

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 7 APRIL 2016

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 7 April 2016 at 4pm

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran, MacLeod, McCabe, McColgan, McCormick, McEleny, McIlwee, Nelson, Rebecchi, Shepherd and Wilson.

Chair: Provost Moran presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Legal & Property Services, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications, Legal Services Manager (Litigation, Licensing & Committee Services), Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services) and Corporate Communications Manager.

223 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 223

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve.

Councillor McIlwee declared an interest in Agenda Item 6 (International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia – Request by Councillor McCabe).

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224 Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee – 18 February 2016 224

Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.

225 The Inverclyde Council – 18 February 2016 225

Approved on the motion of Provost Moran.

226 Audit Committee – 23 February 2016 226

Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.

227 Health & Social Care Committee – 25 February 2016 227

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228 Local Review Body – 2 March 2016 228

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229	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 3 March 2016	229
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230	Education & Communities Committee – 8 March 2016	230
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231	General Purposes Board – 9 March 2016	231
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232	The Inverclyde Council (Special) – 10 March 2016	232
	Approved on the motion of Provost Moran.	
233	Policy & Resource Committee – 22 March 2016	233
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
234	Planning Board – 6 April 2016	234
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Nelson.	
235	Local Review Body – 6 April 2016	235
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
236	Appointment of Trustees to Peter Stanton Memorial Trust	236
	There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Council to appoint three Trustees to the Peter Stanton Memorial Trust given that the current term of office of the three existing Trustees is due to expire on 16 May 2016.	
	Decided: that it be agreed to appoint Provost Moran and Councillors McCabe and MacLeod to act as Trustees of the Peter Stanton Memorial Trust for the period from 17 May 2016 until the statutory meeting of the Inverclyde Council to be held after the Local Government elections in May 2017.	
237	Greenock Blitz Commemoration – Notice of Motion by Councillor McEleny	237
	There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on a Notice of Motion by Councillor McEleny, countersigned by Councillor Campbell-Sturgess, submitted in terms of Standing Order 22 in the following terms:	
	“The Greenock Blitz was a catastrophe that every generation of the people of Inverclyde to follow still feels keenly. The events of the evenings of 6 th May – 7 th May 1941 left hundreds of local people dead and devastated certain industries in the area.	
	The 7 th of May 2016 marks 75 years from the day the all clear sounded on May 7 th 1941.	

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Many residents of Inverclyde still with us today lived through the horrific events of the aforementioned evenings and there are many who lost loved ones on those nights 75 years ago.

Inverclyde Council will never forget the citizens of our area who lost their lives on those evenings and Inverclyde Council shall pay the following respects:

- The 75th anniversary of the Greenock Blitz shall be commemorated on Saturday 7th May 2016.
- A ceremony of Remembrance shall be held in Clyde Square."

Decided: that the 75th anniversary of the Greenock Blitz be commemorated by the holding of an ecumenical service in St Laurence's Church, Greenock on Saturday 7 May 2016 and that it be remitted to the appropriate officers in consultation with the Provost to make all necessary arrangements in this regard.

238 Keeping CalMac Public – Notice of Motion by Councillor Clocherty

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on a Notice of Motion by Councillor Clocherty, countersigned by Councillor Loughran, submitted in terms of Standing Order 22 in the following terms:

"Council notes that the £1 billion 2016-24 Clyde and Hebrides ferry services (CHFS) contract will be awarded at the end of May and that the two bidders are public sector operator CalMac and private multinational Serco.

Council welcomes the Scottish Government's significant increases in public investment in ferry infrastructure and services, including six new vessels for the CHFS network by 2025.

Council notes ferry expert Jeanette Findlay of Glasgow University's report for the RMT union, "*Economic benefits of public sector provision on lifeline Clyde and Hebrides ferry services*" which found that CalMac is an efficient operator that spreads benefits across the Scottish economy whilst Serco's profit-seeking model restrict performance to contractual minimums and would increase risk to workers, communities, passengers and the taxpayer.

The Council will write to the First Minister and the Transport Minister of the Scottish Government in support of awarding the next CHFS contract to CalMac and retaining public sector operation of lifeline ferry services, to the benefit of the Scottish economy and society."

Following discussion, Councillor Clocherty seconded by Councillor Loughran moved that the terms of the Motion be approved.

As an amendment, Councillor McEleny seconded by Councillor Nelson moved that the last paragraph of the Motion be amended by substituting "in support of CalMac winning the next CHFS contract" in place of "in support of awarding the next CHFS contract to CalMac."

On a vote, 7 Members voted for the amendment and 11 for the Motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that the Council approve the terms of the Motion set out in Appendix 1 to the report and take all necessary action in connection therewith.

239 International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia - Request by Councillor McCabe 239

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on a request received from Councillor McCabe that the Council consider a letter from Unite the Union appended to the report asking it to show support for International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia which is due to take place on 17 May 2016.

Councillor McIlwee declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Branch Political Officer of Unite the Union. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process.

Following discussion, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor McEleny moved (1) that the Council support the action in support of International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia on 17 May 2016 as set out in the letter from Unite the Union, (2) that a donation of £500 be made to the local LGBT organisation and (3) that a briefing on the issues involved be arranged for Elected Members. As an amendment, Councillor Wilson moved that the Council continue to fly a flag on International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia but that no further action be taken. There being no seconder for Councillor Wilson's amendment, this then fell.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council agree the action in support of International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia on 17 May 2016 as set out in the letter from Unite the Union;
- (2) that a donation of £500 be made to the local LGBT organisation; and
- (3) that a briefing on the issues involved be arranged for Elected Members.

240 Councils Against Trade Union Bill – Request by Councillor McCabe 240

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on a request received from Councillor McCabe that it consider a Motion received from the Joint Trade Union Committee of Inverclyde relative to the proposed Trade Union Bill in the following terms:

“Council notes the Conservative Government are proposing a Trade Union Bill that will restrict the ability of this council to engage in good industrial relations practices with our workforce and their representatives. Council believes the collection of union dues through the check-off arrangement, from which the council receives income, is part of our collective and contractual arrangements with the trades unions and one which we will defend and support. Council commits not to use agency staff to break or weaken industrial action and to continue to support arrangements that afford trade union representatives sufficient resources to enable them to carry out their functions to ensure the continuation of good industrial relations. The Leader of the Council commits to writing to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills stating council's opposition to this Bill and our resolve not to co-operate with any attacks on facility time or check off and to write to the First Minister calling on the Scottish Government to stand with Inverclyde Council and other local authorities in opposing the proposals in this Bill.”

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Following discussion, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved (1) that the Council support the terms of the Motion received from the Joint Trade Union Committee of Inverclyde relative to the proposed Trade Union Bill and (2) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee on the progress of the Bill.

As an amendment, Councillor Wilson moved that the Council support the Conservative Government's Trade Union Bill. There being no seconder for Councillor Wilson's amendment, this then fell.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council support the terms of the Motion received from the Joint Trade Union Committee of Inverclyde relative to the proposed Trade Union Bill; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee on the progress of the Bill.

241 'Choose Local' - COSLA's Manifesto for a Stronger Scottish Democracy 241

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services advising the Council of a request from CoSLA that it endorse 'Choose Local' – CoSLA's Manifesto for a Stronger Scottish Democracy.

Decided:

- (1) that it be remitted to officers to publicise the contents of the CoSLA Manifesto within the terms of the pre-election period guidance; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to write to all candidates in the forthcoming Scottish Parliamentary Election for the Greenock and Inverclyde, Renfrewshire North and West and West Scotland Region constituencies to advise them of the terms of the CoSLA Manifesto and requesting them to declare their support for the Manifesto.

242 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No 1 2016 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 242

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 3 March 2016 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No 1 2016.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No 1 2016, all as detailed in the copy of the proposed Order forming a supplement to the principal minute hereof and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

243 Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2016/17 – 2019/20 – Remit from Policy & Resources Committee 243

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 22 March 2016 relative to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2016/17 – 2019/20.

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Decided: that approval be given to (1) the Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy; (2) the Authorised Limit for 2016/17; (3) the Treasury Management Policy Statement; (4) Treasury Policy Limits; (5) Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Indicators; and (6) the List of Permitted Investments (including those for the Common Good Fund).

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it contained exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act, as detailed in the minute of the relevant Committee.

Appendices to Minutes

244	Health & Social Care Committee – 25 February 2016	244
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245	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 3 March 2016	245
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	