

**MINUTE**  
**of**  
**EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL**

**Minute of Meeting held at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock on 22 March 2017.**

Provost Alastair Carmichael  
Councillor Jim Fletcher (Leader)  
Councillor Charlie Gilbert  
Councillor Barbara Grant  
Councillor Elaine Green  
Councillor Kenny Hay  
Councillor Alan Lafferty  
Councillor Ian McAlpine

Councillor Stewart Miller  
Councillor Mary Montague  
Councillor Paul O’Kane  
Councillor Tommy Reilly  
Councillor Ralph Robertson  
Councillor Gordon Wallace  
Councillor Vincent Waters

Provost Carmichael in the Chair

**Attending:**

Lorraine McMillan, Chief Executive; Julie Murray, Chief Officer – Health and Social Care Partnership; Mhairi Shaw, Director of Education; Andy Cahill, Director of Environment; Margaret McCrossan, Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer); Andy Corry, Head of Environment (Operations); Iain MacLean, Head of Environment (Major Programmes and Projects); Jim Sneddon, Head of Democratic and Partnership Services; Shona Fraser, Environmental Services Manager; Eamonn Daly, Democratic Services Manager; and Jennifer Graham, Committee Services Officer.

**Apologies:**

Deputy Provost Betty Cunningham; and Councillors Tony Buchanan, Danny Devlin and Jim Swift.

**WESTMINSTER TERRORIST ATTACK**

**2424.** Prior to the start of the meeting, the Council observed a minute’s silence to pay respect to the people who lost their lives or were injured in the terrorist attack at Westminster on 22 March 2017.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**2425.** There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**2426.** The Council considered and approved the Minute of the meeting held on 9 February 2017.

## **MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES**

**2427.** The Council considered and approved the Minutes of the meetings of the undernoted:-

- (a) Planning Applications Committee – 15 February 2017;
- (b) Local Review Body – 15 February 2017;
- (c) Cabinet (Police & Fire) – 23 February 2017;
- (d) Cabinet – 22 March 2017;
- (e) Audit and Scrutiny Committee – 2 March 2017;
- (f) Licensing Committee – 14 March 2017;
- (g) Local Review Body – 15 March 2017; and
- (h) Appeals Committee – 17 March 2017.

## **PROVOST ENGAGEMENTS**

**2428.** The Council considered and noted a report by the Deputy Chief Executive, providing details of civic engagements attended and civic duties performed by Provost Carmichael since the last meeting.

## **STATEMENTS BY CONVENERS**

### **Integration Joint Board (IJB)**

**2429.** Councillor Lafferty advised that an interesting presentation had been given to the IJB at its meeting on 15 February 2017 on the subject of the Technology Enabled Care Programme which supported people to live safely and independently at home. He reported that members of the IJB had recently agreed to remarket Bonnyton House residential services and further efficiency work to allow Bonnyton House to be sold as a going concern was ongoing. East Renfrewshire Council had agreed to contribute an additional £425,000 to the IJB to reduce cost pressures in 2017/18 and this was welcomed by the IJB. The IJB budget would be considered at the IJB meeting on 29 March. A number of other items under consideration by the IJB included a revised Adoption Allowance Scheme; development of a commissioning strategy for unscheduled care; and specialist learning disability inpatient services.

The Council noted the position.

## **STATEMENTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON JOINT BOARDS/COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY JUSTICE AUTHORITY**

**2430.** Provost Carmichael intimated that no statements had been received.

## **THE EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2017 (IN PART)**

**2431.** Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of the Council of 9 February 2017 (Page 2210, Item 2376 refers), when it was agreed that a report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Council to make and confirm the East Renfrewshire (Off Street Parking Places) Order in part, to bring into force the off street car park controlling regulations, the

Council considered a report by the Director of Environment seeking approval of the making and confirmation of "The East Renfrewshire Council (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2017 In Part.

The report highlighted that introduction of the Controlling Regulations would allow Community Wardens to manage Council owned car parks and serve Penalty Charge Notices for various infringements where necessary.

In response to questions the Environmental Services Manager advised that Sheltered Housing Complexes would not be covered under these regulations but confirmed that discussions were ongoing with colleagues from Housing Services to investigate additional parking at these locations. She further advised that Community Wardens would take photographs prior to issuing a Penalty Charge Notice to be used during the appeal process and additional re-lining may be required at some car parks to clearly delineate the extent of the parking bays.

The Council agreed to:-

- (a) approve the making and confirmation of "The East Renfrewshire Council (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2017 In Part"; and
- (b) delegate to the Director of Environment the implementation of the Order in accordance with the associated statutory procedures.

### **Resolution to Exclude Press and Public**

At this point in the meeting, on the motion of the Provost, the Council unanimously resolved that in accordance with the provisions of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Act.

### **PROPOSED LAND ACQUISITION – MAIDENHILL, NEWTON MEARNS**

**2432.** The Council considered a report by the Director of Environment seeking approval to acquire a 2.1 hectare (5.3 acres) site at Maidenhill, Newton Mearns from Cala Homes (West) Ltd and Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd for a new 2 stream non-denominational primary school and 120 place nursery.

The report provided further information on the site, valuations and referred to anticipated increases in future nursery provision.

In response to questions, the Director of Education confirmed that there was sufficient capacity at Mearns Castle High School to accommodate pupils from a new non-denominational primary school in this area. The Head of Environment (Major Programmes and Projects) further advised that staff from Property and Technical Services were in regular discussion with developers and a full plan for the school, including proposed access to the site, would be submitted to the Planning Applications Committee in due course.

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Having heard Councillor Wallace propose that it would be beneficial for Elected Members to be advised of any developments within their ward in future, the Council agreed to:-

- (a) approve the acquisition of a 2.1ha hectares (5.3 acres) site at Maidenhill, Newton Mearns for a new 2 stream non-denominational primary school/120 place nursery on the terms as outlined in the report; and
- (b) delegate to the Director of Environment, in consultation with the Chief Officer (Legal and Procurement), to make the necessary arrangements, subject to the outcome of the consultation report being considered by the Education Committee on 30 March 2017.

PROVOST