

MINUTE
of
EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock on 24 May 2017.

Present:

Councillor Paul Aitken	Councillor Annette Ireland
Councillor Caroline Bamforth	Councillor Alan Lafferty
Councillor Tony Buchanan	Councillor David Macdonald
Councillor Angela Convery	Councillor Jim McLean
Councillor Betty Cunningham	Councillor Colm Merrick
Councillor Danny Devlin	Councillor Stewart Miller
Councillor Jim Fletcher	Councillor Paul O’Kane
Councillor Charlie Gilbert	Councillor Jim Swift
Councillor Barbara Grant	Councillor Gordon Wallace

Attending:

Lorraine McMillan, Chief Executive; Caroline Innes, Deputy Chief Executive; Julie Murray, Director, Health and Social Care Partnership; Andy Cahill, Director of Environment; Margaret McCrossan, Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer); Eamonn Daly, Democratic Services Manager; and Linda Hutchison, Senior Committee Services Officer.

Mrs Lorraine McMillan, Returning Officer, in the Chair

The Returning Officer, who in terms of Section 4(4) of the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994 was chairing the initial part of the meeting in her capacity as Returning Officer until the election of the Provost, welcomed all Members to the first meeting of the new Council.

MANCHESTER TERRORIST ATTACK

1. Prior to the start of the meeting, the Returning Officer referred to the recent terror attack on the City of Manchester, the UK Government’s decision to raise the terror threat level from “severe” to “critical” across the UK, and related issues. Having commented that the Council was doing all it could to ensure the safety of residents and staff, she referred to the Council’s civil contingency arrangements, its Crisis Resilience Management Team which had met earlier in the day, implementation of a related action plan, and guidance being taken on terrorism-related matters such as from Police Scotland and the Government.

The Council, having agreed that the Provost should send a letter of condolence to the City of Manchester, observed a minutes’ silence to pay respect to the people who lost their lives or were injured in the attack.

ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS TO EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

2. The Council considered a report by the Returning Officer giving details of the election of councillors to East Renfrewshire Council held on 4 May 2017.

The Council noted the report which forms Appendix 1 accompanying this Minute.

DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY ELECTED MEMBERS

3. The Returning Officer reported that in terms of the Local Authorities (Councillors Declarations of Acceptance of Office)(Scotland) Order 1990, she had received signed Declarations of Acceptance of Office from each Councillor.

The Council noted the position.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4. There were no declarations of interest intimated.

ELECTION OF PROVOST

5. The Returning Officer sought nominations for the position of Provost of East Renfrewshire.

Councillor O’Kane, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, moved that Councillor Fletcher be elected Provost. Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Swift, moved as an amendment that Councillor Grant be elected Provost.

On a vote being taken, 10 Members voted for the motion and 8 Members voted for the amendment. Accordingly, the motion was declared carried and Councillor Fletcher elected as Provost of East Renfrewshire. Councillor Fletcher assumed the Chair.

Provost Fletcher in the Chair

Provost Fletcher thanked Members for bestowing on him the honour of becoming Provost of East Renfrewshire. Having paid tribute to the former Provost, amongst other things he referred to the opportunity for the Council to move forward in a positive manner; the value and importance of the school debates, which he intended to continue, for young people in respect of which assistance from other Members would be welcomed; and his intention to encourage respectful debate on issues at meetings of the Council.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY PROVOST

6. Provost Fletcher sought nominations for the position of Deputy Provost.

Councillor O’Kane, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, moved that Councillor Cunningham be elected Deputy Provost. Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Swift, moved as an amendment that Councillor Gilbert be elected Deputy Provost.

On a vote being taken, 10 Members voted for the motion and 8 Members voted for the amendment. Accordingly, the motion was declared carried and Councillor Cunningham elected as Deputy Provost of East Renfrewshire.

AMENDMENTS TO SCHEME OF ADMINISTRATION AND CONVENERS' REMITS

7. The Council considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive proposing amendments to the Council's Scheme of Administration to reduce the number of elected Members on both the Cabinet and the Education Committee; and a reduction in the number of Conveners and an associated reconfiguration of responsibilities, as referred to in Appendix 1 attached to the report.

Linked to the reduction in the total number of elected Members from 20 to 18, the report explained that it had been considered prudent to review the membership of committees to determine whether or not continuation of the existing numbers was appropriate. The report referred to the proposed membership of the Cabinet; deletion of the posts of Convener for Corporate Services and Convener for Infrastructure and Sustainable Growth and the redistribution of associated responsibilities amongst remaining Conveners; and the deletion of the post of Vice-Convener for Education and Equalities. Reference was also made to the proposed reduction in the number of elected Members on the Education Committee; and the continuation of arrangements to appoint a Jewish Representative to that body to serve alongside one representative each from the Church of Scotland and Catholic Church. No other changes to the membership of other committees were proposed.

In reply to Councillor Swift who asked why the reduction in the Cabinet's membership and number of Conveners was greater in scale than the reduction in the total number of elected Members serving on the Council, Councillor Buchanan referred to the rationale for doing so, expressing the view that the number of Conveners proposed would be adequate.

Councillor Wallace expressed concern about the Cabinet's powers resting in the hands of fewer elected Members than before; and challenged the proposed removal of the post of Convener for Infrastructure and Sustainable Growth in view of the scale of the City Deal, and the reduction in the size of the Education Committee given the scale of the Education budget which he regarded as regressive. Councillor Lafferty commented that the regressive step had been reducing the total number of elected Members serving on the Council in the face of an increasing local population, referring also to the need to make appointments to various committees, including the Audit and Scrutiny Committee and related issues.

In response to Councillor Grant who expressed concern about responsibility for finance falling within the Leader's remit and referred to the importance of financial issues being properly addressed, Provost Fletcher, supported by Councillor O'Kane, commented that the responsibility had fallen to the Leader previously. Councillor O'Kane also outlined his support for the proposals, referring to related issues including the need for streamlining in a sensible way, the importance of all Members scrutinising issues, and the call-in arrangements.

Councillor Aitken pursued further why the size of the Cabinet and Education Committee were to be reduced in a way that was proportionately greater than the overall reduction in the size of the Council. In reply, Councillor Lafferty commented that, when first established, the Cabinet had comprised 5 Members regarding which there had been no associated complaints. Whilst reiterating his support for the proposals, Councillor Buchanan referred to the imposed reduction in the overall size of the Council, the review of arrangements referred to in the report, and the responsibilities of the full Council for services, adding that he considered implementation of the proposals the best way forward.

Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor O’Kane, moved that the Council approve:-

- (a) a reduction in the number of elected Members on the Cabinet from 8 to 6;
- (b) a reduction in the number of Conveners from 7 to 5, and the associated reconfiguration of responsibilities as outlined in the report;
- (c) the removal of the post of Vice-Convener for Education and Equalities;
- (d) a reduction in the number of elected Members on the Education Committee from 12 to 9; and
- (e) the continuation of the current arrangements for the appointment of the Jewish Representative on the Education Committee.

Councillor Wallace, seconded by Councillor Aitken, moved as an amendment that the status quo be maintained.

On a vote being taken, 10 Members voted for the motion and 8 Members voted for the amendment. The motion was accordingly declared carried and it was agreed to approve:-

- (a) a reduction in the number of elected Members on the Cabinet from 8 to 6;
- (b) a reduction in the number of Conveners from 7 to 5, and the associated reconfiguration of responsibilities as outlined in the report;
- (c) the removal of the post of Vice-Convener for Education and Equalities;
- (d) a reduction in the number of elected Members on the Education Committee from 12 to 9; and
- (e) the continuation of the current arrangements for the appointment of the Jewish Representative on the Education Committee.

LEADER/DEPUTY LEADER/CONVENERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS

8. Provost Fletcher called for nominations for the undernoted positions:-

- (i) Leader of the Council

Councillor Merrick, seconded by Councillor O’Kane, moved that Councillor Buchanan be elected Leader of the Council. Councillor Aitken, seconded by Councillor McLean, moved as an amendment that Councillor Miller be elected Leader.

On a vote being taken, 10 Members voted for the motion and 8 Members voted for the amendment. Accordingly, the motion was declared carried and Councillor Buchanan elected Leader of the Council.

- (ii) Deputy Leader of the Council

Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, moved that Councillor O’Kane be elected Deputy Leader of the Council. Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Swift, moved as an amendment that Councillor Wallace be elected Deputy Leader.

On a vote being taken, 10 Members voted for the motion and 8 Members voted for the amendment. Accordingly, the motion was declared carried and Councillor O’Kane elected Deputy Leader of the Council.

(iii) Conveners

Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor O’Kane, moved appointments to various Convener positions as follows:-

Convener for Education and Equalities	Councillor Paul O’Kane
Convener for Social Work and Health	Councillor Caroline Bamforth
Convener for Environment	Councillor Alan Lafferty
Convener for Community Services and Community Safety	Councillor Colm Merrick
Convener for Housing and Maintenance Services	Councillor Danny Devlin

Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Aitken, moved as an amendment appointments to the various Convener positions as follows:-

Convener for Education and Equalities	Councillor Gordon Wallace
Convener for Social Work and Health	Councillor Jim Swift
Convener for Environment	Councillor Jim McLean
Convener for Community Services and Community Safety	Councillor Barbara Grant
Convener for Housing and Maintenance Services	Councillor Paul Aitken

In reply to Councillor Grant who sought clarification on the qualifications of those proposed to take up these positions, Provost Fletcher, supported by Councillor Devlin amongst others, referred to their election to the Council, the validity of the nominations, the terms of the motion and the option to propose that others be appointed to serve in such capacities.

On a vote being taken, 10 Members voted for the motion and 8 Members voted for the amendment. Accordingly, the motion was declared carried and the Council approved the following appointments:-

Convener for Education and Equalities	Councillor Paul O’Kane
Convener for Social Work and Health	Councillor Caroline Bamforth
Convener for Environment	Councillor Alan Lafferty
Convener for Community Services and Community Safety	Councillor Colm Merrick
Convener for Housing and Maintenance Services	Councillor Danny Devlin

Thereafter, Councillor Buchanan moved various appointments to the positions shown below. There being no further nominations, the Council unanimously approved the undernoted appointments:-

Appeals Committee

Chair

Vice Chair

Councillor Angela Convery

Councillor Betty Cunningham

Members of Appeals Committee	Councillor Barbara Grant Councillor Stewart Miller SNP Councillor (name to be provided to Deputy Chief Executive)
Audit and Scrutiny Committee	
Chair	Councillor Stewart Miller
Vice Chair	Councillor Barbara Grant
Members of Audit and Scrutiny Committee	Provost Jim Fletcher Councillor Paul Aitken Councillor Annette Ireland Councillor David Macdonald Councillor Jim Swift
Cabinet	
Chair	Councillor Tony Buchanan
Vice Chair	Councillor Paul O’Kane
Members of Cabinet	Councillor Caroline Bamforth Councillor Danny Devlin Councillor Alan Lafferty Councillor Colm Merrick
Cabinet (Police and Fire)	
Chair	Councillor Colm Merrick
Vice Chair	Councillor Paul O’Kane
Members of Cabinet (Police and Fire)	Councillor Caroline Bamforth Councillor Tony Buchanan Councillor Danny Devlin Councillor Barbara Grant Councillor Alan Lafferty Councillor Stewart Miller
Civic Hospitality Committee	
Chair	Provost Jim Fletcher
Vice Chair	Councillor Betty Cunningham
Members of Civic Hospitality Committee	Councillor Barbara Grant Councillor Annette Ireland Councillor Stewart Miller
Education Committee	
Chair	Councillor Paul O’Kane
Vice Chair	Councillor Colm Merrick
Members of Education Committee	Councillor Paul Aitken Councillor Caroline Bamforth Councillor Tony Buchanan Councillor Danny Devlin Councillor Charlie Gilbert Councillor Alan Lafferty Councillor Jim Swift

Joint Consultative Committee (1st Tier)

Members of Committee

Councillor Caroline Bamforth
Councillor Tony Buchanan
Councillor Stewart Miller
Councillor Paul O’Kane
Councillor Gordon Wallace

It was noted that it would be for the Joint Consultative Committee (1st Tier) to appoint its own Chair/Vice Chair.

Teaching Staff Appeals

Chair

Councillor Paul O’Kane

Vice Chair

Councillor Colm Merrick

Members of Committee

Councillor Paul Aitken
Councillor Alan Lafferty
Councillor Jim Swift

Planning Applications Committee/ Local Review Body

Chair

Councillor Annette Ireland

Vice Chair

Councillor Betty Cunningham

Members of Planning Applications
Committee/Local Review Body

Provost Jim Fletcher
Councillor Paul Aitken
Councillor Angela Convery
Councillor Jim Mclean
Councillor Stewart Miller

Licensing Committee/Licensing Board

Chair

Councillor Angela Convery

Vice Chair

Councillor Betty Cunningham

Members of the Licensing Committee/
Licensing Board

Councillor Alan Lafferty
Councillor David Macdonald
Councillor Stewart Miller

It was noted that the appointments of Chair/Vice Chair applied to the Licensing Committee only as it would be for the Licensing Board to appoint its own Chair/Vice Chair.

APPOINTMENTS TO EDUCATION APPEALS COMMITTEES

9. The Council considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive seeking approval to appoint representatives to the three Education Appeals Committees.

The report explained that the Council currently had three Education Appeals Committees. Membership of each of the Committees comprised an elected Member as Chair (the positions of Chair are fixed), one other elected Member, and a third member, appointed from the Local Attendance Council. Due to difficulties that were experienced in convening appeals

committees as a result of Members' other commitments, in 2005 the Council had decided to extend membership of the committees to all elected Members. This "pooling" approach made it easier for meetings to be convened. Having clarified that due to difficulties in convening meetings due to the unavailability of the appointed Chairs, an additional Chair had been appointed, the report specified the terms of reference of the committees.

The Council agreed:-

- (a) to continue with the existing Education Appeals Committee arrangements; and
- (b) to the appointment of 4 Chairs of the Education Appeals Committees as follows:-

Provost Jim Fletcher
Councillor Angela Convery
Councillor Annette Ireland
Conservative Councillor (name to be provided to Deputy Chief Executive)

EAST RENFREWSHIRE AREA SUPPORT TEAM – COUNCIL NOMINEE

10. The Council considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive seeking a nomination to serve in the capacity of the local authority Member on East Renfrewshire Area Support Team which was subject to the approval of the National Convener of Children's Hearings Scotland, and highlighting associated training issues.

The Council agreed that Councillor Bamforth be nominated to be the local authority Member on East Renfrewshire Area Support Team.

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS/BOARD/TRUSTS/JOINT COMMITTEES

11. The Council considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive seeking appointments to various outside organisations, boards and joint committees.

The Council agreed to the appointments as listed:-

Association of Public Sector Excellence	Councillor Paul O'Kane
Auchenback Active Board	Councillor Danny Devlin
Barrhead Housing Association	Councillor Angela Convery
Clyde and Loch Lomond Local Plan District Joint Committee	Councillor Alan Lafferty
Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project Joint Committee	Councillor Colm Merrick Administration Councillor (substitute) (name to be provided to Deputy Chief Executive)

East Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau	Councillor Danny Devlin
East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Trust Board	Councillor Danny Devlin Councillor Barbara Grant Councillor Colm Merrick Councillor Paul O'Kane
East Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board	Councillor Tony Buchanan Councillor Paul O'Kane Councillor Stewart Miller
East Renfrewshire Renewable Energy Fund	Councillor Alan Lafferty Councillor Caroline Bamforth (substitute) Councillor Paul O'Kane Councillor Danny Devlin (substitute) Councillor Colm Merrick Provost Jim Fletcher (substitute)
Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal Cabinet	Councillor Tony Buchanan Councillor Paul O'Kane (substitute)
Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee	Councillor Alan Lafferty Councillor Stewart Miller
Lowland Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association	That consideration of this appointment be continued
National Association of Councillors	Councillor Betty Cunningham
Renfrewshire Educational Trust	Councillor Colm Merrick Councillor Paul O'Kane
Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board	Councillor Angela Convery Councillor Danny Devlin Councillor Charlie Gilbert Councillor Paul O'Kane (all other Councillors to act as substitutes)
Scotland Excel Joint Committee	SNP Councillor (name to be provided to Deputy Chief Executive)
SEEMIS Board of Management	Councillor Paul O'Kane
Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee	Councillor Alan Lafferty Councillor Charlie Gilbert (substitute)
Strathclyde Partnership for Transport/Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority	Councillor Alan Lafferty Councillor Charlie Gilbert (substitute)

West of Scotland Archaeological Service Joint Committee	Councillor Stewart Miller Conservative Councillor substitute)(name to be provided to Deputy Chief Executive)
West of Scotland European Forum	Councillor Tony Buchanan
West of Scotland Road Safety Forum	Councillor Betty Cunningham Councillor Charlie Gilbert (substitute)

APPOINTMENTS TO COSLA CONVENTION AND BOARDS

12. The Council considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive seeking appointments to the COSLA Convention taking account of the guidance provided on party balance and, following a recent organisational review by COSLA arising from which 4 new Boards had been established in place of 6 Executive Groups, appointments to the various Boards. A copy of the remit for each Board was attached to the report.

The Council agreed to the appointments as listed:-

Convention	Councillor Tony Buchanan Councillor Stewart Miller Councillor Paul O'Kane
Children and Young People Board	Councillor Paul O'Kane
Health and Social Care Board	Councillor Caroline Bamforth
Environment and Economy Board	Councillor Alan Lafferty
Community Wellbeing Board	Councillor Colm Merrick

NOMINATION TO NHS GREATER GLASGOW AND CLYDE BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP OF INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD/SOCIAL WORK COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

13. The Council considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive seeking the nomination of an elected Member to serve as a non-executive director on the Board of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, and the appointment of Members to serve on the East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board (IJB) taking account of guidance on nominations. Amongst other things, the report clarified how the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the IJB alternated between the Health Board and the Council.

The report also sought the appointment of Members to serve on the Council's Social Work Complaints Committee to deal with any such complaints submitted prior to 1 April that remained to be dealt with by the Committee under the complaints procedure in place until then, the procedure having changed from that date onwards.

The Council agreed that:-

- (a) Councillor Bamforth be nominated for appointment to the Board of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde;

- (b) Councillors Bamforth, Buchanan, O'Kane and Swift be appointed to serve on the East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board and the Council's Social Work Complaints Committee; and
- (c) Councillor Bamforth be the lead representative on the Integration Joint Board and, as such, be the person appointed as Chair/Vice Chair in accordance with the Integration Scheme.

PROVOST

LOCAL GOVERNMENT etc. (SCOTLAND) ACT 1994
ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS
4 MAY 2017
EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT BY LORRAINE MCMILLAN, RETURNING OFFICER

APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER

On 30 April 2008 the Council appointed Lorraine McMillan, Chief Executive, to be the Returning Officer.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

In terms of Rule 3 of the Scottish Local Government Election Rules, notice of the election was exhibited at Council Headquarters, Eastwood Park, Rouken Glen Road, Giffnock and Council Offices, Main Street, Barrhead, and on the Council's website.

LIST OF CANDIDATES

The following list sets out the names and addresses of the persons who remained validly nominated for various electoral wards with the official description given in their nomination paper.

Ward No.1 – Barrhead, Neilston and Uplawmoor

Paul Aitken 75 Cartside Road, Clarkston	Scottish Conservative and Unionist
David Allison 29 Riverside Gardens, Busby	Scottish Green Party
Angela Convery 21 Langton Crescent, Barrhead	Scottish National Party (SNP)
Betty Wood Cunningham 61 Crossmill Avenue, Barrhead	Scottish Labour Party
Danny Devlin 2 Lavernside Avenue, Barrhead	Independent
John J Ferguson 17 Redburn Avenue, Giffnock	UKIP
Kenny Hay 13D Stewart Crescent, Barrhead	Scottish Labour Party
Tommy Reilly 1 Cowan Crescent, Barrhead	Scottish National Party (SNP)

Ward No.2 – Newton Mearns North and Neilston

Kirsteen Allan 7 Rannoch Avenue, Newton Mearns	Independent
Tony Buchanan 29 Sunnyside Place, Barrhead	Scottish National Party (SNP)
Charlie Gilbert 4 Wemyss Avenue, Newton Mearns	Scottish Conservative and Unionist
David Jesner The Ryatt, Newton Mearns	
Robert Malyn 37 Meadowhill, Newton Mearns	Social Democratic Party Scotland
Andrew Morrison 23 Braemar Court, Hazelden Gardens, Muirend	Scottish Conservative and Unionist
Paul O'Kane 17 Dundonald Place, Neilston	Labour and Co-operative Party
Roy Provan 34 Eriskay Crescent, Newton Mearns	Scottish Liberal Democrats
Stuart Sutherland 2C Humble Court, Newton Mearns	UKIP

Ward No.3 – Giffnock and Thornliebank

Savio Andrew D'Souza 82 Orchard Drive, Giffnock	Independent
Paul Drury 9 Bulloch Avenue, Giffnock	Independent
Alan Findlay 19 Bulloch Avenue, Giffnock	Scottish Libertarian Party
Jim Fletcher 35 Fowlis Drive, Newton Mearns	Scottish Labour Party
Gordon McCaskill 49 Morven Drive, Clarkston	Independent
Colm Merrick 41 Cartsbridge Road, Busby	Scottish National Party (SNP)
Christopher Park 39 Shawwood Crescent, Newton Mearns	Scottish Liberal Democrats

Paul Smith
23 Woodlands Court, Woodlands Road, Thornliebank
Scottish Conservative and Unionist

Gordon Wallace
32 Newtonlea Avenue, Newton Mearns
Scottish Conservative and Unionist

Ward No.4 – Clarkston, Netherlee and Williamwood

Andrea Gee
313 Mearns Road, Newton Mearns
Scottish Conservative and Unionist

Sarah Louise Hemy
3E Manse Court, Barrhead
UKIP

Annette Ireland
114 Ormonde Avenue, Netherlee
Scottish National Party (SNP)

Alan Lafferty
22 Penrith Avenue, Giffnock
Labour and Co-operative Party

David Macdonald
4 Woodyett Park, Busby
Independent

Alex Mackie
30 Claremount Avenue, Giffnock
Scottish Liberal Democrats

Stewart Miller
Flenders Farm, Clarkston
Scottish Conservative and Unionist

James Mills
113 Busby Road, Clarkston
Scottish National Party (SNP)

Mary Montague
4 Hutcheson Road, Thornliebank
Labour and Co-operative Party

Ralph Robertson
6 The Quadrant, Clarkston
Independent

Laura Stevens
51 Picketlaw Road, Eaglesham
Scottish Green Party

Ward No.5 – Newton Mearns South and Eaglesham

Caroline Bamforth
11 Dunkeld Place, Newton Mearns
Scottish National Party (SNP)

Bev Brown
Flat 7 Broomvale Court, 9 Broomburn Drive
Newton Mearns
Independent

Barbara Grant
Hazeltonhead Cottage, Mearns Road, Newton Mearns
Scottish Conservative and Unionist

Ian McAlpine 12 Arthurlie Drive, Giffnock	Labour and Co-operative Party
Jim McLean 29 Park Crescent, Eaglesham	Scottish Conservative and Unionist
Gerry McVeigh 14 Stewart Crescent, Barrhead	UKIP
Alan Rennie 24 Mallots View, Newton Mearns	Scottish Liberal Democrats
Jim Swift 16 Broom Road East, Newton Mearns	Scottish Conservative and Unionist

NOTICE OF POLL

In terms of Rule 20 of the Scottish Local Government Election Rules, the Notice of Poll was exhibited at Council Headquarters, Eastwood Park, Rouken Glen Road, Giffnock, the Council Offices, Main Street, Barrhead, and on the Council's website.

ENUMERATION PROCEEDINGS

The counting of the votes took place in accordance with the provision of the said Rules and under the supervision of the Returning Officer at The Foundry, Main Street, Barrhead, on Friday 5 May 2017.

The following statement shows the number of valid votes cast, number of rejected ballot papers, and quota for each Ward, together with the number of rejected ballot papers under the prescribed headings:-

Ward No.1 – Barrhead, Liboside and Uplawmoor

Number of valid votes cast	7,073
Rejected as Void	116
Quota	1,415

Reasons for Rejection

(a) Want of unique identifying mark/official mark	0
(b) On which the figure "1" standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	37
(c) On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a 1 st preference is set opposite the name of more than 1 candidate	67
(d) Writing or mark by which the voter can be identified	0
(e) Unmarked or void for uncertainty	12

Ward No.2 – Newton Mearns North and Neilston

Number of valid votes cast	6,055
Rejected as Void	79
Quota	1,514

Reasons for Rejection

(a) Want of unique identifying mark/official mark	0
(b) On which the figure “1” standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	18
(c) On which the figure “1” standing alone indicating a 1 st preference is set opposite the name of more than 1 candidate	54
(d) Writing or mark by which the voter can be identified	0
(e) Unmarked or void for uncertainty	7

Ward No.3 – Giffnock and Thornliebank

Number of valid votes cast	7,595
Rejected as Void	92
Quota	1,899

Reasons for Rejection

(a) Want of unique identifying mark/official mark	0
(b) On which the figure “1” standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	28
(c) On which the figure “1” standing alone indicating a 1 st preference is set opposite the name of more than 1 candidate	52
(d) Writing or mark by which the voter can be identified	0
(e) Unmarked or void for uncertainty	12

Ward No.4 – Clarkston, Netherlee and Williamwood

Number of valid votes cast	10,203
Rejected as Void	151
Quota	2,041

Reasons for Rejection

(a) Want of unique identifying mark/official mark	0
(b) On which the figure “1” standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	47
(c) On which the figure “1” standing alone indicating a 1 st preference is set opposite the name of more than 1 candidate	96
(d) Writing or mark by which the voter can be identified	0
(e) Unmarked or void for uncertainty	8

Ward No.5 – Newton Mearns South and Eaglesham

Number of valid votes cast	9,773
Rejected as Void	115
Quota	1,955

Reasons for Rejection

(a) Want of unique identifying mark/official mark	0
(b) On which the figure "1" standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	77
(c) On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a 1 st preference is set opposite the name of more than 1 candidate	31
(d) Writing or mark by which the voter can be identified	0
(e) Unmarked or void for uncertainty	7

DECLARATION OF RESULT

In accordance with Rule 56 of the said Rules, the Returning Officer, when the result of each poll had been ascertained, forthwith declared the following candidates to be elected as Councillors for the undernoted Wards:-

Ward No.1 – Barrhead, Liboside and Uplawmoor

Paul Aitken	Elected at Stage 6
Angela Convery	Elected at Stage 8
Betty Wood Cunningham	Elected at Stage 5
Danny Devlin	Elected at Stage 1

Ward No.2 – Newton Mearns North and Neilston

Tony Buchanan	Elected at Stage 1
Charlie Gilbert	Elected at Stage 1
Paul O'Kane	Elected at Stage 1

Ward No.3 – Giffnock and Thornliebank

Jim Fletcher	Elected at Stage 9
Colm Merrick	Elected at Stage 5
Gordon Wallace	Elected at Stage 7

Ward No.4 – Clarkston, Netherlee and Williamwood

Annette Ireland	Elected at Stage 6
Alan Lafferty	Elected at Stage 10
David Macdonald	Elected at Stage 8
Stewart Miller	Elected at Stage 10

Ward No.5 – Newton Mearns South and Eaglesham

Caroline Bamforth	Elected at Stage 5
Barbara Grant	Elected at Stage 2
Jim McLean	Elected at Stage 5
Jim Swift	Elected at Stage 1

SUBSEQUENT PROCEDURE

Notice in writing advising them of their election was sent to all Councillors by the Returning Officer on 5 May 2017.

Returning Officer

Council Headquarters
Eastwood Park
Rouken Glen Road
Giffnock
East Renfrewshire
G46 6UG