

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

**Minute of hybrid meeting held at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock on 25 May 2022.**

**Present:**

Councillor Andrew Anderson	Councillor Chris Lunday
Councillor Caroline Bamforth (*)	Councillor David Macdonald
Councillor Tony Buchanan	Councillor Jim McLean
Councillor Kate Campbell	Councillor Colm Merrick
Councillor Angela Convery	Councillor Mary Montague
Councillor Betty Cunningham (*)	Councillor Andrew Morrison (*)
Councillor Danny Devlin	Councillor Owen O'Donnell
Councillor Paul Edlin	Councillor Katie Pragnell
Councillor Annette Ireland (*)	Councillor Gordon Wallace

(\*) indicates remote attendance.

**Attending:**

Lorraine McMillan, Chief Executive; Louise Pringle, Director of Business Operations and Partnerships; Andy Cahill, Director of Environment; Julie Murray, Chief Officer - Health and Social Care Partnership; Mark Ratter, Director of Education; Margaret McCrossan, Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer); Gerry Mahon, Chief Officer – Legal and Procurement; Graeme Smith, Communications Manager; Eamonn Daly, Democratic Services Manager; Linda Hutchison, Senior Committee Services Officer; and Liona Allison, Assistant 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.*

**ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS TO EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL**

1. The Council considered a report by the Returning Officer giving details of the election of councillors to East Renfrewshire Council held on 5 May 2022.

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

**DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY ELECTED MEMBERS**

2. 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**

3. There were no declarations of interest intimated.

### **ELECTION OF PROVOST**

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

Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Devlin, moved that Councillor Montague be elected Provost. Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Convery, moved as an amendment that Councillor Ireland be elected Provost.

On the roll being called, Councillors Anderson, Campbell, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Montague, Morrison, O'Donnell, Pragnell and Wallace voted for the motion.

Councillors Bamforth, Buchanan, Convery, Ireland, Lunday and Merrick voted for the amendment. Accordingly, the motion was declared carried and Councillor Montague elected as Provost of East Renfrewshire. Councillor Montague assumed the Chair.

Provost Montague in the Chair

Provost Montague thanked Members for bestowing on her the privilege of becoming Provost, commenting that it marked the start of a new chapter in the Council's history. Having paid tribute to Elected Members and officers, both past and present, for their positive contribution to the renowned success of the Council, she expressed confidence that the Council would rise to the challenges of following in their footsteps and doing their best for people represented at Ward level and the area as a whole. She referred to her intention to facilitate discussion in the Chamber, indicating that she looked forward to working with everyone.

### **ELECTION OF DEPUTY PROVOST**

5. Provost Montague sought nominations for the position of Deputy Provost.

Councillor Wallace, seconded by Councillor McLean, moved that Councillor Campbell be elected Deputy Provost. Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Bamforth, moved as an amendment that Councillor Convery be elected Deputy Provost.

On the roll being called, Councillors Campbell, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Morrison and Wallace voted for the motion.

Councillors Bamforth, Buchanan, Convery, Ireland, Lunday and Merrick voted for the amendment.

Provost Montague and Councillors Anderson, Cunningham, O'Donnell and Pragnell abstained. Accordingly, the motion was declared carried and Councillor Campbell elected as Deputy Provost of East Renfrewshire.

## LEADER/DEPUTY LEADER/CONVENERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS

### 6. Provost Montague sought nominations for the undernoted positions:-

#### (i) Leader of the Council/Chair of Cabinet

Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Devlin, moved that Councillor O'Donnell be elected Leader of the Council. Councillor Merrick, seconded by Councillor Lunday, moved as an amendment that Councillor Buchanan be elected Leader.

On the roll being called, Provost Montague and Councillors Anderson, Campbell, Cunningham, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Morrison, O'Donnell, Pragnell and Wallace voted for the motion.

Councillors Bamforth, Buchanan, Convery, Ireland, Lunday, and Merrick voted for the amendment. Accordingly, the motion was declared carried and Councillor O'Donnell elected Leader of the Council.

Councillor O'Donnell thanked Members for appointing him as Leader, which he considered a privilege and an honour. Having referred to the increasingly difficult times in which local people were living, he commented that the hopeful and optimistic outlook on COVID-19 at the start of the year had been shattered by a cost of living crisis which both the Scottish and UK governments were struggling to address. He stated that the Labour Group, supported by two independent Elected Members, were determined to do their best to support local people through these difficult times, and provide hope that there were people fighting their side.

Councillor O'Donnell commented that the new minority Administration meant change regarding how the Council would be run, and would require greater consensus building on a vote by vote basis, hopefully leading to better decisions and outcomes for all of East Renfrewshire. Having referred to the good reputation the authority had had for collaboration under previous Administrations from putting politics aside and people first, he stressed that it was clear from a review of manifestos that there was more that united than divided Elected Members, on which basis he saw no reason why the Council's good work would not continue. He urged all parties to work with the Administration to support the provision of services which local communities deserved.

#### (ii) Deputy Leader of the Council/Vice-Chair of Cabinet

Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Pragnell, moved that Councillor Anderson be elected Deputy Leader of the Council. Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Convery, moved as an amendment that Councillor Merrick be elected Deputy Leader.

On the roll being called, Provost Montague and Councillors Anderson, Campbell, Cunningham, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Morrison, O'Donnell, Pragnell and Wallace voted for the motion.

Councillors Bamforth, Buchanan, Convery, Ireland, Lunday, and Merrick voted for the amendment. Accordingly, the motion was declared carried and Councillor Anderson elected Deputy Leader of the Council.

(iii) Convener for Education and Equalities

Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Pragnell, moved that Councillor Anderson be appointed Convener for Education and Equalities. Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Lunday, moved as an amendment that Councillor Merrick be elected Convener.

On the roll being called, Provost Montague and Councillors Anderson, Campbell, Cunningham, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Morrison, O'Donnell, Pragnell and Wallace voted for the motion.

Councillors Bamforth, Buchanan, Convery, Ireland, Lunday, and Merrick voted for the amendment. Accordingly, the motion was declared carried and Councillor Anderson elected Convener for Education and Equalities.

(iv) Convener for Social Work and Health

Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Devlin, moved that Councillor Macdonald be appointed Convener for Social Work and Health. Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Merrick, moved as an amendment that Councillor Bamforth be appointed Convener.

On the roll being called, Provost Montague and Councillors Anderson, Campbell, Cunningham, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Morrison, O'Donnell, Pragnell and Wallace voted for the motion.

Councillors Bamforth, Buchanan, Convery, Ireland, Lunday, and Merrick voted for the amendment. Accordingly, the motion was declared carried and Councillor Macdonald elected Convener for Social Work and Health.

(v) Convener for Environment

Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Devlin, moved that Councillor O'Donnell be appointed Convener for Environment. Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Merrick, moved as an amendment that Councillor Lunday be appointed Convener.

On the roll being called, Provost Montague and Councillors Anderson, Campbell, Cunningham, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Morrison, O'Donnell, Pragnell and Wallace voted for the motion.

Councillors Bamforth, Buchanan, Convery, Ireland, Lunday, and Merrick voted for the amendment. Accordingly, the motion was declared carried and Councillor O'Donnell elected Convener for Environment.

(vi) Convener for Community Services and Community Safety

Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Anderson, moved that Councillor Pragnell be appointed Convener for Community Services and Community Safety. Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Lunday, moved as an amendment that Councillor Convery be appointed Convener.

On the roll being called, Provost Montague and Councillors Anderson, Campbell, Cunningham, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Morrison, O'Donnell, Pragnell and Wallace voted for the motion.

Councillors Bamforth, Buchanan, Convery, Ireland, Lunday, and Merrick voted for the amendment. Accordingly, the motion was declared carried and Councillor Pragnell elected Convener for Community Services and Community Safety.

(vii) Convener for Housing and Maintenance Services

Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Macdonald, moved that Councillor Devlin be appointed Convener for Housing and Maintenance Services. Councillor Merrick, seconded by Councillor Convery, moved as an amendment that Councillor Buchanan be appointed Convener.

On the roll being called, Provost Montague and Councillors Anderson, Campbell, Cunningham, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Morrison, O'Donnell, Pragnell and Wallace voted for the motion.

Councillors Bamforth, Buchanan, Convery, Ireland, Lunday, and Merrick voted for the amendment. Accordingly, the motion was declared carried and Councillor Devlin elected Convener for Housing and Maintenance Services.

### **Adjournment**

Having heard the Chief Executive and following discussion, the Council agreed to a brief adjournment to allow Members to consider the remaining appointments on the agenda.

On reconvening, the Council considered the following:-

(viii) Appointments of Appeals Committee Chair and Vice Chair

The Council:-

- (a) unanimously approved the appointment of Councillor Anderson as Chair of the Appeals Committee; and
- (b) agreed that consideration of the appointment of Vice Chair be continued.

(ix) Appointments of Audit and Scrutiny Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Councillor Wallace, seconded by Councillor Morrison, moved that Councillor Morrison be appointed Chair of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Buchanan highlighted that the Chair of the committee was traditionally appointed from amongst the membership of the largest Opposition party, this being the SNP Group, that the proposed nominee had voted in support of the appointment of the current Council Leadership and Cabinet, that issues of transparency could arise, and that the Council may face criticism therefore if the proposed nominee was appointed. On that basis, he argued in favour of the Chair continuing to be appointed from amongst the membership of the largest Opposition Group.

The Democratic Services Manager clarified that the appointment of Chair was entirely for the Council to determine, there being no legal requirement for the appointee to be a member of the largest Opposition Group.

Thereafter Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Bamforth, moved as an amendment, that Councillor Buchanan be appointed Chair of the committee.

On the roll being called, Councillors Campbell, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Morrison and Wallace voted for the motion.

Councillors Bamforth, Buchanan Convery, Ireland, Lunday and Merrick voted for the amendment.

Provost Montague and Councillors Anderson, Cunningham, O'Donnell and Pragnell abstained.

Accordingly, the motion was declared carried and Councillor Morrison appointed Chair of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee.

The Council agreed that consideration of the appointment of Vice Chair of the Committee be continued.

(x) Appointments of Cabinet (Police and Fire) Chair and Vice Chair

The Council unanimously approved the appointment of:-

- (a) Councillor Pragnell as Chair of Cabinet (Police and Fire); and
- (b) Councillor Anderson as Vice Chair.

(xi) Appointments of Civic Hospitality Committee Chair and Vice Chair

The Council unanimously approved the appointment of:-

- (a) Provost Montague as Chair of the Civic Hospitality Committee; and
- (b) Deputy Provost Campbell as Vice Chair.

(xii) Appointments of Education Committee Chair and Vice Chair

The Council unanimously approved the appointment of:-

- (a) Councillor Anderson as Chair of the Education Committee; and
- (b) Councillor Pragnell as Vice Chair.

(xiii) Appointment of Emergencies Committee Chair

The Council unanimously approved the appointment of Councillor O'Donnell, as Chair of the Emergencies Committee.

(xiv) Appointment of Joint Consultative Committee (1<sup>st</sup> Tier) Chair

The Council unanimously approved the nomination of Councillor O'Donnell as Chair of the Joint Consultative Committee 1<sup>st</sup> Tier, this being subject to the approval of the Committee at its first meeting in accordance with its Constitution.

(xv) Appointment of Licensing Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Councillor Wallace, seconded by Councillor McLean, moved that Councillor Edlin be appointed Chair of the Licensing Committee. Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Lunday, moved as an amendment, that Councillor Convery be appointed Chair.

On the roll being called, Councillors Campbell, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Morrison and Wallace voted for the motion.

Councillors Bamforth, Buchanan Convery, Ireland, Lunday and Merrick voted for the amendment.

Provost Montague and Councillors Anderson, Cunningham, O'Donnell and Pragnell abstained.

Accordingly, the motion was declared carried and Councillor Edlin appointed Chair of the Licensing Committee.

The Council agreed that consideration of the appointment of Vice Chair of the Committee be continued.

(xvi) Appointment of Planning Applications Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Devlin, moved that Councillor Cunningham be appointed Chair of the Planning Applications Committee. Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Convery, moved as an amendment that Councillor Ireland be appointed Chair of the Planning Applications Committee.

On the roll being called, Provost Montague and Councillors Anderson, Campbell, Cunningham, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Morrison, O'Donnell, Pragnell and Wallace voted for the motion.

Councillors Bamforth, Buchanan, Convery, Ireland, Lunday, and Merrick voted for the amendment. Accordingly, the motion was declared carried and Councillor Cunningham appointed Chair of the Planning Applications Committee.

The Council unanimously agreed that Councillor McLean be appointed Vice Chair of the Planning Applications Committee.

(xvii) Appointment of Planning Local Review Body Chair and Vice Chair

The Council unanimously appointed:-

- (a) Councillor Cunningham as Chair of the Planning Local Review Body;  
and
- (b) Councillor McLean as Vice Chair.

## (xviii) Appointment of Teaching Staff Appeals Committee Chair and Vice Chair

The Council unanimously appointed:-

- (a) Councillor Anderson as Chair of the Teaching Staff Appeals Committee; and
- (b) Councillor Pragnell as Vice Chair.

## (xix) Appointment of Ordinary Members of Appeals Committee

Under reference to Item (viii) above, the Council agreed that consideration of the appointment of ordinary members of the Appeals Committee be continued.

## (xx) Appointment of Ordinary Members of Audit and Scrutiny Committee

Under reference to Item (ix) above, the Council unanimously approved the appointment of ordinary members to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee as follows:-

Provost Mary Montague  
Councillor Paul Edlin  
Councillor Gordon Wallace  
2 SNP Members (names to be provided to Democratic Services Manager)

## (xxi) Appointment of Ordinary Members of Cabinet (Police &amp; Fire)

Under reference to Item (x) above, the Council unanimously approved the appointment of ordinary members to the Cabinet (Police & Fire) as follows:-

Provost Mary Montague  
Councillor Danny Devlin  
Councillor David Macdonald  
Councillor Katy Pragnell  
Councillor Gordon Wallace  
1 SNP Member (name to be provided to Democratic Services Manager)

## (xxii) Appointment of Ordinary Members of Civic Hospitality Committee

Under reference to Item (xi) above, the Council unanimously approved the appointment of ordinary members to the Civic Hospitality Committee as follows:-

Councillor Paul Edlin  
1 Labour Party Member (name to be provided to Democratic Services Manager)  
1 SNP Member (name to be provided to Democratic Services Manager)



- (xxiii) Appointment of Ordinary Members of Community Asset Transfer Review Panel

The Council agreed that consideration of the appointment of members of the Community Asset Transfer Review Panel be continued until the membership of other bodies had been determined.

- (xxiv) Appointment of Ordinary Members of Education Committee

Under reference to Item (xii) above, the Council unanimously approved the appointment of ordinary members to the Education Committee as follows:-

Deputy Provost Kate Campbell  
 Councillor Danny Devlin  
 Councillor David Macdonald  
 Councillor Owen O'Donnell  
 Councillor Gordon Wallace  
 2 SNP Members (names to be provided to Democratic Services Manager)

- (xxv) Appointment of Ordinary Members of Emergencies Committee

Under reference to Item (xiii) above, the Council unanimously approved the appointment of ordinary members to the Emergencies Committee as follows:-

Councillor Tony Buchanan  
 Councillor Gordon Wallace

- (xxvi) Appointment of Ordinary Members of Joint Consultative Committee (1<sup>st</sup> Tier)

Under reference to Item (xiv) above, the Council unanimously approved the appointment of ordinary members to the Joint Consultative Committee (1<sup>st</sup> Tier) as follows:-

Provost Montague  
 Councillor Andrew Anderson  
 Councillor Gordon Wallace  
 1 SNP Member (name to be provided to Democratic Services Manager)

- (xxvii) Appointment of Ordinary Members of Licensing Committee

Under reference to Item (xv) above, the Council unanimously approved the appointment of ordinary members to the Licensing Committee as follows:-

Provost Montague  
 Councillor Andrew Morrison  
 1 SNP Member (name to be provided to Democratic Services Manager)

- (xxviii) Appointment of Members of Licensing Board

The Council, having noted that it would be for the Licensing Board to appoint its own Chair and Vice Chair at its first meeting and that the membership of the Board normally aligned with the membership of the Licensing Committee, unanimously approved the appointment of members to the Licensing Board as follows:-

Provost Mary Montague  
Councillor Paul Edlin  
Councillor Andrew Morrison  
1 SNP Member (name to be provided to Democratic Services Manager)  
Vice-Chair of Licensing Committee, when appointed.

- (xxix) Appointment of Ordinary Members of Planning Applications Committee and Planning Local Review Body

Under reference to Items (xvi) and (xvii) above, the Council unanimously approved the appointment of ordinary members to both the Planning Applications Committee and Planning Local Review Body as follows:-

Provost Mary Montague  
Councillor Paul Edlin  
Councillor Andrew Morrison  
2 SNP Members (names to be provided to Democratic Services Manager)

- (xxx) Appointment of Ordinary Members of Teaching Staff Appeals Committee

Under reference to Item (xviii) above, the Council, having heard the Democratic Services Manager confirm that Members of the Teaching Staff Appeals Committee must also be members of the Education Committee, unanimously approved the appointment of ordinary members to the Teaching Staff Appeals Committee as follows:-

Councillor Kate Campbell  
Councillor David Macdonald  
1 SNP Member (name to be provided to Democratic Services Manager).

## **APPOINTMENTS TO EDUCATION APPEALS COMMITTEES**

7. The Council considered a report by the Director of Business Operations and Partnerships seeking approval for the continuation of the current arrangements for Education Appeals Committees and to appoint 4 Chairs to the committee.

Having summarised the remit and status of the committees as independent bodies under the supervision of the Scottish Committee of the Council on Tribunals, the report referred to the requirement to appoint sufficient numbers to allow two or more Appeals Committees to be convened at the same time and related issues. The report confirmed that the Council currently had three Education Appeals Committees, clarifying that the Membership of each one comprised an elected Member as Chair (with the positions of Chair being fixed), one other elected Member, and a third member, appointed from the Local Attendance Council.

Due to difficulties that had been experienced in the past convening appeals committees as a result of Members' other commitments, the Council had decided to extend membership of the committees to all elected Members, this "pooling" approach having made convening meetings less challenging. Furthermore, due to difficulties in convening meetings due to the unavailability of the appointed Chairs, an additional Chair had been appointed. The terms of reference of the committee were specified.

The report proposed the continuation of the current arrangements, highlighting that a number of placing requests had already been received for the new school year starting in August, and therefore the need to convene meetings in June and July, which had not been possible thus far pending the appointment of Chairs and other Elected Members to the Committee following the Elections.

The Council, having heard the Chief Executive, Democratic Services Manager and Provost stress the urgency attached to Chairs being appointed, agreed:-

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

Provost Mary Montague  
Councillor Paul Edlin  
At least 1 SNP Member (name(s) to be provided to Democratic Services Manager).

## **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS, BOARDS, TRUSTS AND JOINT COMMITTEES**

8. The Council considered a report by the Director of Business Operations and Partnerships seeking appointments to various outside organisations, boards, trusts and joint committees.

### **Adjournment**

During related discussions, the Provost adjourned the meeting for two short periods to allow technical issues regarding the participation of Elected Member attending remotely to be resolved.

On reconvening the Council, having heard the Democratic Services Manager clarify various issues, agreed to the appointments listed as follows:-

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| (a) | Association of Public Sector Excellence                       | Councillor David Macdonald                                       |
|     | Auchenback Active Board                                       | Councillor Danny Devlin  |
|     | Barrhead Housing Association                                  | Councillor Danny Devlin  |
|     | Clyde and Loch Lomond Local Plan District Joint Committee     | Councillor David Macdonald<br>Councillor Paul Edlin (substitute) |
|     | Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project Joint Committee | Councillor Andrew Anderson                                       |
|     | East Renfrewshire Area Support Team                           | Councillor Katie Pragnell  |
|     | East Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau                      | See (b) below  |

East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Trust Board	Councillor Paul Edlin Councillor Owen O'Donnell Councillor Katie Pragnell 1 SNP Councillor (name to be provided to Democratic Services Manager)
East Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board	Councillor Tony Buchanan Councillor Owen O'Donnell Councillor Gordon Wallace
East Renfrewshire Renewable Energy Fund	See (c) below
Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal Cabinet	Councillor Owen O'Donnell
Glasgow City Region Education Committee	Councillor Andrew Anderson
Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee	See (d) below
National Association of Councillors	See (e) below
Renfrewshire Educational Trust	Councillor Andrew Anderson Councillor Katie Pragnell
Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board	See (f) below
Scotland Excel Joint Committee	Councillor Tony Buchanan
Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances	Provost Mary Montague
Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee	Councillor David Macdonald Councillor Jim McLean (substitute)
Strathclyde Partnership for Transport/Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority	See (g) below
Supplier Development Programme Ltd.	Councillor Tony Buchanan
West of Scotland Archaeological Service Joint Committee	Councillor David Macdonald Councillor Jim McLean (substitute)
West of Scotland European Forum	See (h) below
West of Scotland Road Safety Forum	Councillor Katie Pragnell Councillor Kate Campbell (substitute)

## (b) East Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau

Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Pragnell, moved that Councillor Devlin be appointed to East Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau. Councillor Merrick, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, moved as an amendment that Councillor Convery be appointed.

On the roll being called, Provost Montague and Councillors Anderson, Campbell, Cunningham, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Morrison, O'Donnell, Pragnell and Wallace voted for the motion.

Councillors Bamforth, Buchanan, Convery, Ireland, Lunday, and Merrick voted for the amendment.

Accordingly, the motion was declared carried and Councillor Devlin appointed to East Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau.

## (c) East Renfrewshire Renewable Energy Fund

Councillor Wallace, seconded by Councillor Campbell, proposed that Councillor McLean be appointed to the East Renfrewshire Renewable Energy Fund and that Councillor Morrison be appointed as substitute for Councillor McLean. Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Pragnell, proposed that Councillor O'Donnell, Councillor Macdonald and Provost Montague be appointed. Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Convery, proposed that Councillor Merrick be appointed.

Provost Montague's nomination having been withdrawn prior to a vote being taken, accordingly the Council agreed appointments to East Renfrewshire Renewable Energy Fund as follows:-

Councillor Jim McLean  
 Councillor Andrew Morrison (substitute for Councillor McLean)  
 Councillor David Macdonald  
 Councillor Colm Merrick  
 Councillor Owen O'Donnell

## (d) Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee

Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Pragnell, proposed that Provost Montague be appointed to the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee. Councillor Wallace, seconded by Councillor McLean, proposed that Councillor Edlin be appointed. Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Lunday, proposed that Councillor Merrick be appointed.

The Democratic Services Manager confirmed that, as the number of nominations exceeded the number of appointments to be made, each Member could cast up to two votes reflecting the number of appointments to be made.

On the roll being called, Provost Montague and Councillors Anderson, Campbell, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Montague, Morrison, O'Donnell, Pragnell and Wallace voted for Provost Montague.

Provost Montague and Councillors Anderson, Campbell, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Morrison and Wallace voted for Councillor Edlin.

Councillors Bamforth, Buchanan, Convery, Ireland, Lunday and Merrick voted for Councillor Merrick. Accordingly the Council agreed that Provost Montague and Councillor Edlin be appointed to the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee.

(e) National Association of Councillors

Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Pragnell, proposed that Provost Montague be appointed to the National Association of Councillors. Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Merrick, moved as an amendment that Councillor Convery be appointed.

On the roll being called, Provost Montague and Councillors Anderson, Campbell, Cunningham, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Morrison, O'Donnell, Pragnell and Wallace voted for the motion.

Councillors Bamforth, Buchanan, Convery, Ireland, Lunday, and Merrick voted for the amendment.

Accordingly the Council agreed that Provost Montague be appointed to the National Association of Councillors.

(f) Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board

Councillor Wallace, seconded by Councillor McLean, proposed that Councillor Morrison be appointed to the Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board. Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Pragnell, proposed that Provost Montague and Councillor Macdonald be appointed. Councillor Merrick, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, proposed that Councillor Convery and Councillor Ireland be appointed.

The Democratic Services Manager confirmed that, as the number of nominations exceeded the number of appointments to be made, each Member could cast up to four votes reflecting the number of appointments to be made.

On the roll being called, Provost Montague and Councillors Campbell, Devlin, Edlin Macdonald, McLean Morrison and Wallace voted for Councillor Morrison,

Provost Montague and Councillors Anderson, Campbell, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Morrison, O'Donnell, Pragnell and Wallace voted for Councillor Macdonald.

Provost Montague and Councillors Anderson, Campbell, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Morrison, O'Donnell, Pragnell and Wallace voted for Provost Montague.

Councillors Bamforth, Buchanan, Convery, Ireland, Lunday and Merrick voted for Councillor Convery.

Councillors Bamforth, Buchanan, Convery, Ireland, Lunday and Merrick voted for Councillor Ireland.

Councillor Convery's nomination having subsequently been withdrawn, accordingly the Council agreed appointments to Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board as follows:-

Provost Mary Montague  
Councillor Annette Ireland  
Councillor David Macdonald  
Councillor Andrew Morrison

## (g) Strathclyde Partnership for Transport/Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority

Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Pragnell, proposed that Councillor Macdonald be appointed to the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport/Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority with Councillor O'Donnell as substitute. Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Merrick, moved as an amendment, that Councillor Ireland be appointed. In the absence of an amendment to the appointment of Councillor O'Donnell as substitute this was agreed.

On the roll being called regarding the main appointment, Provost Montague and Councillors Anderson, Campbell, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Morrison, O'Donnell, Pragnell and Wallace voted for the motion.

Councillors Bamforth, Buchanan, Convery, Ireland, Lunday, and Merrick voted for the amendment.

Accordingly, the motion was declared carried and the Council agreed appointments to Strathclyde Partnership for Transport/Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority as follows:-

Councillor David Macdonald  
Councillor Owen O'Donnell (substitute).

## (h) West of Scotland European Forum

Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Pragnell, proposed that Councillor O'Donnell be appointed to the West of Scotland European Forum. Councillor Merrick, seconded by Councillor Convery, moved as an amendment that Councillor Buchanan be appointed.

On the roll being called, Provost Montague and Councillors Anderson, Campbell, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Morrison, O'Donnell, Pragnell and Wallace voted for the motion.

Councillors Bamforth, Buchanan, Convery, Ireland, Lunday, and Merrick voted for the amendment.

Accordingly, the motion was declared carried and Councillor O'Donnell appointed to the West of Scotland European Forum.

## **APPOINTMENTS TO COSLA CONVENTION AND BOARDS**

9. The Council considered a report by the Director of Business Operations and Partnerships seeking appointments to the COSLA Convention, taking account of the guidance provided on party balance. It was confirmed that the Council was also entitled to be represented on the Children and Young People, Health and Social Care, Environment and Economy and Community Wellbeing Boards. COSLA would seek nominations from the Council once appointments had been made to the political posts of President, Vice-President and Spokesperson by the Convention on 17 June. It was anticipated that correspondence on this would be received in time for the Board representatives to be considered by the Council at its next meeting in June.

The Council:-

- (a) unanimously agreed to appoint three representatives to the Convention as follows:-  
  
Councillor Tony Buchanan  
Councillor Owen O'Donnell  
Councillor Gordon Wallace; and
- (b) noted that appointments to COSLA Boards would be considered at a future meeting.

### **NOMINATION TO NHS GREATER GLASGOW AND CLYDE BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP OF INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD**

10. The Council considered a report by the Director of Business Operations and Partnerships seeking the nomination of an Elected Member to serve as a Non-Executive Director on the Board of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde which would be subject to ratification by Scottish Ministers taking account of guidance on nominations, and the appointment of Members to serve on the East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board (IJB). 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.

Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Pragnell, proposed that Councillor Macdonald be nominated to serve as a Non-Executive Director on the Board of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Merrick, proposed as an amendment that Councillor Bamforth be appointed.

On the roll being called, Provost Montague and Councillors Anderson, Campbell, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Morrison, O'Donnell, Pragnell and Wallace voted for the motion.

Councillors Bamforth, Buchanan, Convery, Ireland, Lunday, and Merrick voted for the amendment.

Accordingly, the motion was declared carried and the Council agreed that Councillor Macdonald be nominated to serve as a Non-Executive Director on the Board of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

Thereafter Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Devlin, proposed that Councillor Pragnell and Councillor Macdonald be appointed to serve on the East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board. Councillor Wallace, seconded by Councillor McLean, proposed that Councillor Edlin be appointed to serve on the Board. Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Merrick, proposed that Councillor Buchanan and Councillor Bamforth be appointed to serve on the Board.

The Democratic Services Manager confirmed that, as the number of nominations exceeded the number of appointments to be made, each Member could cast up to four votes reflecting the number of appointments to be made.

On the roll being called, Provost Montague and Councillors Anderson, Campbell, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Morrison, O'Donnell, Pragnell and Wallace voted for Councillors Pragnell and Macdonald.

Provost Montague and Councillors Campbell, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Morrison and Wallace voted for Councillor Edlin.



Councillors Bamforth, Buchanan, Convery, Ireland, Lunday, and Merrick voted for Councillors Bamforth and Buchanan.

Councillor Buchanan's nomination having subsequently been withdrawn, accordingly the Council agreed the appointments to the East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board as follows:-

Councillor Caroline Bamforth  
Councillor Paul Edlin  
Councillor David Macdonald  
Councillor Katie Pragnell

The Chief Executive referred to the need to determine which of the Council's 4 nominees would 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.

Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Merrick, proposed that Councillor Bamforth be appointed the lead representative on the Integration Joint Board.

Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Anderson, moved as an amendment that Councillor Macdonald be appointed the lead representative on the Integration Joint Board.

On the roll being called, Councillors Bamforth, Buchanan, Convery, Ireland, Lunday, and Merrick voted for the motion.

Provost Montague and Councillors Anderson, Campbell, Devlin, Edlin, Macdonald, McLean, Morrison, O'Donnell, Pragnell and Wallace voted for the amendment.

Accordingly, the amendment was declared carried and the Council agreed that Councillor Macdonald 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.

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT etc. (SCOTLAND) ACT 1994**  
**ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS**  
**5 MAY 2022**  
**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 Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Independent
Neil Anderson 4 Newton Avenue, Barrhead	Alba Party for independence
Angela Convery Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Scottish National Party (SNP)
Betty Wood Cunningham 61 Crossmill Avenue, Barrhead	Scottish Labour Party
Danny Devlin 2 Lavernside Avenue, Barrhead	Independent
Chris Lunday Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Scottish National Party (SNP)
Greg Turner Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Scottish Conservative and Unionist
Frank Wilson Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Scottish Green Party

**Ward No.2 – Newton Mearns North and Neilston**

Tony Buchanan Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Scottish National Party (SNP)
Farooq Choudhry Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Scottish Conservative and Unionist
Adrian Egglestone 5 Warnock Road, Newton Mearns	Scottish Green Party
Carol McKenzie 13 Hillside Road, Neilston	Alba Party for independence
Derek McMillan Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Freedom Alliance. Leave Our Children Alone
Andrew Morrison Flat 2/1, 1 Capelrig Gardens, Newton Mearns	Scottish Conservative and Unionist
Owen O'Donnell Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Scottish Labour Party
Maria Reid Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Scottish Family Party: Pro-Family, Pro-Marriage, Pro-Life

**Ward No.3 – Giffnock and Thornliebank**

George Gebbie 1 Benview Road, Clarkston	Alba Party for independence
Colm Merrick Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Scottish National Party (SNP)
Mary Montague 4c Hutcheson Road, Thornliebank	Scottish Labour Party
Alice Roy Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Independent
Karen Sharkey Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Scottish Green Party
Allan Steele 0/2, 92 Braidholm Road, Giffnock	Independent
Gordon Wallace Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Scottish Conservative and Unionist

**Ward No.4 – Clarkston, Netherlee and Williamwood**

Kate Campbell Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Scottish Conservative and Unionist
Gerald Edwards Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Scottish Conservative and Unionist
Annette Ireland Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Scottish National Party (SNP)
Gordon Keenan Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Scottish Green Party
David Macdonald Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Independent
David Tam McDonald Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Scottish National Party (SNP)
Stewart Miller Flenders Farm, Clarkston	Independent
Katie Victoria Pragnell 9 Stamperland Hill, Clarkston	Labour and Co-operative Party
Daphne Vlastari Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Scottish Liberal Democrats
Colette Walker Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Independence for Scotland Party

**Ward No.5 – Newton Mearns South and Eaglesham**

Andrew Anderson Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Scottish Labour Party
Caroline Bamforth Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Scottish National Party (SNP)
Paul Edlin Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Scottish Conservative and Unionist
Jim McLean Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Scottish Conservative and Unionist
Victoria Palmer-Dyer Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Scottish Green Party
Luke Reid Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area	Scottish Family Party: Pro-Family, Pro-Marriage, Pro-Life

Amer Siddiqui  
5 Glendoick Place, Newton Mearns

Alba Party for independence

Paul Smith  
Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area

Scottish Conservative and  
Unionist

Mark Niven Turnbull  
Address in the East Renfrewshire Council area

Freedom Alliance. Stop the  
Great Reset

### 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 6 May 2022.

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	6,866
Rejected as Void	133
Quota	1,347

#### **Reasons for Rejection**

(a) Want of unique identifying mark	0
(b) On which a number standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	0
(c) On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than 1 candidate	113
(d) Writing or mark by which the voter can be identified	0
(e) Unmarked or void for uncertainty	20

**Ward No.2 – Newton Mearns North and Neilston**

Number of valid votes cast	6,106
Rejected as Void	72
Quota	1,509

**Reasons for Rejection**

(a) Want of unique identifying mark	0
(b) On which a number standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	0
(c) On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than 1 candidate	56
(d) Writing or mark by which the voter can be identified	0
(e) Unmarked or void for uncertainty	16

**Ward No.3 – Giffnock and Thornliebank**

Number of valid votes cast	7,313
Rejected as Void	80
Quota	1,809

**Reasons for Rejection**

(a) Want of unique identifying mark	0
(b) On which a number standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	1
(c) On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than 1 candidate	63
(d) Writing or mark by which the voter can be identified	0
(e) Unmarked or void for uncertainty	16

**Ward No.4 – Clarkston, Netherlee and Williamwood**

Number of valid votes cast	9,977
Rejected as Void	165
Quota	1,963

**Reasons for Rejection**

(a) Want of unique identifying mark	0
(b) On which a number standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	0
(c) On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than 1 candidate	147
(d) Writing or mark by which the voter can be identified	1
(e) Unmarked or void for uncertainty	17



**Ward No.5 – Newton Mearns South and Eaglesham**

Number of valid votes cast	9,701
Rejected as Void	139
Quota	1,913

**Reasons for Rejection**

(a) Want of unique identifying mark	0
(b) On which a number standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	1
(c) On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than 1 candidate	119
(d) Writing or mark by which the voter can be identified	0
(e) Unmarked or void for uncertainty	19

**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**

Angela Convery	Elected at Stage 1
Betty Wood Cunningham	Elected at Stage 1
Danny Devlin	Elected at Stage 1
Chris Lunday	Elected at Stage 8

**Ward No.2 – Newton Mearns North and Neilston**

Tony Buchanan	Elected at Stage 1
Andrew Morrison	Elected at Stage 1
Owen O'Donnell	Elected at Stage 1

**Ward No.3 – Giffnock and Thornliebank**

Colm Merrick	Elected at Stage 1
Mary Montague	Elected at Stage 5
Gordon Wallace	Elected at Stage 1

**Ward No.4 – Clarkston, Netherlee and Williamwood**

Kate Campbell	Elected at Stage 5
Annette Ireland	Elected at Stage 1
David Macdonald	Elected at Stage 8
Katie Victoria Pragnell	Elected at Stage 8

**Ward No.5 – Newton Mearns South and Eaglesham**

Andrew Anderson	Elected at Stage 2
Caroline Bamforth	Elected at Stage 1
Paul Edlin	Elected at Stage 1
Jim McLean	Elected at Stage 9

**SUBSEQUENT PROCEDURE**

Notice in writing advising them of their election was sent to all councillors by the Returning Officer on 6 May 2022.

Returning Officer

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