

“Colourful Heritage” celebrating the history of South Asian communities in Glasgow and Scotland – Motion as adjusted approved.

15 Bailie McCabe, seconded by Councillor Ghani, moved that:-

“Council notes:

- The forthcoming establishment of Scotland’s first permanent memorial to commemorate the service and sacrifice of over 4 million British Indian Army soldiers of diverse faiths who fought alongside British forces during both World Wars, to be located in the grounds of Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum.
- The memorial has engaged a wide range of schools and community groups, helping to highlight the significant contribution of the British Indian Army to the city’s and Scotland’s shared history.
- Led by Colourful Heritage, a Glasgow-based charitable initiative dedicated to preserving and celebrating the South Asian and Muslim heritage in Scotland through oral histories, exhibitions, and educational outreach, the project has received cross-party support and secured planning permission from Glasgow City Council.
- Council also notes that Glasgow Life has supported this work and has ensured that this history and contribution to the city is told as is the history of the wider South Asian community by projects such as the display at the Riverside Museum which explores the lives of the Lascars – South Asian seamen - who sailed on British ships and who were once regularly seen in Glasgow.
- Colourful Heritage has created Scotland’s largest archive of South Asian and Muslim migrant stories, partnering with local institutions to promote awareness of this important heritage including the ‘GlaswegAsians’ exhibition and the schools digital resource pack, fostering community cohesion and education.

Council believes:

- The memorial will provide a focal point for learning, reflection, and recognition of the contributions made by soldiers from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and other nations to the UK and Scotland.
- Glasgow should continue to acknowledge the importance of this shared history, including links such as Scotland’s unique connection with Force K6 and contributors like Isobel Harling BEM, and ensure all communities are represented.
- Supporting heritage projects such as those delivered by Colourful Heritage strengthens social inclusion and broadens understanding of Glasgow’s diverse history.

Council resolves to:

- Support Colourful Heritage in the delivery and ongoing educational outreach of the British Indian Army Memorial.
- Promote the memorial as a shared heritage resource, encouraging Glaswegians to engage with and learn about this aspect of our city’s history.

- Mark the completion of the memorial with formal civic recognition and to collaborate on commemorative and educational programmes connected to the memorial's purpose.
- Encourage local schools, community groups, and cultural organisations to participate in activities and programmes developed in connection with the memorial and Colourful Heritage's work."

Bailie Siddique, seconded by Bailie Murray, moved as an amendment to insert the following new bullet in "Council resolves to":

- "Commits to continuing cross-party collaboration to ensure heritage projects like the British Indian Army Memorial receive sustainable support and recognition, and to explore opportunities for further educational partnerships and civic events that celebrate Glasgow's diverse communities."

Bailie Wardrop, seconded by Councillor Gallagher, moved as an amendment that at the end of the final bulleted list, add the following additional bullet point:

- "Engage with organisations involved in supporting memorials around the UK honouring soldiers of South Asian heritage to reflect on shared histories and opportunities for further learning."

Bailie McCabe, with the approval of his seconder, accepted the amendments by Bailie Siddique and Bailie Wardrop, resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

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Council resolves to:

- Support Colourful Heritage in the delivery and ongoing educational outreach of the British Indian Army Memorial and the shared values it represents.
- Promote the memorial as a shared heritage resource, encouraging Glaswegians to engage with and learn about this aspect of our city's history.
- Mark the completion of the memorial with formal civic recognition and to collaborate on commemorative and educational programmes connected to the memorial's purpose.
- Encourage local schools, community groups, and cultural organisations to participate in activities and programmes developed in connection with the memorial and Colourful Heritage's work.
- Commits to continuing cross-party collaboration to ensure heritage projects like the British Indian Army Memorial receives sustainable support and recognition, and to explore opportunities for further educational partnerships and civic events that celebrate Glasgow's diverse communities.
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The motion as adjusted was thereafter unanimously approved.

Adjournment.

16 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 9(f), 9(g), 9(h), 9(i) and 9(j).