

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 21 APRIL 2022

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 21 April 2022 at 4pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Nelson, Quinn, Rebecchi, Robertson and Wilson.

Chair: Provost Brennan presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance, Interim Director Environment & Regeneration, Mr A Best (for Interim Director (Chief Officer) Health & Social Care Partnership), Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Ms L Carrick, Ms S McMaster and Ms E Peacock (Legal Services), Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, ICT Services Manager and Service Manager Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Quinn and Robertson attending by video-conference.

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors C McEleny and McGuire.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**Minutes of Meetings of
The Inverclyde Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards**

211 Inverclyde Council – 17 February 2022 211

Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.

212 Audit Committee – 22 February 2022 212

Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.

213 Health & Social Care Committee – 24 February 2022 213

Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

214 Inverclyde Council (Special) – 24 February 2022 214

Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.

215 Planning Board – 2 March 2022 215

Councillor Nelson advised the Inverclyde Council of a typographical error on page 81 of

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the Minute Booklet and that at the said meeting of the Planning Board 5 Members had voted in favour of the Amendment and not the Motion, and that it was the Amendment that was carried, and as such the erroneous reference to “motion” in the fourth last line of the said page 81 should be deleted and replaced with “amendment”. The Clerk noted his agreement on this point.

Approved, subject to the above mentioned correction, on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

216	Local Review Board – 2 March 2022	216
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
217	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 3 March 2022	217
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
218	Grants Sub Committee – 7 March 2022	218
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.	
219	Education & Communities Committee – 8 March 2022	219
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
220	Policy & Resources Sub Executive Sub Committee – 10 March 2022	220
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
221	Policy & Resources Committee – 22 March 2022	221
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
222	Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee – 24 March 2022	222
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McVey.	
223	Planning Board – 6 April 2022	223
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
224	Local Review Body – 6 April 2022	224
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
225	General Purposes Board – 13 April 2022	225

It was noted by the Clerk that whilst this was on the agenda the draft minute was not yet available, and would be submitted to the June meeting of Inverclyde Council

226 Review of The Inverclyde Council (Prohibition) of Alcohol In Designated Public Places) Byelaws 2010 226

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (1) providing an update on the outcome of the second stage of the consultation process undertaken by the former Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services in connection with the review of the current Byelaws for Inverclyde Council prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in designated places, and (2) to recommend the making of The Inverclyde Council (Prohibition of Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor in Designated Places) (Amendment) Byelaws 2021 to the Council and to apply to the Scottish Ministers for confirmation of the Byelaws.

Decided:

- (1) that the outcome of the second stage of the consultation process in connection with The Inverclyde Council (Prohibition of Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor in Designated Places) (Amendment) Byelaws 2021 be noted; and
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make The Inverclyde Council (Prohibition of Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor in Designated Places) (Amendment) Byelaws 2021 and thereafter submit same to the Scottish Ministers for confirmation in terms of sections 201, 202 and 203 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

227 Statutory Meeting – Location & Decisions by Lot 227

It was agreed unanimously to suspend Standing Orders to allow consideration of this item following a decision of the Council at its meeting on 17 February 2022.

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (1) seeking approval for officers to make arrangements that a venue other than the Council Chamber is used for the holding of the statutory meeting of the Inverclyde Council in May 2022, for the reasons noted in the report, and (2) seeking approval for a process by which decisions will be taken by lot when, during a meeting which is being held on a remote or hybrid basis, there is equality of votes but the Provost has no casting vote.

Following discussion, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Moran moved that (1) delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to make suitable arrangements for the holding of the first meeting of Inverclyde Council following the May 2022 local government elections, to be held at a venue other than the Council Chamber at Municipal Buildings, Greenock, with the Chief Executive to undertake suitable consultation on this matter with the Strategic Leadership Forum following the elections, noting that the intention is for this meeting to be a physical meeting, failing which a hybrid meeting from either the Council Chamber or Board Room 1; and (2) that approval be given to the Decisions by Lot Protocol as detailed in appendix 1 of the report.

As an amendment Councillor Brooks seconded by Councillor Wilson moved that the Statutory Meeting of the Council be a physical meeting.

Following a roll call vote 2 Members, Councillors Brooks and Wilson voted for the amendment, and 17 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Nelson, Quinn, Rebecchi and Robertson voted for the motion, which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to make suitable arrangements for the holding of the first meeting of Inverclyde Council following the May

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2022 local government elections, to be held at a venue other than the Council Chamber at Municipal Buildings, Greenock and to undertake suitable consultation on this matter with the Strategic Leadership Forum following the elections, noting that the intention is for the meeting to be a physical meeting, failing which a hybrid meeting from either the Council Chamber or Board Room 1; and

(2) that the Decisions by Lot Protocol be approved as detailed in appendix 1 of the report.

228 Contract Cost Increase and Supply Issues

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance providing an update regarding emerging contractual, supply and delivery issues relating to a number of factors outwith the Council's control and to outline potential implications.

Decided:

(1) that the number of challenges being experienced within the UK, Scottish and local economy and the impact that this may have in terms of timescales for delivery and costs of capital projects plus the costs of day to day delivery be noted;

(2) that it be noted that a procedural note has been issued to officers regarding action to be taken in the event of a request to vary contract terms and conditions of rates; and

(3) that it be noted that the Interim Service Director Finance and Corporate Governance will present an update on this matter highlighting any financial and service delivery implications to the June Policy & Resources Committee.

229 Inverclyde Task Force

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive highlighting the recent engagement with the Scottish Government and confirming the creation of a new Inverclyde Task Force focussed on addressing a range of underlying long term issues affecting the community of Inverclyde and identifying funding solutions.

Decided:

(1) that the proposed terms of reference be approved as detailed in appendix 1 of the report, and that a new Inverclyde Task Force be established reporting to the full Council, and monitored through the Inverclyde Alliance Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP); and

(2) that it be remitted to officers to submit an update report on the progress of the Inverclyde Task Force to the December meeting of the Council, and four monthly thereafter.

230 Capital Strategy 2022/32 – Remit from the Policy & Resources Committee

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 22 March 2022 relative to the Capital Strategy 2022/32.

Decided:

(1) that the Capital Strategy 2022/32 be approved; and

(2) that the significant medium term financial challenges facing the Council in terms of maintaining and/or improving the assets which it owns be noted.

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231 Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2022/23-2025/26 – Remit from the Policy & Resources Committee 231

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance on a remit from the Policy & Strategy Committee of 22 March 2022 relative to Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2022/23-2025/26.

Decided: that approval be given to:

- (a) Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy;
- (b) Authorised Limits for 2022/26;
- (c) Treasury Management Policy Statement;
- (d) Policy on repayment of Loans Fund advances;
- (e) Treasury Policy Limits;
- (f) Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Indicators; and
- (g) List of Permitted Investments (including those on the Common Good Fund).

232 McLean Museum and Art Gallery Management Policies and Service Improvement Plan 2022-25 – Remit from the Education & Communities Committee 232

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting the Council as Trustees of the Watt Institution to note the decision made by the Education & Communities Committee on 8 March 2022 relative to the approval of the McLean Museum and Art Gallery Management Policies and Service Improvement Plan.

Decided: that the Council as Trustees note the decision of the Education & Communities Committee relative to the Watt Institution Collections Policies.

233 Acknowledging the Retirement of Elected Members – Request by Councillor J McEleny 233

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services advising of a request received from Councillor J McEleny in the following terms: “That Inverclyde Council notes the retirement at the end of this Council term of: Provost Martin Brennan; Depute Provost Ronnie Ahlfeld; Councillor Gerry Dorrian; and Councillor Luciano Rebecchi.

That Inverclyde Council thanks them for their decades of commitment to their respective communities and commends their example of collegiate working across the Council to advance the best interests of their constituents”.

Decided: that the Council supports Councillor J McEleny’s request.

Appendices to Minutes

234 Health & Social Care Committee – 24 February 2022 234

Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

235 Environment & Regeneration Committee – 3 March 2022 235

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.

At the close of business Councillor McCabe paid tribute to the Members of the Council from his own party and the opposition, who would be leaving local government after the forthcoming election and to the officers of the Council for their commitment and support.

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Similar sentiments were expressed by Councillor Robertson.

Retiring Members, Provost Brennan, Depute Provost Ahlfeld and Councillor Rebecchi also spoke.

Members also conveyed their appreciation to Provost Brennan for the way in which he had performed his duties of the office and the Provost, in turn expressed his appreciation for the assistance given to him over the last 5 years by both Members and officers.