



North Ayrshire Council
Comhairle Siorrachd Àir a Tuath

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A Meeting of the **North Ayrshire Council** of North Ayrshire Council will be held in the **Council Chambers, Ground Floor, Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE** on **Wednesday, 28 February 2018** at **10:00** to consider the undernoted business.

1 Apologies

2 Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to give notice of any declarations of interest in respect of items of business on the Agenda.

3 Previous Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting and Special meeting held on 20 December 2017 will be confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (copies enclosed).

4 Provost's Report

Submit report by the Provost for the period covering 21 December 2018 - 27 February 2018 (copy enclosed).

5 Leader's Report

Submit report by the Leader of the Council for the period covering 21 December 2017 - 19 February 2018 (copy enclosed).

6 North Ayrshire Council Minute Volume (issued under separate cover)

Submit for noting, the Minutes of meetings of committees of the Council held in the period 12 December 2017 to 19 February 2018.

7 Appointments to Outside Bodies

In respect of the SEEMIS Board (a) recommend the appointment of the Cabinet Member for Education as the Council's Elected Member representative, and (b) note the appointment of the Executive Director (Education and Youth Employment) as the Council's Officer representative.

8 Questions

In terms of Standing Order No. 12 submit:-

(a) a question by Councillor Donald L Reid to the Cabinet Member for Place in the following terms:-

"The Road systems in North Ayrshire including those which are the responsibility of Scotland Transerv have been badly affected by the rain, snow and long period of ice which prevailed between November 2017 and January 2018. I would invite the Cabinet member for Place to comment on:

(1) What plans NAC Roads have to bring our Roads generally in North Ayrshire back up to an acceptable standard with any specific comments on Roads within the Garnock Valley area which has suffered disproportionately because the Valley suffered with longer periods of snow and ice during November 2017 - January 2018?

(2) What is the likely cost of these repairs?

(3) Is NAC considering asking the Scottish Government to provide additional funding to be spent exclusively on assisting in bringing our crumbling roads network back to an acceptable stand and if not, why not?"

(b) a question by Councillor Donald L Reid to the Cabinet Member for Place in the following terms:-

"Can the Cabinet Member for Place tell this full council meeting how many families have been evicted from NAC properties between 1.1.17 and 31.12.17 (or whatever period its easier to get figures for)"

(c) a question by Councillor McNicol to the Leader of the Council in the following terms:-

"At a Special Meeting of North Ayrshire Council held on 20th. December, 2017 a Resolution was passed and agreed by all Councillors to exclude the press and public on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6,8,and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7a of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973.

Will the Leader of the Council inform members if an enquiry has been carried out to establish the identity of the Labour insider, who according to a report in the Irvine Herald, allegedly passed confidential information to the reporter regarding information disclosed at the Special meeting?"

(d) a question by Councillor Gallacher to the Cabinet Member for Place in the following terms:-

““**Neatebox**” is a system worked through an app, that helps blind people, and the less mobile, like wheelchair users, to locate, and operate pedestrian crossings and the like, by using their phone. The app enables them to request to cross, without having to find, or attempt to reach the button on the crossing that the rest of us would press. The software link for this gets built into the existing road crossing boxes retrospectively.

There are already a few local authorities who have taken up this service, and I am led to believe that there are more in the pipeline who are almost at the rolling out stage. Given that Irvine High Street is in the process of being done up, would the Cabinet Member for Place please have a serious look into this service, in order to make the day to day lives of our sightless and mobile impaired residents just that bit easier, in particular, when it comes to crossing roads.”

(e) a question by Councillor Davidson to the Leader of the Council in the following terms:-

“Can the Council Leader assure me that he will not be recommending further cuts to classroom assistant posts in his budget proposals later today?”

(f) a question from Councillor Davidson to the Leader of the Council in the following terms:-

“Can the Portfolio holder for Finance provide me with answers to the following questions:-

- 1) What was the public response level to the budget consultation?
- 2) How much did it cost?
- 3) Do you think it was the best method of engaging with the public?”

(g) a question by Councillor Brahim to the Cabinet Member for Place in the following terms:-

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Place confirm when the upgrade of the B714 will take place?”

(h) a question by Councillor Murdoch to the Cabinet Member for Place in the following terms:-

“For the Cabinet Member – Place

What do North Ayrshire Council intend to do about the poor quality, below expectations, reduced budget prom surface, that a very large number of residents and visitors are complaining about on Largs Shore Front?”

9 Motions

In terms of Standing Order 13, submit:-

(a) a motion by Councillor Davidson, seconded by Councillor Macaulay in the following terms:-

"On the 12th March 2018 Stewart McDonald MP will present 'The Unpaid Trial Work Periods (Prohibition) Bill' to the UK Parliament.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister, and Jeremy Corbyn as leader of the opposition, to affirm that North Ayrshire Council:

- supports 'The Unpaid Trial Work Periods (Prohibition) Bill;
- believe that this bill will put a stop to exploitative unpaid trial shifts;
- is confident that this bill will ensure workers are treated with fairness, respect and ultimately a fair wage for the hours worked;
- urges both Mrs May and Mr Corbyn to give their full support to the bill.

Further, the Council will not engage people for unpaid work periods, and will encourage local businesses not to do so."

(b) a motion by Councillor Gurney, seconded by Councillor McNicol in the following terms:-

"In light of allegations made in the MacAulay Gibson Productions' film, The Only Game in Town, which relate to the North Ayrshire Schools Public Private Partnership project, Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to Deputy Chief Constable Iain Livingstone of Police Scotland, requesting that the force carries out a new, full and thorough investigation into all aspects of the North Ayrshire PPP procurement process. Council also instructs the Chief Executive to ensure that everything is done to co-operate fully with any investigation."

(c) a motion by Councillor Dickson, seconded by Councillor Macaulay in the following terms:-

"That this Council agrees to be 'trauma informed; to use the learning and research on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) to inform change in practice and thus better able to reduce the negative effects of ACEs on lives of all with whom we come in contact; to work with other partners across Ayrshire to have a consistent approach to working to implement trauma informed practice; commit to give officers and staff an opportunity to view the documentary 'Resilience' which has been the catalyst for change; and to contribute to Ayrshire becoming recognised as a Centre of Trauma Informed Excellence"

(d) a motion by Councillor Macaulay, seconded by Councillor Burns in the following terms:-

“Council welcomes the passing of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act and positive action being taken to address child poverty and tackle the deep seated generational inequalities in our society, and supports this call to urgent action. Council applauds the setting of statutory targets which will be set out in regular delivery plans and require annual local child poverty plans, in contrast to the UK Government, which has abolished its child poverty unit and child poverty targets.

Council supports the establishment of a Poverty and Inequality Commission, and recognises that meeting these targets will require cross-government action. Council believes that North Ayrshire is well placed to do so and commits to working with the Scottish Government, other local authorities, the third sector and people with experience of living in poverty to achieve these targets and to reduce and ultimately eradicate child poverty.

Council notes that the recent report by The End Child Poverty coalition highlights the unacceptable statistic that 28.3% of children in North Ayrshire are living in poverty and that council has already set out a number of measures to address this but the scale of the task is such that it requires strong cross party leadership.

Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to set up a cross party Child Poverty Task Force to provide strong political leadership in coordinating and implementing all the measures necessary to finally eradicate child poverty in North Ayrshire.”

10 Motions to Amend Standing Orders

In terms of Standing Order 22, submit:-

(a) a motion by Councillor Hill, seconded by Councillor Davidson in the following terms:-

“That clause 2 of the Standing Orders be amended as follows:-

The word “eighth” where it appears in line 3 of clause 2.1 shall be replaced by the word “sixth” and the word “eight” where it appears in the same line shall be replaced by the word “six”.

(b) a motion by Councillor Hill, seconded by Councillor Larsen in the following terms:-

“Clause 21.1 delete “in any case of urgency as determined by the Provost”

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Chair:

Apologies:

Attending: