

Reaffirming Palestinian Solidarity – Motion as adjusted approved, after division.

16 Councillor Molyneux, seconded by Councillor Bruce, moved that:-

"Council recalls its motion of 28th March 2024 which expressed solidarity with the people of Palestine, reaffirmed its calls for peace in the region, and mandated the Council to take steps to ensure it complies with the interim judgment of the International Court for Justice.

Council expresses deep disappointment at the failure to, so far, secure a lasting ceasefire and condemns the Israeli government's ongoing blockade of Gaza and its resumption of air strikes which have continued the killing of innocent Palestinians. Council also condemns the 'Trump Plan' for Gaza and Israel's plans to seize territory in Gaza, which, if enacted, would amount to an egregious breach of international law.

Council commends those who have continued to campaign for peace and justice.

Council supports the call of the Muslim Council of Britain, supported by the Labour Muslim Network, for the Prime Minister to recognise Palestinian statehood and demand an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Council supports the Glaswegian LGBTQI+ collective, No Pride in Genocide, who stand for the complete liberation of Palestine, and who have campaigned against mainstream pinkwashing. Council calls on Glasgow's Pride to establish ethical partnerships and sponsors which adhere to the Palestinian led Boycott, Divestment Sanctions (BDS) guidelines and the Fossil Free Pride pledge, committing to social and environmental justice.

Council notes the trials of several people in Glasgow relating to their involvement in pro-Palestinian protest. Council reaffirms the rights of citizens to lawful protest as a vital part of our democracy and calls on the UK Government to repeal the Conservative's draconian anti-protest legislation. Council also asks the Safe Glasgow Partnership to urgently undertake a review of the policing of protest in Glasgow, as previously agreed in the Council's Strategic Plan, and for this to include taking evidence from those involved in protests.

Council expresses its concern about the reaction to Irish musical act Kneecap's performance at California's Coachella Music Festival and the resulting smear campaign, which has included calls by politicians for Kneecap to be removed from this year's TRNSMT festival on Glasgow Green. Council considers this reaction is a direct result of Kneecap's outspoken support for Palestine and should not be indulged. Council acknowledges that some Glaswegians will choose not to support an act with views that Kneecap hold, just as others will not support acts which support violence within their music or who have convictions for violence, specifically domestic violence. Council notes that such acts are scheduled to play in Glasgow this summer and have received no similar condemnation."

Councillor Aitken, seconded by Councillor Alex Kerr moved as an amendment:-

- (1) at the fifth paragraph before “establish ethical partnerships...”, insert the following:

“Council acknowledges the challenging sponsorship environment facing event organisers but requests that Glasgow’s Pride seek to..”;

- (2) at the last paragraph, delete “Council considers this reaction is a direct result of Kneecap's outspoken support for Palestine and should not be indulged.” and replace with the following:

“Council considers that while some have expressed serious concerns about on-stage remarks by Kneecap that have been interpreted as endorsing violence against elected Members of Parliament – for which the artists have since apologised – others have been more concerned about Kneecap’s outspoken support for Palestine. Council understands that there is a long history in music and other art forms of deliberately provocative statements and actions that in order to convey ideas and agrees that upholding the principles of freedom of artistic expression involves accepting that offence and disagreement will sometimes take place.”

Bailie Hussain, seconded by Councillor Ahmed, moved as an amendment:-

- (1) to delete the second paragraph and insert the following:

“Council remains deeply concerned at the continuing humanitarian crisis in Gaza, the loss of innocent life, and the ongoing suffering of civilians, and the continued holding of hostages. Council reiterates its support for an immediate and permanent ceasefire, the release of hostages and for unrestricted humanitarian access to those in need. Council condemns the continued failure of the Netanyahu government to work with the Palestinian Authority in this regard.

Council condemns all violations of international law, including the collective punishment of civilians, the targeting of civilian infrastructure, the taking of hostages and any proposals that seek to annex or unlawfully occupy territory in contravention of the Geneva Conventions. Council recognises that no state has the right to veto the existence of another, and reaffirms its support for a two-state solution that guarantees the rights, dignity and security of both Palestinians and Israelis.”

- (2) delete the fourth paragraph and replace with the following:

“Council recognises the call by the Labour Muslim Network for the UK Government to recognising Palestinian statehood and demand immediate ceasefire in Gaza.”;

- (3) at the fifth paragraph delete all after “pinkwashing”;

- (4) delete last paragraph and insert the following:

“Council affirms that cultural and artistic expression should be protected but must not promote violence. Council notes the recent controversy involving performers scheduled to appear at events in Glasgow and believes that any allegations of incitement or associations with extremist views must be taken seriously and handled in accordance with legal, licensing, and safety frameworks. Programming decisions should be based on artistic merit and public responsibility, without political interference, while ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all communities.

(5) insert the following last paragraph:

“Council resolves to:

Encourage the Leader of the Council to write to the Foreign Secretary urging continued efforts to achieve a just peace and a permanent ceasefire in Gaza”.

During the debate Councillor Molyneux and Councillor Aitken, with the agreement of their seconders, agreed to combine their motion and amendments resulting in the following adjusted motion:

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On a vote being taken electronically and by roll call, 26 members voted for the amendment by Councillor Butler and 47 for the motion as adjusted, which was accordingly declared to be carried.

Adjournment.

17 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1545 hours until 1555 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

18 The meeting resumed at 1555 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

Present: Chair, Lord Provost Jacqueline McLaren

JAMES ADAMS	STEPHEN DORNAN	NORMAN MacLEOD
SAQIB AHMED	SEAN FERGUSON	ELAINE McSPORRAN
SUSAN AITKEN	ELAINE GALLAGHER	ANNE McTAGGART
IMRAN ALAM	MARIE GARRITY	LEÒDHAS MASSIE
BLAIR ANDERSON	ZEN GHANI	CHRISTY MEARNs
KEN ANDREW	ALLAN GOW	ANGUS MILLAR
ALEXANDER BELIC	WILLIAM GRAHAM	MALCOLM MITCHELL
RICHARD BELL	SHARON GREER	JON MOLYNEUX
DECLAN BLENCH	GREG HEPBURN	ROBERT MOONEY
EVA BOLANDER	FIONA HIGGINS	MARGARET MORGAN
ABDUL BOSTANI	SEONAD HOY	EVA MURRAY

PHILIP BRAAT
JILL BROWN
HOLLY BRUCE
BILL BUTLER
GRAHAM CAMPBELL
CHRISTINA CANNON
PAUL CAREY
ANTHONY CARROLL
JOHN CARSON
ALLAN CASEY
ANNETTE CHRISTIE
CHRIS CUNNINGHAM
STEPHEN CURRAN
FEARGAL DALTON
AUDREY DEMPSEY
STEPHEN DOCHERTY
LAURA DOHERTY

MHAIRI HUNTER
RASHID HUSSAIN
DAN HUTCHISON
FYEZA IKHLAQ
EUNIS JASSEMI
ANN JENKINS
LILITH JOHNSTONE
JIM KAVANAGH
RUAIRI KELLY
ALEX KERR
MATT KERR
THOMAS KERR
KEVIN LALLEY
PAUL LEINSTER
PAUL MCCABE
ELAINE McDOUGALL
DONNA McGILL

CECILIA O'LONE
JILL PIDGEON
LINDA PIKE
HANIF RAJA
DAVENA RANKIN
THOMAS RANNACHAN
GEORGE REDMOND
LANA REID-MCCONNELL
ROZA SALIH
FRANNY SCALLY
SORYIA SIDDIQUE
KIERAN TURNER
CATHERINE VALLIS
MARTHA WARDROP
ALEX WILSON

DEACON CONVENER

LORD DEAN OF GUILD

Apologies: John Daly and Frank McAveety.

Attending: M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; R Emmot, Executive Director of Financial Services and C MacKenzie (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).