

Full Council Meeting - 13th September 2017

Posted by Newsline - 12 Sep 2017 08:37

There is one motion for discussion at the full council meeting at 7p

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Re: Full Council Meeting - 13th September 2017

Posted by Newsline - 14 Sep 2017 19:00

Newsline has now had an opportunity to watch the webcast.

In our opinion democracy in East Ren would appear to be in question.

Provost Fletcher blocks two elected members from getting answers to their questions.

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- **Why has Cllr Convery resigned from Barrhead housing board.**

Provost or is it still leader Fletcher says they will not be told in the televised open meeting.

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Posted by Newsline - 14 Sep 2017 19:07

Conservative group leader Stewart Miller read out the report from the chief auditor and said that the internal control of finances is adequate and effective, with the exception of creditors.

However he made no mention of the circumstances surrounding Cllrs expenses.

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Posted by Newsline - 14 Sep 2017 19:16

The specific wording used can be accessed on the council webcam site.

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Posted by Newsline - 15 Sep 2017 04:55

Meanwhile a replacement for Cllr Convery is sought to be appointed to the board of Barrhead housing as she is leaving the board.

This is thought to be somewhat unusual as she was only appointed a few months ago.

Cllr Devlin asked the reason why she was leaving and is told by the Provost that he will not get an answer in the public forum but to ask Cllr Convery privately at the conclusion of the meeting.

Cllr Ireland was quickly nominated to replace her by Leader Buchanan.

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Posted by Newsline - 15 Sep 2017 04:59

Throughout the meeting, in our opinion there were indications that Jim Fletcher was acting as chair and leader. This has been noticed at previous meetings also where it was felt by some observers that some of his decisions and comments should possibly have been made by the leader and not him.

Begging the question, who is the true leader?.

There is an individual who is being paid for the role, yet it appears to some that Cllr Fletcher has not actually handed over the role in its entirety.

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Re: Full Council Meeting - 13th September 2017

Posted by RM64 - 15 Sep 2017 16:43

Geddes wrote -

Cllr Macdonald asked twice in two separate debates whether members of the Quango would be paid. TWICE he asked , only to be informed that the report (which he might be expected to have read) stated in black and white that they would not be paid.

When asked the reasons for asking the questions, Cllr MacDonald replied -

'The reason why I asked these questions during the council meeting was to find out if the proposed committee and group of Education officers were to be paid anything in addition to their present salaries/allowances for taking part as I feel that it is important that people know how much the now approved local education group body is costing the tax payer. '

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