director of Audit (Local Government) had previously provided a report detailing all matters arising over the course of the 2017/18 audit to the meeting of the Council's Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board, held on 25 September 2018, for consideration, and a copy of this report was appended for information. In addition, the report intimated that the accounts of the charities controlled by the Council had also been audited by Audit Scotland and separate audit opinions on these accounts had been provided in accordance with the charities regulations and best practice promoted by the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR). Copies of the accounts for Renfrew, Paisley and Johnstone Common Good Funds and Renfrewshire Council Trust Funds were provided as appendices to the report for approval.

DECIDED:

(a) That the Council's annual accounts 2017/18 be approved for signature, in accordance with the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014;

(b) That the 2017/18 accounts of the Renfrew, Paisley and Johnstone Common Good Funds and Renfrewshire Council Trust Funds be approved and authority be delegated to the Director of Finance & Resources to submit these accounts to OSCR in accordance with the relevant regulations; and

(c) That the annual audit report be noted.

3 Financial Outlook 2019-21

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to an update to the financial outlook previously outlined to the Leadership Board in December 2017 and the updated financial position as presented to Council on 2 March 2018.

The report intimated that the Council's financial outlook continued to be characterised by considerable and ongoing uncertainty, was fluid and subject to material change over even a short-term time horizon. In the context of the wider economic and public spending environment across both the UK and Scotland and in particular the increasing uncertainty developing around the impact of the outcome of the UK's negotiations to withdraw from the European Union in March 2019, the Council's financial outlook over the short to medium term had the potential to move into a period of heightened uncertainty and change.

Reference was made to the report considered at the meeting of the Council held on 2 March 2018, entitled 'Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2018/19' which provided the most recent update and outlined a more favourable revenue grant settlement following the Scottish Parliamentary budget scrutiny process, generating a temporary revenue surplus after decisions taken by the Council of £15.750 million of which Council agreed to commit approximately £15.6 million on a non-recurring basis to a range of priority services. The report also highlighted that a residual funding gap of £12 million remained forecast for 2019/20, reduced to £10 million following decisions taken by the Council, based on existing assumptions, and that further annual funding gaps of significant scale were expected to continue over the medium term.

The report advised that the Council's current financial position remained within the financial planning parameters established when the Council had set its budget for 2018/19. In addition, Audit Scotland had completed their audit of the 2017/18 annual accounts which confirmed that the audited financial position remained in line with that reported to Council in June 2018. Overall the Council's immediate financial position remained stable and consistent with existing financial and service plans.

Key influential areas continued to relate predominantly to future levels of government grant support, future pay awards and a range of demand related service pressures. Current forecasts in relation to the future financial impact of each of these areas were at high risk of being subject to ongoing change and material movement. As a consequence, the Council's financial planning arrangements remained subject to active review and increasingly were founded upon a scenario-based approach in recognition of the scale of variability in the potential financial outcomes for the Council as uncertainties resolved and greater certainty was established.

DECIDED:

(a) That the update regarding the Council's current financial position be noted;

(b) That the updated financial forecasts for the medium term, the range of potential funding issues facing the Council and the requirement to continue to plan for further significant budget reductions in the period through to 2021 and potentially beyond be noted; and

(c) That the Council's ongoing commitment to the financial planning principles outlined in section 9 of the report be approved.

4 Review of Community-level Governance - Introduction of Local Partnerships

Under reference to item 1 of the Minute of the meeting of the Cross Party Sounding Board held on 16 August 2018, there was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the Council's review of community-level governance arrangements.

The report outlined proposals for the introduction of a new model of Local Partnerships into the Community Planning Structure which would replace the existing Local Area Committees. The report detailed the proposals that had been the subject of consultation, including: refreshing the aims of community-level governance; moving from committees to partnerships; extending voting rights to community organisations; other public services playing a greater role; wider engagement with communities; moving from five areas based on ward boundaries to seven areas based on community council boundaries; meetings becoming more accessible and participative; and local grants being focussed on local priorities and the introduction of participatory budgeting. The findings of the consultation had been supportive of the proposals.

Once approved, the arrangements detailed in the report would take immediate effect and would disband the Local Area Committees. A series of community events would be held throughout October, where information could be shared with communities about the new Local Partnerships and how they would work. These events would also help identify community priorities for the new Local Partnerships to consider in preparation for their first meetings in November and December 2018.

The dates of the first meetings of the Local Partnerships were detailed at section 6.1 of the report. The primary purpose of the first meetings would be to agree membership of the partnerships, particularly the appointment of community representatives. The Local Partnerships would also be supported in their first meetings to consider local data, evidence and intelligence in order to identify three to five key local priorities for the Local Partnership area. These priorities would then inform each Local Partnership's work, but also the allocation of grants by the partnership later in 2019. A new grant process will then be introduced from April 2019 for the 2019/20 financial year, including the allocation of the general grant fund and Common Good funds, and participatory budgeting exercises to distribute the Youth Challenge Fund across Renfrewshire.

The proposed Terms of Reference and Standing Orders for the Local Partnerships were appended to the report.

Councillor Nicolson, seconded by Councillor Paterson moved that, in addition to the recommendations detailed in the report, the following appointments be made as Chairs of the new Local Partnerships: Renfrew – Councillor Shaw; Houston, Bridge of Weir, Brookfield, Kilbarchan, Lochwinnoch, Howwood and Elderslie – Councillor Don; Paisley North, Gallowhill, Ferguslie, Paisley West and Central – Councillor McNaughtan; Johnstone and Linwood – Councillor Steel; Foxbar/Brediland and Glenburn – Councillor McGurk; Inchinnan, Erskine, Bishopton and Langbank – Councillor Campbell; and Paisley East, Ralston, Hawkhead/Lochfield, Hunterhill and Charleston – Councillor Adam-McGregor. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

(a) That the Local Partnership arrangements be adopted as the Renfrewshire Scheme of Decentralisation in terms of Section 23 of the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994, and that the existing Local Area Committees be disbanded;

(b) That the Terms of Reference for Local Partnerships attached at Appendix A to the report be approved;

(c) That the Standing Orders for Local Partnerships attached at Appendix B to the report be approved and that the following appointments be made as Chairs of the new Local Partnerships:

Renfrew – Councillor Shaw

Houston, Bridge of Weir, Brookfield, Kilbarchan, Lochwinnoch, Howwood and Elderslie – Councillor Don

Paisley North, Gallowhill, Ferguslie, Paisley West and Central – Councillor McNaughtan

Johnstone and Linwood – Councillor Steel

Foxbar/Brediland and Glenburn – Councillor McGurk

Inchinnan, Erskine, Bishopton and Langbank – Councillor Campbell

Paisley East, Ralston, Hawkhead/Lochfield, Hunterhill and Charleston – Councillor Adam-McGregor;

(d) That a Lead Officer be appointed by the Council to each Local Partnership. The Lead Officer would be a Head of Service to be appointed by the Chief Executive;

(e) That in the interim period prior to the introduction of a new grant process in the 2019/20 financial year, the Director of Finance & Resources be authorised to determine the allocation of any returned grant funding in consultation with the elected member who previously chaired the Local Area Committee where the original grant award decision had been made;

(f) That, with regard to the allocation of grant funding made by Local Partnerships, the Lead Officer allocated to each Local Partnership be authorised to determine the allocation of grant funding as agreed by the Local Partnership;

(g) That the framework for the disbursement of grant funding set out in paragraphs 4.23 to 4.26 of the report be approved;

(h) That a review of the progress of the new model of Local Partnerships be carried out after at least one year of operation, in 2020; and

(i) That the first meetings of the Local Partnerships be held on the dates detailed at section 6.1 of the report.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Graham declared a non-financial interest in the undernoted item as he was a volunteer with Barnardos and intimated that he would remain in the meeting.

5 Annual Report of the Chief Social Work Officer 2017/18

There was submitted a report by the Acting Chief Social Work Officer relative to the 2017/18 annual report by the Chief Social Work Officer (CSWO). In Renfrewshire this role was held by the Director of Children's Services.

The report provided an overview of the role of the CSWO, referred to the key areas of activity of the CSWO locally, outlined the issues and challenges encountered during 2017/18, local arrangements for the discharge of the functions of the post and provided an overview of activities undertaken by social work services together with the key priorities for 2018/19. A copy of the annual report by the Chief Social Work Officer was appended to the report.

The report intimated that the scope of the CSWO role covered all social work and social care services, whether provided directly by the local authority, or in partnership with others. Where these services were purchased or commissioned from external providers, the CSWO had responsibility to advise on the specification, quality and standards of services commissioned.

It was proposed that the Acting Director of Children's Services submit a report to a future meeting of the Education and Children's Services Policy Board relative to the establishment of a close support unit in Linwood; submit a report to a future meeting of the Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board relative to pressures on Criminal Justice Social Work; and provide information to elected members on the Improvement Plan put in place by the Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership following the joint inspection of adult services. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

(a) That the key activities outlined in the report be noted;

(b) That it be noted that the report would be submitted to the Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor at the Scottish Government;

(c) That it be agreed that the next update to Council would be presented in Autumn 2019; and

(d) That the Acting Director of Children's Services submit a report to a future meeting of the Education and Children's Services Policy Board relative to the establishment of a close support unit in Linwood; submit a report to a future meeting of the Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board relative to pressures on Criminal Justice Social Work; and provide information to elected members on the Improvement Plan put in place by the Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership following the joint inspection of adult services.

6 Progress Report on Renfrewshire Gaelic Language Implementation Plan

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Children's Services relative to progress on the Council's Gaelic Language Implementation Plan.

The report intimated that the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 required all local authorities in Scotland to produce a Gaelic Language Plan. These plans were part of an effort to protect and revitalise Gaelic as a living language in Scotland.

Renfrewshire Council's current plan, approved by Council in 2016 and subsequently by Bòrd na Gàidhlig in 2017, ran from 2016 to 2021. The Council's annual progress report to Bòrd na Gàidhlig was appended to the report.

It was proposed that the Acting Director of Children's Services provide information to elected members relative to the number of Gaelic speakers in Renfrewshire and the number of children from Renfrewshire attending a Gaelic School. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

(a) That the progress made by Renfrewshire Council in the delivery of the Gaelic Language Plan be noted;

(b) That it be noted that a progress report had been provided to Bòrd na Gàidhlig;

(c) That it be noted that, as agreed by Council in December 2015, annual progress reports would continue to be provided to Bòrd na Gàidhlig and to Council; and

(d) That the Acting Director of Children's Services provide information to elected members relative to the number of Gaelic speakers in Renfrewshire and the number of children from Renfrewshire attending a Gaelic School.

7 2018 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the conclusion of the Boundary Commission for Scotland ("the Commission") review of UK Parliament Constituencies in Scotland.

The report advised that the UK Parliament decided in 2011 that the number of parliamentary constituencies would decrease from 650 to 600. In Scotland this meant a reduction from 59 constituencies to 53. Two of the 53, Na h-Eileanan an Iar and Orkney and Shetland, were not subject to review. The remaining 51 had been reviewed against set criteria and the Commission's report had now been submitted to the Secretary of State for Scotland. The UK Government would consider the terms of the report and the matter would then come before Parliament for approval. If approved the new boundaries would be used at the next General Election scheduled for May 2022.

If the Commission's proposals were accepted and approved by Parliament then Renfrewshire residents would vote in one of three constituencies: Paisley; Renfrewshire West and Garnock Valley; or Clyde Coast. Paisley Constituency was a burgh constituency comprising of Paisley, Renfrew and Elderslie. Renfrewshire West and Garnock Valley Constituency was a county constituency which contained Erskine, Inchinnan, Houston, Crosslee, Brookfield, Bridge of Weir, Linwood, Johnstone, Howwood, Kilbarchan and Lochwinnoch along with large parts of North Ayrshire and East Renfrewshire. The Clyde Coast Constituency was a county constituency which contained Bishopton and Langbank along with all of the Inverclyde Council area, and parts of North Ayrshire including Largs and Millport. Maps showing the extent of each of these constituencies were appended to the report.

DECIDED: That the outcome of the review and the next steps in the process be noted.

8 Membership of Boards and Other Organisations

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the appointment of elected members to Council Boards and other organisations.

The report advised that a member required to be appointed to each of the vacant positions on the Finance, Resources & Customer Services Policy Board and the Leadership Board following the recent suspension of Councillor Sheridan by the Labour Party pending the outcome of an investigation. The Labour Group had proposed Councillor Hood as a member of the Finance, Resources & Customer Services Policy Board and Councillor Kennedy as a member of the Leadership Board.

The report advised that intimation had also been received indicating that Renfrewshire Sports Network had been dissolved following a special general meeting. Accordingly, Councillor Kerr's appointment to this body was no longer required.

Councillor Nicolson proposed that Councillor Audrey Doig be appointed as a member of the Regulatory Functions Board in place of Provost Cameron. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

(a) That Councillor Hood be appointed as a member of the Finance, Resources & Customer Services Policy Board and Councillor Kennedy be appointed as a member of the Leadership Board;

(b) That the dissolution of Renfrewshire Sports Network be noted; and

(c) That Councillor Audrey Doig be appointed as a member of the Regulatory Functions Board in place of Provost Cameron.

9 Revised Financial Regulations

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the updated Financial Regulations of the Council.

The report stated that a comprehensive and up-to-date set of Financial Regulations was deemed a key element of corporate governance, as they provided a framework for good financial management. The last revision to the Council's Financial Regulations had been approved at the meeting of the Council held on 25 September 2015. Since then the Council had approved revisions to the decision-making structures on 18 May 2017 and the resulting changes to Board remits had been incorporated into the revised Financial Regulations. The responsibilities in the revised regulations of the Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board, the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board and other relevant boards had been amended to better align with the remits of these boards and some other minor changes had been made to improve the clarity of the Financial Regulations and to reflect changes in operational arrangements resulting from the implementation of Business World. Following the approval to declassify previous voluntary trading operations by the meeting of the Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board held on 28 March 2018, reference to trading operations had been removed from the revised Financial Regulations. It was proposed that the revised Financial Regulations come into effect on 1 October 2018, to coincide with the introduction of Business World. The updated Financial Regulations were appended to the report.

DECIDED: That the revised Financial Regulations, as appended to the report, to come into effect on 1 October 2018, be approved.

10 Scheme of Delegations

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the revised Council's Scheme of Delegations ("the Scheme").

The report intimated that the proposed change to the Scheme took into account the most recent part of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 that had come into force relating to Common Good. Separately a technical delegation relating to the roads function for the sign-off of compliance with design standards for new roads was required to provide delegations to officers to deal with approvals for new structures associated with roads.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be noted that the provisions of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 relating to common good and also abandoned, neglected and detrimental land were now in force;

(b) That the Director of Finance & Resources be authorised to publish a list of common good property held by the Council for consultation in terms of the 2015 Act and that it be agreed that the Register of Common Good property be submitted to a future meeting of the Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board for approval; and

(c) That Section 5 (Powers Delegated to Officers) of the Council's Scheme of Delegated Functions be amended as follows:

(i) A new paragraph be added to the delegations to the Director of Environment & Infrastructure as follows:

"The Director of Environment & Infrastructure, along with the Head of Operations, is authorised to carry out the following functions of the Council as Roads Technical Approval Authority in accordance with the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges Volume 1 Section 1 Design Standard BD2 Technical Approval of Highway Structures:-

In relation to accepting submissions for Approval in Principal, Design and Check Certificate, Certificate of Construction Compliance and Departure from Standard, after being agreed and signed by a suitably qualified chartered civil or chartered structural engineer employed by the Council, for a new structure associated with a road, works to an existing structure associated with a road or a third party development adjacent to a road with the potential to cause damage to an existing structure associated with a road."

(ii) A new paragraph be added to the delegations to the Director of Finance & Resources as follows:

"To exercise the Council's functions in relation to maintaining a register of common good property in terms of section 102 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015."

11 Timetable of Meetings

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to a proposed timetable of meetings of the Council and its Boards covering the period August 2019 to June 2020, a copy of which was appended to the report.

The timetable was based on the current governance arrangements and incorporated recess periods at summer, October, Christmas/New Year and spring. Whilst meetings of the Appeals Board and Local Review Body had been included in the timetable the report intimated that there could be occasions when these meetings were not required and would be cancelled in consultation with the respective Convener. It was highlighted that an additional meeting of the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board had been incorporated into the timetable on 23 September 2019 to allow the Board to consider the Council's audited annual accounts.

DECIDED:

(a) That the timetable of meetings of the Council and its Boards to June 2020, including the dates during which there were to be recesses, as detailed in the appendix to the report, be approved; and

(b) That it be noted that meetings of the Appeals Board and Local Review Body, although timetabled, would be cancelled in consultation with the respective Convener, if there was no substantive business.

12 Revised Councillors' Code of Conduct

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Revised Councillors' Code of Conduct.

The report advised that the Scottish Government had published an amended version of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, as agreed by the Scottish Parliament. The substantive changes to the Code related to an addition to Section 3 of the Code to make it clear that bullying or harassment was completely unacceptable and would be considered to be a breach of the Code and changes to the rules on declarations of interest by councillors who were also members of Regional Transport Partnerships. The Standards Commission had also published an Advice Note for members on bullying and harassment. There were also a number of minor changes to the Code which were intended to clarify various existing provisions and these were detailed in paragraph 3.3 of the report.

It was noted that the Head of Corporate Governance would provide a briefing to members on changes to the Code and the terms of the Advice Note on 7 November 2018. The Standards Commission were also organising roadshows that were available for elected members to attend at Perth on 14 November 2018 and in Motherwell on 18 February 2019.

DECIDED: That the revised Councillors' Code of Conduct be noted.

13 Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders: Thin Red Line Appeal

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to a request from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Museum Trust that the Council contribute to the Thin Red Line Appeal which had been launched to fund a redevelopment of the Regimental Museum located at Stirling Castle.

Provost Cameron, seconded by Councillor Nicolson, moved that a donation of £1,000 be made to the Thin Red Line Appeal fund in recognition of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders close links to the Renfrewshire area.

Councillor Grady, seconded by Councillor McCulloch, moved as an amendment that a donation of £5,000 be made to the Thin Red Line Appeal fund in recognition of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders close links to the Renfrewshire area.

In terms of Standing Order 27, Provost Cameron and Councillor Nicolson, being the mover and seconder of the motion accepted the amendment and the motion, as amended, was approved unanimously.

DECIDED: That a donation of £5,000 be made to the Thin Red Line Appeal fund in recognition of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders close links to the Renfrewshire area.

14 Contract Award: Paisley Museum Re-imagined - Exhibition Design Team (RC-CPU-18-002)

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the award of a Contract for the Paisley Museum Re-imagined - Exhibition Design Team (RC-CPU-18-002) to OPERA Amsterdam BV.

Following a procurement exercise conducted in accordance with both Council procedure and the Competitive Dialogue Procedure under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, 12 tenders had been received and after evaluation the tender from OPERA Amsterdam BV was found to be the most economically advantageous.

DECIDED:

(a) That the Head of Corporate Governance be authorised to award a contract for the Paisley Museum Re-imagined - Exhibition Design Team (RC-CPU18-002) to OPERA Amsterdam BV in the sum of £998,900.00 excluding VAT;

(b) That it be noted that the total contract period was anticipated to be 255 weeks with the starting date scheduled to be 19 November 2018 with the estimated completion date of 13 October 2023. Timescales and dates would be confirmed in the contract with OPERA Amsterdam BV; and

(c) That it be noted that the commencement of this contract would be subject to receipt of evidence to demonstrate that the Council's minimum levels of insurance provision were obtained as indicated within the invitation to participate and final tender documentation and collateral warranties should be provided throughout the duration of the contract.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10.20 am and reconvened at 10.30 am.

15 Notice of Motion 1 by Councillors Sheridan and Kennedy

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

"That this council resolves to adopt the modern slavery charter (below) to ensure our procurement practices don't support slavery.

Train its corporate procurement team to understand modern slavery through the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply's (CIPS) online course of Ethical Procurement and Supply.

Require its contractors to comply fully with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, wherever it applies, with contract termination as a potential sanction for non-compliance.

Challenge any abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely upon the potential contractor practising modern slavery.

Highlight to its suppliers that contracted workers are free to join a trade union and are not to be treated unfairly for belonging to one.

Publicise its whistle-blowing system for staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.

Require its tendered contractors to adopt a whistle-blowing policy which enables their staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.

Review its contractual spending regularly to identify any potential issues with modern slavery.

Highlight for its suppliers any risks identified concerning modern slavery and refer them to the relevant agencies to be addressed.

Refer for investigation via the National Crime Agency's national referral mechanism any of its contractors identified as a cause for concern regarding modern slavery.

Report publicly on the implementation of the policy annually."

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

DECIDED: That this Council resolves to adopt the modern slavery charter (below) to ensure our procurement practices don't support slavery.

Train its corporate procurement team to understand modern slavery through the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply's (CIPS) online course of Ethical Procurement and Supply.

Require its contractors to comply fully with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, wherever it applies, with contract termination as a potential sanction for non-compliance.
Challenge any abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely upon the potential contractor practising modern slavery.

Highlight to its suppliers that contracted workers are free to join a trade union and are not to be treated unfairly for belonging to one.

Publicise its whistle-blowing system for staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.

Require its tendered contractors to adopt a whistle-blowing policy which enables their staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.

Review its contractual spending regularly to identify any potential issues with modern slavery.

Highlight for its suppliers any risks identified concerning modern slavery and refer them to the relevant agencies to be addressed.

Refer for investigation via the National Crime Agency's national referral mechanism any of its contractors identified as a cause for concern regarding modern slavery.

Report publicly on the implementation of the policy annually.

16 Notice of Motion 2 by Councillors Mack and Andy Doig

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

"Recycling

Can the Council reassure the good people of Renfrewshire that their diligence is being rewarded and that all detritus that they are meticulously separating and putting into the myriad of coloured coded refuse bins is being transported to the various designated/dedicated sites and re-cycled wherever possible.

Can you scotch the rumour that despite our best efforts all refuse is going into one civic amenity site without the remotest regard for re-cycling and our carbon-footprint."

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

It was proposed that the Director of Environment & Infrastructure provide information to elected members on the levels of contamination in Renfrewshire's recyclate. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

(a) Recycling - Can the Council reassure the good people of Renfrewshire that their diligence is being rewarded and that all detritus that they are meticulously separating and putting into the myriad of coloured coded refuse bins is being transported to the various designated/dedicated sites and re-cycled wherever possible.

Can you scotch the rumour that despite our best efforts all refuse is going into one civic amenity site without the remotest regard for re-cycling and our carbon-footprint; and

(b) That the Director of Environment and Infrastructure provide information to elected members on the levels of contamination in Renfrewshire's recyclate.

17 Notice of Motion 3 by Councillors Andy Doig and Mack

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

"Renfrewshire Council highlights the fact that legal protection against libel, slander, and hate crime, exists in Scots law, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to review the operation and remit of the Standards Commission for Scotland."

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

DECIDED: Renfrewshire Council highlights the fact that legal protection against libel, slander, and hate crime, exists in Scots law, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to review the operation and remit of the Standards Commission for Scotland.

18 Notice of Motion 4 by Councillors Audrey Doig and Hughes

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

“Scotland Women's National Football Squad

Renfrewshire Council congratulates the Scotland Women's National Football Squad for qualifying for the 2019 Women's World Cup in France, and praises the management and team for inspiring Scotland to get behind them with such exceptional results.

Council calls, in recognition of this outstanding international sporting achievement, for the Scottish Football Association to increase its level of funding for Women's Football in Scotland.”

Councillor Audrey Doig, seconded by Councillor Hughes, then moved the motion which was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: Scotland Women's National Football Squad - Renfrewshire Council congratulates the Scotland Women's National Football Squad for qualifying for the 2019 Women's World Cup in France, and praises the management and team for inspiring Scotland to get behind them with such exceptional results.

Council calls, in recognition of this outstanding international sporting achievement, for the Scottish Football Association to increase its level of funding for Women's Football in Scotland.

19 Notice of Motion 5 by Councillors Steel and McNaughtan

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Steel and McNaughtan in the following terms:

“Council rejects the report by the 'Taxpayers' Alliance' into time taken by union officials to go about their duties while employed by Renfrewshire Council and the cost this incurs.

Council applauds the work done by Trades Union officials within Renfrewshire Council to promote best working practices and condition, and recognises the contribution made to good working relations brought about by management working closely with Trades Unions.”

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

Councillor Graham, seconded by Councillor Begg, moved as an amendment that Council notes the report by the Taxpayers Alliance and while we may disagree with its findings we recognise the right of external bodies to scrutinise local government spending and decisions.

Council calls on the relevant officers to ensure accurate and timely information is given in future.

Council applauds the work done by Trade Union officials within Renfrewshire Council to promote best working practices and conditions, and recognises the contribution made to good working relations brought about by management working closely with Trade Unions.

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

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

The following member abstained: Councillor Mackay.

7 members having voted for the amendment, 33 members having voted for the motion and one member having abstained, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED: Council rejects the report by the 'Taxpayers' Alliance' into time taken by union officials to go about their duties while employed by Renfrewshire Council and the cost this incurs.

Council applauds the work done by Trades Union officials within Renfrewshire Council to promote best working practices and condition, and recognises the contribution made to good working relations brought about by management working closely with Trades Unions.

20 Notice of Motion 6 by Councillors Steel and J Cameron

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Steel and J Cameron in the following terms:

“Council applauds the superb work done by Elderslie Community Council prior to the recent Wallace Day events in the village to tidy and clean the area around the Wallace monument.

Given the potential economic benefit to the area of the Wallace brand, council notes with disappointment that action has not been taken previously to utilise this hyper-localised and unique aspect of Elderslie's identity to maximum advantage.

Therefore, Council directs officers to bring a report to the appropriate board, setting out a plan to engage all stakeholders and develop a suite of activities to maximise the potential economic benefit to Elderslie in relation to the Wallace heritage.”

Councillor Steel, seconded by Councillor J Cameron, then moved the motion.

Councillor Andy Doig, seconded by Councillor Hood, moved as an amendment that Council further believes that such stakeholders should include Elderslie Community Council, the Society of William Wallace, and the Johnstone Business Consortium, and proposes that one of the suite of activities examined for promotion should be the establishment of a Wallace Festival which will showcase musical, cultural, artistic, and historical expressions of the Wallace Story.”

In terms of Standing Order 27, Councillors Steel and J Cameron, being the mover and seconder of the motion accepted the amendment as an addition to the motion and the motion, as amended, was approved unanimously.

DECIDED: Council applauds the superb work done by Elderslie Community Council prior to the recent Wallace Day events in the village to tidy and clean the area around the Wallace monument.

Given the potential economic benefit to the area of the Wallace brand, council notes with disappointment that action has not been taken previously to utilise this hyper-localised and unique aspect of Elderslie's identity to maximum advantage.

Therefore, Council directs officers to bring a report to the appropriate board, setting out a plan to engage all stakeholders and develop a suite of activities to maximise the potential economic benefit to Elderslie in relation to the Wallace heritage.

Council further believes that such stakeholders should include Elderslie Community Council, the Society of William Wallace, and the Johnstone Business Consortium, and proposes that one of the suite of activities examined for promotion should be the establishment of a Wallace Festival which will showcase musical, cultural, artistic, and historical expressions of the Wallace Story.

21 Notice of Motion 7 by Councillors J MacLaren and McIntyre

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

“Sight Lines

Council notes that despite requiring developers to build in visibility splays at junctions for new roads, these sight lines are not maintained once the new roads have been adopted. Council further notes that throughout Renfrewshire grass, bushes and hedges along the roads have been allowed to grow with little if any maintenance causing unnecessary dangers to traffic and pedestrians. Council calls for hedge and verge maintenance, necessary for the purpose of road safety, to have an increased priority and for early enforcement on landowners, when required, in order to keep pavements clear.”

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

DECIDED: Sight Lines - Council notes that despite requiring developers to build in visibility splays at junctions for new roads, these sight lines are not maintained once the new roads have been adopted. Council further notes that throughout Renfrewshire grass, bushes and hedges along the roads have been allowed to grow with little if any maintenance causing unnecessary dangers to traffic and pedestrians. Council calls for

hedge and verge maintenance, necessary for the purpose of road safety, to have an increased priority and for early enforcement on landowners, when required, in order to keep pavements clear.

22 Notice of Motion 8 by Councillors J MacLaren and Begg

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

"Primary school provision in Bishopton and Dargavel

This council calls on the Director of Children's Services to consider the current proposal of a new primary school for the Dargavel development only and to bring a report back to the next Education & Children's Services Policy Board setting out how the public will be consulted on the proposal and setting out the merits and cost implications of building one large primary school in Dargavel for the whole of Bishopton including Dargavel."

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

DECIDED: Primary school provision in Bishopton and Dargavel - This Council calls on the Director of Children's Services to consider the current proposal of a new primary school for the Dargavel development only and to bring a report back to the next Education & Children's Services Policy Board setting out how the public will be consulted on the proposal and setting out the merits and cost implications of building one large primary school in Dargavel for the whole of Bishopton including Dargavel.

23 Notice of Motion 9 by Councillors Davidson and Hood

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

"Webcasting of Policy Boards

Council notes the success of the web casting of full meetings of Renfrewshire Council.

In the interests of further transparency and public engagement Council agrees to introduce web casting of the following Boards and Committees:-

Infrastructure Land and Environmental Policy Board
Finance and Resources & Customer Service Policy Board
Communities Housing and Planning Policy Board
Education and Children's Services Policy Board Leadership Board
Petitions Board
Audit Scrutiny and Risk"

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

Councillor Mackay, seconded by Councillor Strang, moved as a first amendment that before further webcasting is introduced, the cost of each webcast should be made transparent. Therefore, the members can decide if the additional costs of increasing the number of webcasts justifies the withdrawal of funds from more deserving causes.

Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Burns, moved as a second amendment that Council notes that the cost of webcasting the full Council over the last 8 meetings was approximately £14k per annum. Council also noted that the average number of views over these meetings had been 302, at a cost of £5.79 per viewer and at a cost of £1750 per meeting. Council agrees that webcasting the full Council was of interest to the public and that webcasting of Council meetings continues at its present level.

In terms of Standing Order 27, Councillors Mackay and Strang, being the mover and seconder of the first amendment, withdrew their amendment.

The vote was then taken between the motion and the second amendment which was the only substantive amendment remaining.

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, Mack, Mackay, J MacLaren, M MacLaren, McEwan, McGurk, McIntyre, McNaughtan, Mylet, Nicolson, Paterson, Rodden, Shaw, Steel and Strang.

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

27 members having voted for the amendment and 14 members having voted for the motion, the amendment was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED: That Council notes that the cost of webcasting the full Council over the last 8 meetings was approximately £14k per annum. Council also noted that the average number of views over these meetings had been 302, at a cost of £5.79 per viewer and at a cost of £1750 per meeting. Council agrees that webcasting the full Council was of interest to the public and that webcasting of Council meetings continues at its present level.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11.50 am and reconvened at 12 noon.

24 Notice of Motion 10 by Councillors Davidson and Devine

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

“Parking Spaces at Whiteford Road, Paisley

Council agrees that grass verges at Whiteford Road be removed and replaced by parking spaces within the next 6 months.”

Councillor Davidson, seconded by Councillor Devine, then moved the motion, deleting the words “within the next 6 months.”

Councillor Mackay, seconded by Councillor Graham, moved as a first amendment that Council maintain the status quo and leave the grass verges as grass.

Councillor McCartin, seconded by Councillor Andy Doig, moved as a second amendment that Council agrees to examine all areas of Renfrewshire where the demand for local car parking spaces has outstripped their availability. Where grass verges are available, are not part of the general “green spaces” of the area, and where local communities are happy to lose them, Council should look to converting them to extra parking spaces for the local community.

Council recognises that most areas affected are likely to be mixed owner/Council estates where the houses were built at a time when there was little car ownership.

In terms of Standing Order 27, Councillors Davidson and Devine, being the mover and seconder of the amended motion, accepted the second amendment as an addition to the amended motion.

Councillor McEwan, seconded by Councillor McNaughtan, moved as a third amendment that Parking Spaces at Whiteford Road, Paisley - Council agrees that this should be considered at the Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board and follows the appropriate process for this type of local ward issue.

In terms of Standing Order 27, Councillors Mackay and Graham, being the mover and seconder of the first amendment, withdrew their amendment.

The vote was then taken between the motion, as amended, and the third amendment which was the only substantive amendment remaining.

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, Mack, Mackay, J MacLaren, M MacLaren, McEwan, McGurk, McIntyre, McNaughtan, Mylet, Nicolson, Paterson, Rodden, Shaw, Steel and Strang.

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

27 members having voted for the amendment and 14 members having voted for the motion as amended, the amendment was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED: Parking Spaces at Whiteford Road, Paisley - Council agrees that this should be considered at the Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board and follows the appropriate process for this type of local ward issue.

Order of Business

In terms of Standing Order 16, Provost Cameron intimated that she intended to change the order of business by taking item 35 on the agenda – Notice of Motion 21 – as the amendment to Notice of Motion 11, item 25 on the agenda.

25 Notice of Motion 11 by Councillors Kennedy and Grady

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

"Childcare First

Council will take the necessary steps to ensure that Hillview Nursery (Ferguslie) and Rainbow Nursery (Shortroods) remain open beyond March 2019.

Council will reassure parents staff and children that they will continue to offer the support they need from Renfrewshire Council in future and agree that a report be brought back to the Full Council meeting on 13 December 2018."

Councillor Kennedy, seconded by Councillor Grady, then moved the motion.

Councillor Bibby, seconded by Councillor Devine, moved as a first amendment to insert after "Council will take the necessary steps" the following:

"by providing full funding to Child Care First."

In terms of Standing Order 27, Councillors Kennedy and Grady, being the mover and seconder of the motion accepted the amendment as an addition to the motion.

Councillor Paterson, seconded by Councillor Nicolson, moved as a second amendment:

"Hillview Nursery

Renfrewshire Council notes the decision of the Board of Child Care First to close Hillview Nursery in March 2019. Council recognises the potential impact the decision will have on the children and families presently using the service at Hillview. Council wants to ensure that children in their pre-school year don't have to change nursery placement before they move to primary school.

Council is committed to ensuring that children entitled to the present 600 hours of funded learning and childcare can do so. Council is also developing the plan to expand the funded hours to 1140 by 2020.

The Council is committed to ensuring the continuation of service to the children and families who use Hillview nursery and agrees to approach Child Care First to secure the transfer of the service to the Council."

The vote was taken between the motion and the second amendment which was the only substantive amendment remaining.

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, Andy Doig, Audrey Doig, Don, Graham, Hughes, Kerr, Mackay, J MacLaren, M MacLaren, McCartin, McEwan, McGurk, McIntyre, McNaughtan, Mylet, Nicolson, Paterson, Rodden, Shaw, Steel and Strang.

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

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

DECIDED: Hillview Nursery - Renfrewshire Council notes the decision of the Board of Child Care First to close Hillview Nursery in March 2019. Council recognises the potential impact the decision will have on the children and families presently using the service at Hillview. Council wants to ensure that children in their pre-school year don't have to change nursery placement before they move to primary school.

Council is committed to ensuring that children entitled to the present 600 hours of funded learning and childcare can do so. Council is also developing the plan to expand the funded hours to 1140 by 2020.

The Council is committed to ensuring the continuation of service to the children and families who use Hillview nursery and agrees to approach Child Care First to secure the transfer of the service to the Council.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Campbell having previously declared an interest in the undernoted item remained in the meeting.

26 Notice of Motion 12 by Councillors Hughes and J Cameron

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Hughes and J Cameron in the following terms:

"Protest Buffer Zones for Reproductive Health Clinics

Council believes in upholding the right to peaceful protest. Council further believes that the right to peaceful protest should not interfere with the fundamental right for women to make individual reproductive choices, or NHS professionals to do their job without fear or abuse. Council further notes that campaigns against women exercising their sexual health rights can continue without occupying the space immediately outside clinics and services, which cause distress to both those accessing these services, and patients accessing general healthcare in the same sites.

Council note the recent decision by Glasgow city council requesting that NHSGG&C explore the possibility of protest buffer zones in the Glasgow area. Council supports the exploration of the case for buffer zones outside reproductive health clinics and hospitals as a means of ensuring that no individuals are harassed or obstructed from accessing confidential advice and treatment.

Council requests that the Chief Officer of the IJB to raise the issue of a potential buffer zone policy relating to sexual and reproductive health facilities and hospitals in Renfrewshire with Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board, and to provide feedback on these discussions to the Council."

Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor J Cameron, then moved the motion.

Councillor McCartin, seconded by Councillor Andy Doig, moved as an amendment that Council believes in the right to peaceful protest, and emphasises that the right to such protest, free from harassment and intimidation, is already enshrined in law.

Council notes the opposition of civil liberties groups, Big Brother Watch, and the Index on Censorship, as well as veteran LGBT campaigner, Mr Peter Tatchell, to buffer zones, and agrees they are a threat to civil liberties.

Council declares that buffer zones are illiberal, an impediment to the right to free assembly and contrary to Article 10 of the Human Rights Act 1998 on freedom of expression, and Article 11 of the Human Rights Act on the right to protest.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Begg, Devine, Andy Doig, Graham, J MacLaren, McCartin and Sharkey.

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

The following members abstained: Councillors Kennedy and Mack.

7 members having voted for the amendment, 31 members having voted for the motion and 2 members having abstained, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED: Protest Buffer Zones for Reproductive Health Clinics - Council believes in upholding the right to peaceful protest. Council further believes that the right to peaceful protest should not interfere with the fundamental right for women to make individual reproductive choices, or NHS professionals to do their job without fear or abuse. Council further notes that campaigns against women exercising their sexual health rights can continue without occupying the space immediately outside clinics and services, which cause distress to both those accessing these services, and patients accessing general healthcare in the same sites.

Council note the recent decision by Glasgow City Council requesting that NHS GGC explore the possibility of protest buffer zones in the Glasgow area. Council supports the exploration of the case for buffer zones outside reproductive health clinics and hospitals as a means of ensuring that no individuals are harassed or obstructed from accessing confidential advice and treatment.

Council requests that the Chief Officer of the IJB to raise the issue of a potential buffer zone policy relating to sexual and reproductive health facilities and hospitals in Renfrewshire with Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board, and to provide feedback on these discussions to the Council.

Adjournment

In terms of Standing Order 41, the meeting adjourned at 1.35 pm and reconvened at 2.05 pm.

27 Notice of Motion 13 by Councillors J Cameron and Adam-McGregor

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors J Cameron and Adam-McGregor in the following terms:

"Smoking is the biggest avoidable cause of death in Scotland and results in the disability and impoverishment of thousands of people in Renfrewshire Council every year. Childhood exposure to second-hand smoke causes ill-health, reduces educational attainment and smoking imagery can lead children to become smokers themselves.

In support of the Scottish Government's target of a Tobacco-free Scotland by 2034 (5% prevalence or less), this Council endorses the Principle of Scotland's Charter for a Tobacco-free Generation, to put tobacco out of sight, out of mind and out of fashion for children born in 2013 and give Renfrewshire Council access to the free resources and advice available from ASH Scotland and other Charter signatories across Scotland."

Councillor J Cameron, seconded by Councillor Adam-McGregor, then moved the motion, amending "Renfrewshire Council" with "Renfrewshire Council area" in the first paragraph of the motion, which was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: Smoking is the biggest avoidable cause of death in Scotland and results in the disability and impoverishment of thousands of people in the Renfrewshire Council area every year. Childhood exposure to second-hand smoke causes ill-health, reduces educational attainment and smoking imagery can lead children to become smokers themselves.

In support of the Scottish Government's target of a Tobacco-free Scotland by 2034 (5% prevalence or less), this Council endorses the Principle of Scotland's Charter for a Tobacco-free Generation, to put tobacco out of sight, out of mind and out of fashion for children born in 2013 and give Renfrewshire Council access to the free resources and advice available from ASH Scotland and other Charter signatories across Scotland.

28 Notice of Motion 14 by Councillors Steel and Hughes

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Steel and Hughes in the following terms:

"Council notes the success of closed road cycling events in Perth, London and Wrexham, and that these events now attract entrants in the tens of thousands. Renfrewshire, with an unparalleled combination of challenging climbs and quiet roads, is the ideal location to host such an event in central Scotland.

Council further notes that not only would such an event fit with the Council's strategy of Paisley 2021 legacy events being directed out with Paisley itself, it would complement policies to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of the community. The economic impact on the area could also be considerable.

Council therefore directs the Cycling Champion to create a working group with an aim to bring such an event to Renfrewshire by 2020; and to liaise with all relevant stakeholders and bring to the appropriate board a budgeted plan for an event which would put Renfrewshire at the forefront of mass participation cycling events in Scotland."

Councillor Steel, seconded by Councillor Hughes, then moved the motion which was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: Council notes the success of closed road cycling events in Perth, London and Wrexham, and that these events now attract entrants in the tens of thousands. Renfrewshire, with an unparalleled combination of challenging climbs and quiet roads, is the ideal location to host such an event in central Scotland.

Council further notes that not only would such an event fit with the Council's strategy of Paisley 2021 legacy events being directed out with Paisley itself, it would complement policies to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of the community. The economic impact on the area could also be considerable.

Council therefore directs the Cycling Champion to create a working group with an aim to bring such an event to Renfrewshire by 2020; and to liaise with all relevant stakeholders and bring to the appropriate board a budgeted plan for an event which would put Renfrewshire at the forefront of mass participation cycling events in Scotland.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor J Cameron having previously declared an interest in the undernoted item remained in the meeting.

29 Notice of Motion 15 by Councillors Rodden and Steel

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Rodden and Steel in the following terms:

"Council supports the work of Active Communities in the ongoing development of 'Kairos', a women's centre based in Johnstone. The project is funded by the Robertson Trust and is a community led initiative to meet the needs of all women, girls and families including those who are vulnerable. Their mission is a world where all women achieve their potential. Active Communities were the first recipient of the council's community empowerment fund, specifically for the Kairos initiative.

Kairos is one of only two women's centres in Scotland and Council welcomes the Robertson's Trust's decision in choosing Renfrewshire for this valuable asset to the community."

Councillor Rodden, seconded by Councillor Steel, then moved the motion which was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: Council supports the work of Active Communities in the ongoing development of 'Kairos', a women's centre based in Johnstone. The project is funded by the Robertson Trust and is a community led initiative to meet the needs of all women, girls and families including those who are vulnerable. Their mission is a world where all

women achieve their potential. Active Communities were the first recipient of the Council's community empowerment fund, specifically for the Kairos initiative.

Kairos is one of only two women's centres in Scotland and Council welcomes the Robertson's Trust's decision in choosing Renfrewshire for this valuable asset to the community.

30 Notice of Motion 16 by Councillors Dowling and Kerr

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

"Renfrewshire Council Events Team

Council agrees that the Renfrewshire Council events team will formally extend their support to all Renfrewshire Towns and Villages to help produce and deliver programming, marketing and the infrastructure required to host their annual Christmas Lights Switch On events".

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

Councillor Nicolson, seconded by Councillor Paterson, moved as an amendment that a full stop be inserted after "marketing" and "The infrastructure required to host annual Christmas lights switch on events will continue to be provided by Environment and Infrastructure" inserted.

In terms of Standing order 27, Councillors Dowling and Kerr, being the mover and seconder of the motion accepted the amendment and the motion as amended, was approved unanimously.

DECIDED: Renfrewshire Council Events Team - Council agrees that the Renfrewshire Council events team will formally extend their support to all Renfrewshire Towns and Villages to help produce and deliver programming, marketing. The infrastructure required to host annual Christmas lights switch on events will continue to be provided by Environment and Infrastructure.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Campbell having previously declared an interest in the undernoted item remained in the meeting.

31 Notice of Motion 17 by Councillors Andy Doig and Bibby

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

"Prostate Cancer Awareness

Renfrewshire Council supports the efforts of charities such as Prostate Cancer UK to raise awareness of the fact that prostate cancer is one of the biggest killers of men,

commends their educational campaigns about the risk factors and symptoms of prostate cancer, and their robust advocacy for further research on the causes of prostate cancer.

Council notes with concern the variation in Scottish Health Board Areas regarding the availability of multiparametric MRI (mpMRI) scans before a biopsy, which could radically boost detection of prostate cancer and cut unnecessary procedures, and backs the campaign by Prostate Cancer UK to promote parity across NHS Scotland."

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

DECIDED: Prostate Cancer Awareness - Renfrewshire Council supports the efforts of charities such as Prostate Cancer UK to raise awareness of the fact that prostate cancer is one of the biggest killers of men, commends their educational campaigns about the risk factors and symptoms of prostate cancer, and their robust advocacy for further research on the causes of prostate cancer.

Council notes with concern the variation in Scottish Health Board Areas regarding the availability of multiparametric MRI (mpMRI) scans before a biopsy, which could radically boost detection of prostate cancer and cut unnecessary procedures, and backs the campaign by Prostate Cancer UK to promote parity across NHS Scotland.

32 Notice of Motion 18 by Councillors Andy Doig and Bibby

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

"School Catchment Areas

Renfrewshire Council recognises the requirement to review school catchment areas at periodic intervals and believes that such catchment areas must be based on criteria such as safe walking routes to school, as well as improving and fostering links with local communities. Furthermore, Council stresses that changes to school catchment areas should not be made without the fullest consultation with parents, in order to give the fullest support to long term community cohesion."

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

DECIDED: School Catchment Areas - Renfrewshire Council recognises the requirement to review school catchment areas at periodic intervals and believes that such catchment areas must be based on criteria such as safe walking routes to school, as well as improving and fostering links with local communities. Furthermore, Council stresses that changes to school catchment areas should not be made without the fullest consultation with parents, in order to give the fullest support to long term community cohesion.

33 Notice of Motion 19 by Councillors Bibby and Dowling

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

"Pride Rainbow Flag

Council recognises and fully supports the work of the LGBT community in promoting the rights and needs of LGBT people, and its pursuance of inclusion and equality.

In celebration of this work the Council agrees to fly the Pride Rainbow Flag outside Renfrewshire House on a date in 2019, and thereafter annually, and will consult with the local LGBT community on how best to mark this occasion."

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

Councillor Andy Doig, seconded by Councillor Paterson, moved as an amendment that Council notes our decision taken on 29 September 2016 to support the Time for Inclusive Education campaign, which provides educational material to support LGBT young people in the school environment and to combat homophobia, and calls on Council officers to provide a progress report on the TIE campaign in Renfrewshire for the next full Council meeting in December 2018.

In terms of Standing Order 27, Councillors Bibby and Dowling, being the mover and seconder of the motion accepted the amendment as an addition to the motion which was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: Pride Rainbow Flag - Council recognises and fully supports the work of the LGBT community in promoting the rights and needs of LGBT people, and its pursuance of inclusion and equality.

In celebration of this work the Council agrees to fly the Pride Rainbow Flag outside Renfrewshire House on a date in 2019, and thereafter annually, and will consult with the local LGBT community on how best to mark this occasion.

Council notes our decision taken on 29 September 2016 to support the Time for Inclusive Education campaign, which provides educational material to support LGBT young people in the school environment and to combat homophobia, and calls on council officers to provide a progress report on the TIE campaign in Renfrewshire for the next full Council meeting in December 2018.

34 Notice of Motion 20 by Councillors Andy Doig and Hood

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

"The Reinstatement of the 307 Johnstone Station/Lochwinnoch and the Spateston/Corseford/RAH 20 McGills Bus Services

Renfrewshire Council deplores the decision by McGills Buses to cut back the 307 Johnstone Station/Lochwinnoch, and the 20 Spateston/Corseford/RAH/Whitehaugh bus services. Council condemns this callous decision which discriminates against non car users and promotes social exclusion.

Council further highlights the remit of the SPT in subsidising bus services for routes which bus companies deem to be non-profitable, and calls on the SPT to enter into discussions with McGills to reinstate the no 307 and no 20 services, and if need be, for the SPT to subsidise them."

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

DECIDED: The Reinstatement of the 307 Johnstone Station/Lochwinnoch and the Spateston/Corseford/RAH 20 McGills Bus Services - Renfrewshire Council deplores the decision by McGills Buses to cut back the 307 Johnstone Station/Lochwinnoch, and the 20 Spateston/Corseford/RAH/Whitehaugh bus services. Council condemns this callous decision which discriminates against non car users and promotes social exclusion.

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