

### **Suspension of Standing Order No 13 (3) agreed.**

**8** The Council agreed to suspend the provisions of Standing Order No 13 (3) to allow the first motion to be taken as a cross party motion with the mover and both seconders allowed 5 minutes each to speak.

### **No place for hate or division in our society - Motion approved.**

**9** Councillor Aitken, jointly seconded by Councillor Hussain and Councillor Molyneux, moved that:-

Council expresses its horror at the brutal attacks which resulted in the tragic death of Henry Nowak in Southampton and severe injury to Ian Ogilvie in Belfast and records its deepest sympathies to Mr Ogilvie and the family of Mr Nowak for the dreadful losses they have suffered. Council also salutes the great courage and humanity shown by both families, even in their shock and grief, in their rejection of violence, prejudice and division.

Council also notes with deep concern the stabbing incident that took place in Edinburgh on 20 June 2026 and condemns this violent attack in the strongest possible terms. Council extends its sympathies to the victims, their families and all those affected, wishes those injured a full and speedy recovery, and places on record its gratitude to Police Scotland, the Scottish Ambulance Service and all emergency responders for their swift and professional response.

Council is therefore deeply disturbed that a small minority, in Glasgow and other cities and towns, have chosen to ignore the wishes of the Nowak and Ogilvie families and have used their tragedies as an excuse to commit racist violence against members of the public from minority ethnic communities. Council believes that, regardless of individual views about immigration, there can never be any justification for masked individuals taking to the streets to mete out intimidation, threats and physical attacks and that this can in no way be described as legitimate protest. Council notes that Police Scotland has confirmed that these actions were motivated by racism, with Assistant Chief Constable Alan Waddell stating that people were attacked "because of the colour of their skin".

Council condemns without reservation not only these most recent scenes of racist violence but also the escalation of organised far-right activity in Glasgow and elsewhere, which aims to spread fear, hatred and intimidation and which puts the safety of minority communities at risk. Council further condemns politicians who have sought to incite and inflame violence and hate for their own ends and believes that they bear a share of responsibility for harm caused to members of the public and to the public realm. Council believes that it is the forces of the far-right and those who embolden them who are the real "strangers" in our communities and notes once again that the great majority of Glaswegians rejected them at the recent Scottish Parliament elections.

Council reiterates its commitment to a Glasgow that is open, inclusive and welcoming to everyone for whom our city is home, whether through birth, by choice

or as a consequence of displacement; restates our belief that Glasgow's diverse and integrated communities are one of our greatest strengths, and that all Glaswegians, regardless of their faith or colour, have a fundamental right to live in safety and peace.

Council notes that on 2 June, the Glasgow Partners Conference, organised by the Council's Hate Crime Working Group, brought together more than 100 representatives from the Council, Glasgow Life, Police Scotland, the Scottish Government, COSLA, the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, Health and Social Care Partnership, faith communities, equality and disability groups, education providers, and community organisations from across the city under the theme of 'Building Resilience: Communities, Cohesion and Shared Responsibility'. Council believes that this wide-ranging collaborative working across sectors has the power to strengthen trust, inclusion and confidence and grow resilience in our communities and therefore instructs officers to prepare a report of the outcomes and actions from this conference to be shared with all elected members to help shape our collective response to the far-right.

Council also understands the importance of offering practical solidarity to affected communities. Therefore Council agrees to sign up to Refuweege's Safe With Me campaign to cover all our public buildings and agrees to collate a directory of other practical solidarity resources and contacts, such as the Hate Crime Toolkit which is available for anyone who may be affected by hate crime, and to host this on the Council website and share it with elected members and community councils."

The cross party motion was unanimously approved.

### **Adjournment.**

**10** In terms of Standing Order No 17, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1310 hours until 1415 hours.