

Adjournment.

10 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1245 hours until 1345 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

11 The meeting resumed at 1345 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

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

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

LORD DEAN OF GUILD

Apologies: Bill Butler, Robert Mooney, Keiran O'Neill and Hanif Raja.

Attending: M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; S Millar, Chief Executive; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; and C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance.

Volunteer Appreciation – Commemorating Volunteer Week – Motion as adjusted approved.

12 Councillor Lalley, seconded by Councillor Vallis, moved that:-

“The Council recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of Volunteer Week from the 3rd to the 9th of June 2024. This event, established in 1984, highlights the invaluable contributions of the city's volunteers. It serves as an opportunity for us to reflect on and appreciate the tireless efforts and dedication of volunteers across our city who contribute significantly to our community's needs.

Council recognises the important role that volunteers, and third-sector organisations play in our city. These groups and individuals are the backbone of our communities, delivering essential services, fostering community spirit, and supporting some of the most vulnerable people in the city.

Council notes that in 2022/23, roughly 1,600 people in Glasgow volunteered in some capacity across the city, providing more than 30,000 hours of voluntary service. This work spans a wide range of essential services, delivering much-needed resources.

In this period of economic and social uncertainty, this work has become even more crucial. Council recognises the important role that volunteers, and third-sector organisations play in our city. Their efforts are essential in addressing the gaps and needs within our communities. As a council, we are committed to recognising, supporting, and celebrating the efforts of these volunteers who play a vital part in maintaining the well-being and support structures of our city.

Therefore, council resolves to publicly acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of all volunteers and third-sector organisations in our city. Council acknowledges and supports the ongoing work currently being done by the council in this regard. However, to further this commitment, council proposes to establish an annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch to complement and run alongside the already established Volunteer Week. This event will further enhance Volunteer Week and serve as a formal gesture of our gratitude to the city's volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the residents of our city.

In addition, Council notes that from the 24th of June until the 7th of July it is Co-op Fortnight 2024 and that it gives us an opportunity to both recognise and celebrate the important role that volunteers play in the success of co-operatives across the city.

Acknowledges that co-operatives across Glasgow often rely on their members to take up volunteering roles and that this can be an incredibly rewarding experience which allows people to learn new skills, meet new people and give all involved an equal and meaningful say.

Believes that Co-op Fortnight gives us as a Council the opportunity to renew our support for co-operatives in our city and backs calls from Co-operatives UK to commit to co-operative growth.

Notes that Glasgow City Council has been a proud member of the Co-operative Councils' Innovation Network and hopes that through the network, it continues to learn from best practice across the UK and world to make Glasgow a more progressive and co-operative city.

As a council, we would like to thank all volunteers for their invaluable service."

Councillor McTaggart, seconded by Councillor Blench, moved as amendment that:-

- (1) to delete paragraph 3 and replace with the following:

"Council recognises Glasgow Life's volunteer programme had its biggest year ever in 2023/24, with more than 6,000 volunteers donating over 100,000 hours of their time. Council notes that in a 2023 survey of their volunteers, 93% rated their experience as excellent or very good and recognises that the wider voluntary sector in Glasgow reports similar positive outcomes."

- (2) after paragraph 4, insert the following:

"Council recognises that Glasgow Life made the most of the 40th anniversary of Volunteers Week Scotland by celebrating the outstanding support of thousands of volunteers who help the organisation make a real difference, either at major events hosted in Glasgow or in regular roles supporting programmes delivered through museums, arts and music venues and community facilities.

Council further recognises that the Community Grant Fund co-designed and created by Glasgow City Council with the Glasgow Council for Voluntary Service and others funds 220 organisations to deliver diverse programmes of activity at a city-wide and local level.

Council further notes that last year a Glasgow Volunteering Strategy Board was established to govern a full refresh of the Council's five-year Volunteering Strategy and looks forward to this being reported to elected members in due course."

- (3) to delete the following at paragraph 5:

"However, to further this commitment, council proposes to establish an annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch to complement and run alongside the already established Volunteer Week. This event will further enhance Volunteer Week and serve as a formal gesture of our gratitude to the city's volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the residents of our city",

and replace with:

"Council requests that the Lord Provost give consideration to hosting an annual Volunteer Appreciation Civic Lunch or other appropriate event to

complement and run alongside the already established Volunteer Week as a formal gesture of our gratitude to the city's volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the residents of our city.

Council further notes that during Glasgow's 850th birthday celebrations to take place throughout 2025, there will be a particular focus on volunteering and an official 850 volunteer programme, which will build on the success of previous programmes such as during the Commonwealth Games, European Championships, COP26 and UCI World Cycling Championships to provide opportunities for residents to support their fellow Glaswegians through volunteering."

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

(1) at paragraph 3, after:

"providing more than 30,000 hours of voluntary service", insert the following:

"within Glasgow Life services."; and

at the end of last sentence, insert the following:

"Council notes Volunteer Glasgow's work to further enhance volunteering opportunities across Glasgow, Council however acknowledges the barriers to volunteering, such as socio-economic deprivation factors, with 14% of adults living in the first quintile SIMD volunteering compared to 27% of those living in the fifth quintile of SIMD areas across Scotland, according to the Scottish Household Survey of 2022.

Council wishes there to be less barriers for people and voluntary groups in areas of higher deprivation from being engaged in volunteering activities. For example, Council opposes Disclosure Scotland's plan for removal of the PVG membership application fee waiver for volunteers in qualifying voluntary organisations.

In this period of economic and social uncertainty, this work has become even more crucial. Council recognises the important role that volunteers, and third-sector organisations play in our city. Their efforts are essential in addressing the gaps and needs within our communities. As a council, we are committed to recognising, supporting, and celebrating the efforts of these volunteers who play a vital part in maintaining the well-being and support structures of our city.";

(2) at the end of paragraph 4, insert the following:

"Council will continue to play a constructive role with third and public sector partners in developing a Volunteering Strategy that seeks to address the issues and barriers to volunteering, as well as advocating for the adequate resources to achieve the strategy's aims to national Governments. Therefore, council resolves to publicly acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of all

volunteers and third-sector organisations in our city. Council acknowledges and supports the ongoing work currently being done by the council in this regard. However, to further this commitment, council proposes to establish an annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch to complement and run alongside the already established Volunteer Week. This event will further enhance Volunteer Week and serve as a formal gesture of our gratitude to the city's volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the residents of our city.”;

- (3) at paragraph 6, delete the following:

“in the success of co-operatives”.

- (4) at paragraph 7, delete the following:

“Acknowledges that co-operatives across Glasgow often rely on their members to take up volunteering roles and that this can be an incredibly rewarding experience which allows people to learn new skills, meet new people and give all involved an equal and meaningful say.”;

- (5) at paragraph 8, after:

“Believes that Co-op Fortnight gives us as a Council the opportunity to renew our support for co-operatives in our city and backs calls from Co-operatives UK to commit to co-operative growth.”, insert the following:

“Council recognises the democratic and economic benefit which Co-ops bring to our society. Council will therefore write to CoSLA to ask that they ensure Councils & Government focus on providing further support to co-operatives within the aims of the National Strategy for Economic Transformation via the leadership group it is a part of when it convenes. Council acknowledges that Co-ops UK holds an annual congress which brings together many Co-ops across the country in exploring innovative ideas and the needs of co-operatives to thrive. Council acknowledges the merits of Glasgow hosting Co-ops UK Congress as a city with a growing co-operative network, and seeks to discuss with Co-ops UK the potential of Glasgow being a host city for a Co-ops UK Congress.”

- (6) at paragraph 9, delete the following:

“continues to”, then insert

“should”, then after

“learn”, insert the following:

“more from best practice across the UK and world to make Glasgow a more progressive and co-operative city; and

at the end of the paragraph insert the following:

“Council recognises that 2025 is the UN International Year of Co-operatives. Councils across the UK can help to support a thriving co-operative ecosystem. Council notes work in establishing a Co-operative Development Agency in Islington, with support from Islington Borough Council, in 2022 as a body to help support the growth of co-operatives into the economy. Council notes that Glasgow as a co-operative city must look to see how further Council can enhance support to foster growth of co-operatives across sectors of our economy.”; and

(7) at paragraph 10, after

“As a council, we would like to thank all volunteers”, insert the following:

“and co-operatives for their”,

and after:

“invaluable service”, insert the following;

“and contribution to a more democratic economy.”

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

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Council can enhance support to foster growth of co-operatives across sectors of our economy.

Council will therefore look to having an event after recess to discuss the benefits & challenges in the co-operative sector on a collaborative approach with councillors, council officers, and co-operatives.

As a council, we would like to thank all volunteers and co-operatives for their for their invaluable service and contribution to a more democratic economy."

The motion, as adjusted was approved unanimously.