The “bonnie fechter”- Motion as adjusted, approved.

10 Councillor Sean Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Aitken, moved:-

“Council acknowledges the recent centenary of the death of John MacLean, teacher and socialist campaigner. Maclean was born in Pollokshaws, then part of Renfrewshire, on 14 August 1879, and died on 30 November 1923, at the age of just 44, also in Pollokshaws, which had been incorporated into Glasgow in 1912.

Council recognises that MacLean closely identified with this city, whose boundaries he expressed a wish to see expanded further to match the economic and social challenges facing residents across the Clyde valley. Council recalls that both MacLean's parents had relocated to the West of Scotland because their families were forced from their homes by highland and island landowners and that his father died of an industrial disease when MacLean was just 8 years old. Council believes that MacLean's personal commitment to education was a defining feature of his life, from his early engagement as a founder member of the Pollokshaws Progressive Union through many years of organising and delivering classes in economics across the West of Scotland and beyond.

Council also recognises that, despite living his whole life in and around Glasgow, MacLean's commitment to and actions on behalf of working people have been recognised around the globe and immortalised in many songs, plays, and books. Council recalls that a memorial committee was established in 1973 to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of John Maclean's death resulting in the erection of a memorial cairn, funded by public subscription, which was unveiled by then Lord Provost Sir William Gray and watched by MacLean's daughters, Nan and Jean. Council notes that the site of the cairn is adjacent to the Old Town House of Pollokshaws, at which location MacLean had held many public meetings, and is within the Pollokshaws Transformational Regeneration Area. Council further notes that the cairn may be removed temporarily to permit works to proceed and affirms the Council's support for the return of the cairn to a fitting and prominent site in a regenerated Pollokshaws.

Council also acknowledges that the transformational improvements underway across Pollokshaws should seek to reflect the areas past and its famous son and asks the TRA to consider how MacLean's contribution to his home city can be best commemorated within those changes, allowing Council time to respond to those proposals and properly recognise the contribution of the “bonnie fechter” and “fighting dominie” John MacLean to the life, character, and history of the city of which he was such an important part."

Councillor Butler, seconded by Councillor Curran, moved as an amendment to insert the following after the second paragraph:-

“Council applauds the political and industrial work of John Maclean, alongside other socialists such as James Maxton, on the Clyde Workers’ Committee and the part he played in the anti-war movement. Council also recognises the rare honour of his election to the Chair of the Third All-Russian Congress of Soviets, and his appointment in February 1918 to the post of Bolshevik Consul in Scotland by

Lenin. Even at this far remove, council wholeheartedly condemns the political trial and imprisonment of John Maclean by the capitalist establishment in 1918 and remains in awe of his fortitude during his time in Peterhead prison."

Councillor Hutchison, seconded by Bailie Gallagher moved as an amendment:-

(1) that the following be added at the end of the second paragraph:

"Council expresses its disappointment that the Sir John Maxwell school, where MacLean taught many of his adults' economics classes which were funded through public petition and are believed to have been the first publicly-funded classes on Marxism on the planet has reached the point of no return in its disrepair."

(2) that the following be added at the end of the third paragraph:

"Council also thanks members of the community for the maintenance and clean up of the memorial cairn last summer and believes that its upkeep is of significant importance to the heritage of the city."

(3) that the following be added at the end:

"Council agrees that work shall be undertaken by officers to rename the square in front of Langside Halls in MacLeans honour. The site has long been a meeting place and this was no different in MacLeans time as he was arrested 4 separate times on the square while speaking to crowds of thousands about the maltreatment of the working class.

The Council acknowledges the severe maltreatment that John MacLean was subjected to by the state for his opposition to the First World War and for his commitment to a Scottish Workers' Republic having been convicted of sedition and sentenced to Peterhead Prison for a five-year sentence of Penal Servitude. Council agrees that a public apology is long overdue for this maltreatment and that the council should invite the Secretary of State for Scotland to provide this at a civic reception for the 100th Anniversary of MacLean's far too early death."

Councillor Sean Ferguson, with the approval of his seconder, accepted the amendments by Councillor Butler and Councillor Hutchison resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

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The motion as adjusted was approved unanimously.

Adjournment.

11 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1250 hours until 1400 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

12 The meeting resumed at 1400 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

Present: The Lord Provost, Jacqueline McLaren (Chair).

SAQIB AHMED	STEPHEN DOCHERTY	NORMAN MacLEOD
SUSAN AITKEN	LAURA DOHERTY	ELAINE McSPORRAN
IMRAN ALAM	STEPHEN DORNAN	KENNY McLEAN
BLAIR ANDERSON	PATRICIA FERGUSON	ANNE McTAGGART
KEN ANDREW	SEAN FERGUSON	HANZALA MALIK
ALEXANDER BELIC	ELAINE GALLAGHER	CHRISTY MEARNS
RICHARD BELL	ZEN GHANI	ANGUS MILLAR
DECLAN BLENCH	ALLAN GOW	MALCOLM MITCHELL
EVA BOLANDER	WILLIAM GRAHAM	JON MOLYNEUX
ABDUL BOSTANI	SHARON GREER	MARGARET MORGAN
PHILIP BRAAT	GREG HEPBURN	EVA MURRAY
JILL BROWN	FIONA HIGGINS	CECILIA O'LONE
HOLLY BRUCE	RASHID HUSSAIN	KEIRAN O'NEILL
MAUREEN BURKE	DAN HUTCHISON	JILL PIDGEON
BILL BUTLER	FYEZA IKHLAQ	LINDA PIKE
GRAHAM CAMPBELL	EUNIS JASSEMI	HANIF RAJA
CHRISTINA CANNON	ANN JENKINS	THOMAS RANNACHAN
PAUL CAREY	LILITH JOHNSTONE	GEORGE REDMOND
JOHN CARSON	RUAIRI KELLY	LANA REID-MCCONNELL
ANTHONY CARROLL	ALEX KERR	ROZA SALIH
ALLAN CASEY	MATT KERR	FRANNY SCALLY
ANNETTE CHRISTIE	THOMAS KERR	JAMES SCANLON
CHRIS CUNNINGHAM	KEVIN LALLEY	SORYIA SIDDIQUE
STEPHEN CURRAN	PAUL LEINSTER	KIERAN TURNER
FEARGAL DALTON	FRANK McAVEETY	CATHERINE VALLIS
JOHN DALY	PAUL McCABE	MARTHA WARDROP

AUDREY DEMPSEY ELAINE McDOUGALL ALEX WILSON

LORD DEAN OF GUILD

Apology: Leòdhas Massie

Attending: M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; A O'Donnell, Chief Executive; M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; I Robertson, Director of City Development; K Rush, Director of Regional Economic Growth; C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance; and A Eccles (for the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership).