Misuse of off-road vehicles – Motion as adjusted approved.

17 Councillor Gow, seconded by Bailie McCabe, moved that:-

"Council acknowledges what it sees as the significant public safety issues regarding the misuse of off-road vehicles, including motorbikes, quad bikes, e-scooters and e-bikes being used dangerously, inappropriately and often illegally on roads, footpaths and various open spaces, which, it believes, poses a serious risk of injury and risk to life for those driving such vehicles, as well as others within the community.

Council considers that their misuse can also have a detrimental impact on a community due to nuisance, antisocial behaviour and damage caused including environmental; notes the belief that mandatory registration of off-road vehicles, which is a reserved power, may assist Police Scotland with what it considers to be the often hazardous and unenviable tasks regarding policing, identification and enforcement.

Council notes that an Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill was lodged by Anne McLaughlin MP within the last UK Parliament earlier this year and having received cross-party support that the then UK Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport agreed to establish a task force to look at the wider issues caused by off-road vehicles. Council regrets that the new UK Government has yet to commit to taking this forward and Council believes that it should do so.

Council further notes that following a Member's Debate on Tackling the Misuse of off-road vehicles led by Bob Doris MSP with cross-party support that the Scottish Government has agreed to establish a Working Group in Scotland including the Scottish Government, local authorities (COSLA), Police Scotland and others to consider what more can be done to keep the public safe and nuisance-free from the misuse of off-road vehicles across Scotland.

Council believes that these actions complement our Road Safety Plan 2020–30 and recently established Road Safety & Behaviour Change Working Group led by the Safe Glasgow Chair which will also consider this matter and best practice across the UK and Europe.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to COSLA and the Scottish Government to agree to participate in their Working Group and resolves to do what it can to assist in reducing the harms to communities and families from such misuse."

Councillor Turner, seconded by Councillor Greer, moved as an amendment that:-

After the last sentence in paragraph 2, insert:

"Council recognises the broader social and environmental harm caused by off-road vehicles and the need for appropriate resources for Police Scotland to allow effective and immediate enforcement."

Begin paragraph 3 with new sentence, which should read as:

“Council recognises this area is a complex and evolving area of policy that is being faced in cities around the world and requires a joined-up approach from all levels of government.”

Remove the last sentence from paragraph 3.

Insert new paragraph between 3 and 4, which should read as follows:

“Council also notes that Jessica Morden MP brought a 10-minute rule bill to the UK Parliament to require the Secretary of State to commission and publish a review of the legislation and guidance relating to e-scooters – including promoting public awareness of the rules of use – and notes the commitment from the Secretary of State for Transport in November 2024 to look for opportunities to bring legislation on regulating use of e-bikes and e-scooters.”

Begin paragraph 5 with new sentence that should read as:

“Furthermore, Council notes the role of Local Government and believes that these actions complement our Road Safety Plan 2020–30 and recently established Road Safety & Behaviour Change Working Group led by the Safe Glasgow Chair which will also consider this matter and best practice across the UK and Europe.”

After Europe, please insert new sentence, which should read as:

“Council recognises the role of public education and commits to bringing proposals to raise awareness in schools, educational settings and in the wider community once the legislative landscape is clarified.”

In paragraph 6, after misuse, please insert new sentence which should read as:

“Council also instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Transport to outline the council’s support for consideration of legislative options in this area, including potential registration of off-road vehicles, and to offer to assist the UK Government as it considers what form of regulatory framework may be appropriate.”

Bailie Carroll, seconded by Bailie Wardrop, moved as an amendment that:-

At the end of paragraph 1, add:

“Council notes the value of increasing segregated active travel routes to help decrease the use of e-bikes on footpaths.”

At the end of paragraph 5, add:

“Council supports the continued investment in the development and expansion of the city’s cycle route network and cycling infrastructure to improve public safety.”

At the end of paragraph 6, add:

“In addition, Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the UK Government's Home Secretary seeking the establishment of a taskforce, as has previously been

discussed in the UK Parliament, to seek to resolve issues regarding enforcement against inappropriate use of off-road vehicles at a UK level."

During the debate Councillor Gow, Councillor Turner and Bailie Carroll, with the agreement of their seconders, agreed to combine their motion and amendments resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

"Council acknowledges what it sees as the significant public safety issues regarding the misuse of off-road vehicles, including motorbikes, quad bikes, e-scooters and e-bikes being used dangerously, inappropriately and often illegally on roads, footpaths and various open spaces, which, it believes, poses a serious risk of injury and risk to life for those driving such vehicles, as well as others within the community. Council notes the value of increasing segregated active travel routes to help decrease the use of e-bikes on footpaths.

Council considers that their misuse can also have a detrimental impact on a community due to nuisance, antisocial behaviour and damage caused including environmental; notes the belief that mandatory registration of off-road vehicles, which is a reserved power, may assist Police Scotland with what it considers to be the often hazardous and unenviable tasks regarding policing, identification and enforcement.

Council recognises this area is a complex and evolving area of policy that is being faced in cities around the world and requires a joined-up approach from all levels of government. Council notes that an Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill was lodged by Anne McLaughlin MP within the last UK Parliament earlier this year and having received cross-party support that the then UK Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport agreed to establish a task force to look at the wider issues caused by off-road vehicles.

Council also notes that Jessica Morden MP brought a 10-minute rule bill to the UK Parliament to require the Secretary of State to commission and publish a review of the legislation and guidance relating to e-scooters – including promoting public awareness of the rules of use – and notes the commitment from the Secretary of State for Transport in November 2024 to look for opportunities to bring legislation on regulating use of e-bikes and e-scooters.

Council further notes that following a Member's Debate on Tackling the Misuse of off-road vehicles led by Bob Doris MSP with cross-party support that the Scottish Government has agreed to establish a Working Group in Scotland including the Scottish Government, local authorities (COSLA), Police Scotland and others to consider what more can be done to keep the public safe and nuisance-free from the misuse of off-road vehicles across Scotland.

Furthermore, Council notes the role of Local Government and believes that these actions complement our Road Safety Plan 2020–30 and recently established Road Safety & Behaviour Change Working Group led by the Safe Glasgow Chair which will also consider this matter and best practice across the UK and Europe. Council believes that these actions complement our Road Safety Plan 2020–30 and recently established Road Safety & Behaviour Change Working Group led by the Safe Glasgow Chair which will also consider this matter and best practice across the UK and Europe. Council supports the continued investment in the

development and expansion of the city's cycle route network and cycling infrastructure to improve public safety. Council recognises the role of public education and commits to bringing proposals to raise awareness in schools, educational settings and in the wider community once the legislative landscape is clarified.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to COSLA and the Scottish Government to agree to participate in their Working Group and resolves to do what it can to assist in reducing the harms to communities and families from such misuse. Council also instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Transport to outline the council's support for consideration of legislative options in this area, including potential registration of off-road vehicles, and to offer to assist the UK Government as it considers what form of regulatory framework may be appropriate."

The motion as adjusted was unanimously approved.

Adjournment.

18 In terms of Standing Order No 5 (12), the time being after 1630 hours, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting, the remaining items of business being 10(e), 10(f), 10(g) and 10(h).

Appendix 1

A Local Government by-election was held on Thursday, 21st November 2024 to elect a Councillor for the Electoral Ward 14 – Drumchapel/Anniesland, Ward 15 – Maryhill and Ward 21 – North East.

I have to advise you that as a result of the by-election for Ward 14 – Drumchapel/Anniesland, Davena Rankin – was elected Councillor for the said Ward.

The total number of votes given for each candidate is detailed below.

Candidate	Party	Elected	Number of First Preferences	Elected at Stage Number	Cumulative vote at Election or Exclusion
Adekemi Giwa	Scottish National Party		830		1,134 (excluded stage 7)
Elspeth Kerr	Independent		297		372 (excluded stage 5)
Christopher Lavelle	Elect a Scottish Green Councillor		263		275 (excluded stage 4)
Allan Douglas Lyons	Reform UK		405		524 (excluded stage 6)
Steven Morrison	Scottish Conservative and Unionist		184		196 (excluded stage 3)
Davena Rankin	Glasgow Labour	Yes	1,084	7	1,857
Michael Edward Shields	Scottish Liberal Democrats		93		93 (excluded stage 2)

Election Statistics	
Total Electorate	20,895
Percentage Poll	15.3%
Quota required to be elected	1,579
Breakdown of Rejected Papers	
Which does not bear a unique identifying mark in a form that is capable of being read by electronic means	0
On which a number standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	33
On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	4
On which anything is written or marked by which the voter can be identified except the printed number and other unique identifying mark on the back	0
Which is unmarked or void for uncertainty	5
Total Rejected Papers	42

I have to advise you that as a result of the by-election for Ward 15 – Maryhill, Marie Garrity – was elected Councillor for the said Ward.

The total number of votes given for each candidate is detailed below.

Candidate	Party	Elected	Number of First Preferences	Elected at Stage Number	Cumulative vote at Election or Exclusion
Nick Durie	Alba Party: Yes to Scottish Independence		118		127 (excluded stage 4)
Lorna Margaret Finn	Scottish National Party (SNP)		814		1,093 (excluded stage 7)
Marie Garrity	Glasgow Labour	Yes	999	7	1,731
Ellie Gomersall	Elect a Scottish Green Councillor		338		372 (excluded stage 5)
Susan McCourt	Scottish Conservative and Unionist		89		100 (excluded stage 3)
David Jamie McGowan	Reform UK		353		410 (excluded stage 6)
Daniel John O'Malley	Scottish Liberal Democrats		75		75 (excluded stage 2)

Election Statistics	
Total Electorate	14,619
Percentage Poll	19.30%
Quota required to be elected	1,394
Breakdown of Rejected Papers	
Which does not bear a unique identifying mark in a form that is capable of being read by electronic means	0
On which a number standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	29
On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	7
On which anything is written or marked by which the voter can be identified except the printed number and other unique identifying mark on the back	0
Which is unmarked or void for uncertainty	4
Total Rejected Papers	40

I have to advise you that as a result of the by-election for Ward 21 – North East, Mary McNab – was elected Councillor for the said Ward.

The total number of votes given for each candidate is detailed below.

Candidate	Party	Elected	Number of First Preferences	Elected at Stage Number	Cumulative vote at Election or Exclusion
Thomas Haddow	Scottish Conservative and Unionist		99		111 (excluded stage 5)
Anne McAllister	Scottish Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition		68		72 (excluded stage 3)
Hayley McDonald	Elect a Scottish Green Councillor		77		94 (excluded stage 4)
Robert Matthew James McGregor	Reform UK		336		397 (excluded stage 6)
Peter McLaughlin	Scottish Liberal Democrats		36		36 (excluded stage 2)
Mary McNab	Glasgow Labour	Yes	630	7	1,069
Kilian Riley	Scottish National Party (SNP)		591		686 (excluded stage 7)

Election Statistics	
Total Electorate	15,040
Percentage Poll	12.40%
Quota required to be elected	919
Breakdown of Rejected Papers	
Which does not bear a unique identifying mark in a form that is capable of being read by electronic means	0
On which a number standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	15
On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	11
On which anything is written or marked by which the voter can be identified except the printed number and other unique identifying mark on the back	0
Which is unmarked or void for uncertainty	5
Total Rejected Papers	31

The winner of the by-election in Ward 21 - North East was subsequently disqualified from remaining a member of the council under section 31A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 requiring a by-election to be held.

An application has been made to the Sheriff Principal at Glasgow Sheriff Court seeking a declarator to that effect.

A Local Government by-election was held on Thursday, 5th December 2024 to elect a Councillor for the Electoral Ward 23 – Partick East/Kelvindale.

I have to advise you that as a result of the by-election for Ward 23 – Partick East/Kelvindale, James Adams was elected Councillor for the said Ward.

The total number of votes given for each candidate is detailed below.

Candidate	Party	Elected	Number of First Preferences	Elected at Stage Number	Cumulative vote at Election or Exclusion
James Adams	Glasgow Labour	Yes	1,723	4	2,485
Nicholas Allan Budgen	Scottish Liberal Democrats		339		339 (excluded stage 2)
Faten Hameed	Scottish Conservative and Unionist		632		707 (excluded stage 3)
Heloise Le Moal	Elect a Scottish Green Councillor		837		927 (excluded stage 4)
Cylina Porch	Scottish National Party (SNP)		1,062		1,532 (excluded stage 4)

Election Statistics	
Total Electorate	21,307
Percentage Poll	21.7%
Quota required to be elected	2,297
Breakdown of Rejected Papers	
Which does not bear a unique identifying mark in a form that is capable of being read by electronic means	0
On which a number standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	5
On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	13
On which anything is written or marked by which the voter can be identified except the printed number and other unique identifying mark on the back	0
Which is unmarked or void for uncertainty	18
Total Rejected Papers	36