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New EDMs

1212 **Appocom Kitchen 5th anniversary**

Tabled: **24/05/23** Signatories: **1**

David Linden

That this House celebrates the 5th anniversary of Appocom in Glasgow East constituency; notes that Appocom Kitchen opened its doors in May 2018, serving the east end of Glasgow a variety of African delicacies; commends the Appocom Kitchen for their work in the community, whether this is hosting cooking lessons for children to teach them about different food and cultures or providing culinary training to people of African descent so that they can make traditional African home-cooked meals; and wishes the Appocom Kitchen a successful celebration for their fifth anniversary and a prosperous future as they continue to serve the east end community.

1213 **Contribution of international students**

Tabled: **24/05/23** Signatories: **1**

Alyn Smith

That this House condemns proposals by the Government to further restrict visas for overseas students and their dependents from coming to the UK for study and research; notes with concern that these proposals are likely to disproportionately affect female international students and single-parents who may wish to bring their children; celebrates the contribution that international students bring to the economy and our local communities; further notes that international students provided a net contribution of £37.4 billion to the UK economy as recently as 2021-22 and enrich local communities with their knowledge and experiences; notes with concern that UK universities are already facing difficulties in attracting overseas students and researchers due to the decision to withdraw from the EU's Horizon and Erasmus+ programmes; and urges the Government to

withdraw its proposals to restrict visas for overseas students and to engage constructively with the university and higher education sector to help them address the challenges they face.

1214 Cross Stobs Inn, Barrhead

Tabled: **24/05/23** Signatories: **1**

Kirsten Oswald

That this House congratulates the Cross Stobs Inn, located on Grahamston Road Barrhead, on being awarded the title of Best Independent Bar in the central belt at the Scottish Hospitality and Food Awards ceremony on Thursday 18 May 2023; notes that the Cross Stobs Inn was also ranked as the runner-up for the Best Sports Bar award; welcomes this recognition of the hard work which goes into delivering a great service; highlights that the pub is located in a seventeenth-century coach house; recognises the hard work of Jonathan Wengel, who has owned the pub for seven years, and the commitment of all the staff at the Cross Stobs Inn to delivering an exemplary service and a good atmosphere; further highlights the important role that pubs play within local communities across East Renfrewshire economically and socially; and wishes all the staff and customers of the Cross Stobs Inn the very best for the future.

1215 Alcohol labelling in Ireland

Tabled: **24/05/23** Signatories: **5**

Dan Carden

Rachael Maskell

Grahame Morris

Ian Mearns

Mary Kelly Foy

That this House congratulates the pioneering efforts of the Irish Government for introducing mandatory health labelling on alcoholic drinks to alert consumers to calorie content, grams of alcohol, risks of cancer and liver disease and dangers of drinking while pregnant; recognises that standardised health labelling enable consumers to make informed decisions on alcohol consumption; notes that other food, drink and tobacco products contain clear health information, and where necessary, health warnings, therefore mandatory health labelling of alcohol products would be in line with existing practices; is alarmed that alcohol, like tobacco and asbestos, is a group 1 carcinogen and linked to over 100 illnesses yet such risks are not part of UK alcohol labelling requirements; is concerned that the current voluntary self-regulatory UK model of alcohol labelling does not sufficiently inform consumers; and calls on the Government to follow Ireland's leadership and introduce mandatory health labelling on alcohol products that informs consumers of the significant health risks, to help reduce soaring rates of alcohol harm in the UK.

1216 Changes to Bupa Dental Care

Tabled: **24/05/23** Signatories: **1**

Tony Lloyd

That this House expresses concern that Bupa have taken the decision to close, sell or merge a total of 85 dental practices across the UK, the majority of which are focused on providing NHS dentistry; notes that for Bupa this is simply a portfolio change with no recognition that this will have a very serious impact on people who use their dental services, particularly areas where there are significant shortages in dentists and dental care; recognises that an estimated 4 million people cannot access NHS dental care without being able to afford to seek private dental care; further notes that

Ministers have been promising reform since 2010; and calls on the Government to ensure that it delivers access to modern dentistry for those who need it.

1217 Mearns Castle High School fun run

Tabled: 24/05/23 Signatories: 1

Kirsten Oswald

That this House sends its best wishes to all those involved in organising and participating in the Mearns Castle High School fun run on 31 May 2023; commends the charitable nature of the fun run and highlights that the Mearns Castle Medic Society have organised this run as their end of term event; notes that the Medic Society are participating in the fun run in order to raise money for the Royal Benevolent Medical Fund; understands that the Royal Benevolent Medical Fund is the UK's charity for doctors, medical students and their families, and works to provide financial support in the form of grants and loans to those who may require assistance; and wishes all those involved in the Medic Society and Mearns Castle High School a successful fun run and all the very best for their future studies.

1218 Arrest of Mohammad Sanquor in Bahrain

Tabled: 24/05/23 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House strongly condemns the arrest of leading Shia cleric Mohammad Sanquor, after he called on authorities to declare the fate of death row inmates following allegations they were assaulted and called for the release of political prisoners during Friday prayers; regrets that this arrest represents a clear violation of freedom of speech and freedom of religious practice; expresses concern at this escalation in repression by the government of Bahrain; notes the spread of protests across the country following the arrest and urges the UK Government to make representations to Bahrain to guarantee freedom of assembly; calls for the immediate release of Sheikh Mohammed Sanquor and for all charges against him to be dropped; and urges the UK Government to call on the government of Bahrain to end its systematic persecution of the majority Shia population.

1219 3rd Bo'ness Scout Group

Tabled: 24/05/23 Signatories: 1

Martyn Day

That this House congratulates the 3rd Bo'ness Scout Group on their Birdie and Breakfast project that aims to install 30 birdhouses in its local area to provide essential nesting areas; notes that these will benefit many species of birds by giving them shelter and a safer place to raise young, thereby boosting their population; further notes that this will reduce common garden pests without using pesticides; recognises that the program will also see young people building the nesting boxes, which will develop skills as well as introduce them to British wildlife; and further recognises the increase in plant pollination it will create across the local community, which will benefit the environment.

Added Names

Below are EDMs tabled in the last two weeks to which names have been added. Only the first 6 names and any new names are included.

1151 Clydebank FC 2005s, Scottish Cup Champions

Tabled: 10/05/23 Signatories: 7

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Chris Law
Patrick Grady
Allan Dorans
Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon

Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates the players and coaches of Clydebank FC 2005s on winning the InspireSport Scottish Youth FA Cup Final after defeating Hillwood FC 2005s 2-0; believes this is a fantastic achievement and is the culmination of a great deal of hard work and team work; and wishes the players and coaches well in their future endeavours.

1153 S-Mart Social Supermarket

Tabled: 10/05/23 Signatories: 7

Dave Doogan
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Chris Stephens
John McDonnell

Anne McLaughlin

That this House commends the efforts of the S-Mart Social Supermarket in Forfar to tackle poverty and food waste in their community; notes that since opening in 2020, the enterprise has saved more than 300 tonnes of food going to landfill, the equivalent of 730,000 meals; recognises the wide range of support and services on offer, including space for local SMEs, employment training, work placements, money management support, sustainable clothing, a community café and an outdoor town garden; congratulates CEO Pauline Lockhart and her team for the immense social benefit they provide to their community; and wishes them well for the future.

1156 Remembering Leah Sharibu on the occasion of her 20th birthday

Tabled: 11/05/23 Signatories: 13

Brendan O'Hara
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Patrick Grady
Chris Law

John McDonnell

That this House sends its sincere best wishes, as well as its renewed hopes for her speedy release from captivity, to Leah Sharibu on the occasion of her 20th birthday on 14 May; notes with deep regret that this will be the sixth birthday Leah has had to face since being kidnapped and held in sexual slavery by Islamic State West Africa Province following their 2018 attack a girl's school in Dapchi, Yobe State, Nigeria, in which they killed five of the girls and abducted 104 others; recognises that of all the kidnapped girls, Leah is the only one who remains in captivity, reportedly because of her refusal to renounce her Christian faith and convert to Islam; understands that there is credible evidence to say that Leah is still alive; and therefore amplifies the oft repeated call for the government and the Nigerian authorities to do everything they can to secure Leah's timely release and allow her to be reunited with her family.

1157 Express direct rail services between Stirling and London

Tabled: 11/05/23 Signatories: 8

Alyn Smith
Patrick Grady
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Chris Stephens

John McDonnell

Anne McLaughlin

That this House welcomes the proposals of Grand Union Trains to open a new train service from Stirling to London Euston; notes that Grand Union has been granted the right to introduce a similar service between London Paddington and Carmarthen; believes that a new direct service between Stirling and London will improve connectivity with calls along the route in Falkirk, Lanarkshire and South West Scotland as well as through England; further notes that the route will support the creation of approximately 100 jobs, primarily in Scotland and North West England whilst also reducing congestion along existing routes from Glasgow and Edinburgh to London and attract passengers from air reducing emissions; and further believes that the introduction of new train operators will provide higher quality rail travel at lower consumer costs which will help improve transport links across these islands.

1158 Alzheimer Scotland and Dementia Awareness Week

Tabled: 11/05/23 Signatories: 20

Kirsten Oswald
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Patrick Grady
Richard Burgon

John McDonnell

Dr Philippa Whitford

Anne McLaughlin

That this House recognises Dementia Action Week in England and Wales which is taking place from 16 to 22 May and Dementia Awareness Week in Scotland which is taking place from 29 May to 4 June; understands this year's Dementia Awareness Week in Scotland focuses on tackling the stigma faced by people living with dementia, particularly those who face it earlier in life; highlights the important work carried out by Alzheimer Scotland, Scotland's national dementia charity, which provides support and information for people with dementia, their loved ones, and carers; notes the wide range of services offered by Alzheimer Scotland, including 25 Dementia Resource Centres across the country which provide safe and friendly environments for people with dementia to visit and take part in therapeutic activity groups, a 24-hour freephone Dementia Helpline which provides information and emotional support to those living with dementia, and a network of Dementia Advisors and Post Diagnostic Support Link Workers working in local communities to support people with a diagnosis; further understands the important campaign work also carried out by Alzheimer Scotland to improve the provision of services for people with dementia and to increase the funds available for vital dementia research and the number of people participating in dementia research; applauds the fantastic work of all those involved with Alzheimer Scotland who are supporting those living with dementia and their carers; and wishes everyone at Alzheimer Scotland well as they continue their important work.

1159 Dangerous Dogs Act 1991

Tabled: 11/05/23 Signatories: 14

Wayne David
Rosie Duffield [R]
Jonathan Edwards
Christina Rees
Caroline Lucas
Sir Mike Penning

John McDonnell

Ian Mearns

This House is concerned at the increasing number of dog attacks and is alarmed that 13 people have been killed as a result of a dog attack since the start of 2022 and more have been seriously injured; notes that the cost to the NHS of dog bites has been calculated at £777 million per year; recognises that an approach based on breed specific legislation has failed and that the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 is woefully ineffective; looks forward to the publication of recommendations by the Government's Responsible Dog Ownership working group and calls for this to take place before the summer recess; and further calls on the Government to introduce new legislation covering all aspects of the control of dangerous dogs that protects the public, promotes responsible dog ownership and improves animal welfare.

1162 Jazzle Dazzle Studios, AllStar World Champions

Tabled: 15/05/23 Signatories: 8

Gavin Newlands
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Chris Stephens
Alison Thewliss

Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates Jazzle Dazzle Studios in Renfrew on being crowned World Champions in three events, and winning the silver medal in another, in the AllStar Open World Championships in Orlando, Florida; applauds coaches Jackie Bryceland and Michelle Holmes, alongside senior dancers Eilidh, Ellie, Emma, Grace, Kayleigh, Layla, Megan and Rachel, and mini dancers Carly, Gabrielle, Indie, Lauren, Olivia, Orla, Rachel and Robyn; salutes Jazzle Dazzle Studios in Renfrew, who opened in 2012 with only twelve children, on their success and ability to continue to grow the studio year on year; commends their continual success competing and winning trophies in national, European and World events over the years; praises Jazzle Dazzle and their coaches for providing a positive, nurturing and sociable environment for local children and adults and their continued ambition to promote the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle; notes that, for some of the seniors who competed this year, this will be their last season competing; and wishes all the Jazzle Dazzle dancers and coaches the best of luck and all success in future competitions.

1163 Anti-social behaviour on greenways

Tabled: 15/05/23 Signatories: 13

Mr Barry Sheerman
Margaret Ferrier
Douglas Chapman
Sir Peter Bottomley
Mike Amesbury
Chris Stephens

John McDonnell

That this House highlights the important value of green space to individuals and their wellbeing; consequently acknowledges the need to reserve greenways to ensure pedestrian and cyclist access to greenways as a means of leisure and safe pedestrian transportation; is concerned by the growing issue of illegal motorcycle use of greenways; is concerned by the safety and anti-social impact of such illegal activity; calls on the Government to provide all relevant organisations with sufficient financial and human resources to combat illegal use of greenways.

1165 Giffnock Primary School 120th anniversary

Tabled: 15/05/23 Signatories: 7

Kirsten Oswald
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Patrick Grady
Chris Stephens

Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates all at Giffnock Primary School on the occasion of reaching 120 years, the school having first opened its doors at 10am on 11 November 1902 with 27 pupils in attendance; notes that Giffnock Primary School was initially based in the Tower of Orchardhill Parish Church due to a lack of suitable premises in the Giffnock area as the community expanded in the early 20th century; understands that Giffnock Primary School continues to have a strong relationship with Orchardhill Parish Church including as part of an intergenerational project at the Old Schoolroom Museum which charts the changes from 1900 to the present day in learning, technology, family life, toys, pastimes, and community life; highlights that this significant birthday will be celebrated on 25 May 2023 with a 120 Year Tea Party Celebration; and wishes all the pupils, teachers, parents, and others involved with Giffnock Primary School and Nursery today and in years past a very happy 120 years and all the very best for the future.

1166 Statutory Assessment Tests

Tabled: 15/05/23 Signatories: 15

Mike Amesbury
Mary Kelly Foy
Kate Hollern
Jon Trickett
Ian Mearns
Nadia Whittome

John McDonnell

This House notes that the Y6 SAT reading tests on 10 May were not acceptable; notes they had a negative impact on children, left many visibly upset and made many children feel like failures because they could not finish the tests; notes SATs have a negative impact on children's mental health and well being; further notes that children are putting themselves under immense pressure to perform well in these tests; observes that research has shown that SATs can lead to increased anxiety, stress and even depression in children; believes that SATs can be detrimental to the overall learning experience of children; further notes that SATs have been criticised by the teaching profession and parents for placing undue pressure on our children; further believes that well-designed tests should inform parents and high schools how well children are doing but that unfortunately many teachers and parents believe the current Y6 SATs arrangement fails on both measures and place undue pressure on our children; further believes that there needs to be a review of the SAT tests; and concludes that we need to find a solution to the negative impact of SATs on the mental health and well being of children.

1168 Irvine's Bakery, Garnock Valley and Scottish Baker of the Year Awards 2023

Tabled: 15/05/23 Signatories: 6

Patricia Gibson
Chris Law
Martin Docherty-Hughes
Allan Dorans
Chris Stephens
Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates Irvine's Bakery with outlets in Beith, Kilbirnie and Dalry on adding to its already numerous accolades upon securing awards at the Scottish Baker of the Year Awards 2023; acknowledges that this unique competition, organised by Scottish Bakers, receives over 630 submissions of baked goods from 70 bakeries, which are tasted by 50 industry experts who evaluate their appearance, baking quality and taste; recognises the achievements of Irvine's Bakery in gaining a gold regional award and national bronze award for its chicken and black pudding pie, a gold regional award for its toffee biscuits, and a regional bronze award for its Scotch morning rolls; understands that the awards recognise the excellence and creativity required to provide quality fresh produce, made from locally sourced ingredients; believes that this latest recognition of the passion, dedication and craftsmanship of Irvine's Bakery staff is truly well deserved; and commends the fact that Irvine's Bakery, owned by Maurice Irvine, has become a beloved institution across North Ayrshire, run by the Irvine family for over 100 years.

1171 Kandy Bar Bakery

Tabled: 16/05/23 Signatories: 6

Patricia Gibson
Allan Dorans
Chris Stephens
Chris Law
Jim Shannon
Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates Kandy Bar of Saltcoats, West Kilbride and Kilwinning on adding to its already numerous accolades by winning awards at the Scottish Baker of the Year awards ceremony 2023; understands that this unique competition, organised by Scottish Bakers, receives over 630 submissions of baked goods from 70 bakeries, which are tasted by 50 industry experts who evaluate their appearance, baking quality and taste; recognises the achievements of the Kandy Bar in gaining national bronze awards and regional silver award for their Scotch morning rolls as well as a national bronze award for their potato scones and a regional bronze award for their party faced biscuits; acknowledges that this recognition comes in the wake of its previous wins at the 22nd World Championship Scotch Pie Awards of 2022; appreciates that the Scottish Baker of the Year awards recognise the excellence and creativity required to provide quality fresh produce, made from locally sourced ingredients; further understands that the Kandy Bar is a family business, which is well patronised by local residents; commends the owners Stephen and Rona McAllister who, with their dedicated and skilled staff, work so diligently in the bakery's fast paced environment; is aware that Kandy Bar, established in 1929 by the McAllister family, has become an institution across North Ayrshire; and wishes the bakery and its staff continued success providing products and service to customers across North Ayrshire.

1176 National Union of Journalists' proposed strike action in Northern Ireland

Tabled: 16/05/23 Signatories: 7

Colum Eastwood
Mary Kelly Foy
Neale Hanvey
Chris Stephens
Ian Lavery
Rachael Maskell

Jon Trickett

That this House commends the National Union of Journalists for its planned strike action aimed at opposing cuts to jobs and programmes across the BBC in Northern Ireland; recognises the need to maintain local programming such as the Radio Foyle Breakfast show, which has been cut by BBC executives; further recognises the vital role played by Radio Foyle in providing news, information and entertainment to the people of Northern Ireland; acknowledges the adverse impact that these cuts would have on the quality and diversity of media coverage in the region; notes the importance of independent journalism in promoting transparency, accountability and democratic discourse; and urges the Government and BBC executives to reverse the cuts and engage in meaningful dialogue with the National Union of Journalists and other stakeholders to ensure the preservation of essential media services in Northern Ireland.

1179 Derry Girls receipt of BAFTA TV Awards

Tabled: 16/05/23 Signatories: 14

Colum Eastwood
Mary Kelly Foy
Grahame Morris
Patrick Grady
Chris Stephens
Alison Thewliss

Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates the cast, crew and production team of Derry Girls for their outstanding achievements at the BAFTA TV Awards; commends Lisa McGee, the show's writer, on receiving the BAFTA for scripted comedy, and Siobhán McSweeney for winning the award for best female performance in a comedy programme; acknowledges the significant impact of Derry Girls in capturing the spirit of teenage life during the Troubles in Northern Ireland; recognises the show's ability to find humour in challenging circumstances and its universal appeal; and appreciates the dedication and talent displayed by the entire Derry Girls team in promoting a positive version of Derry City and its people.

1180 150th anniversary of the death of David Livingstone

Tabled: 17/05/23 Signatories: 12

Chris Law
 Alison Thewliss
 Chris Stephens
 Liz Saville Roberts
 Ben Lake
 Hywel Williams

Anne McLaughlin

That this House marks the 150th anniversary of the death of David Livingstone, who remains one of the UK's most well-known historical figures; acknowledges Livingstone's remarkable life as the son of a mill-worker from Blantyre, who was initially self-taught and qualified as a medical doctor at the University of Glasgow, before later leading mapping and exploration expeditions in Central and East Africa; recognises the stance he took against slavery and his continued remembrance in East Africa and particularly Malawi, where he spent much of his life; understands that, viewed through a modern lens, Livingstone's legacy like many of his era can be challenging, however believes this offers us an opportunity to review our role and understanding of the UK's connection with Africa through his life; notes that a major refurbishment has been completed at the The David Livingstone Birthplace Museum in Blantyre, a museum and centre for exploring historic and contemporary experiences of black history and colonisation; further notes that the David Livingstone Trust has begun exploring how Livingstone's life and legacy retains relevance in a society that has, over the last century, radically re-evaluated many of the areas that his life touched on, including but not limited to spirituality and faith, colonialism and slavery, and the UK's relationship with Africa; and commends the ambition of the David Livingstone Trust to use his legacy as the catalyst for the formation of a National Centre for the Study of the UK's Colonial Legacy at Blantyre.

1181 Extrajudicial executions in Iran (No. 2)

Tabled: 17/05/23 Signatories: 16

John McDonnell
 Mary Kelly Foy
 Alison Thewliss
 Chris Law
 Chris Stephens
 Liz Saville Roberts

Ian Mearns

Anne McLaughlin

This House is deeply concerned by the extrajudicial executions of Shademan Ahmadi, Atefeh Naami, Emad Heidari Nokish, Esmail Dezvar, Saman Ghaderpor, Matin Nasri, Samira Ebrahimi, Sarina Shiri, Mohamad Abdullahi, Esmail Dazvar, Mohamad Abdullahi, Ali Bani Asad by the Iranian state; sends condolences to the family and friends of the victims; condemns the actions of the Iranian regime in perpetrating these crimes; and urges the Government to call on the Islamic Republic of Iran to stop executing protestors and to stop violating women's and other citizen's rights and freedoms.

1184 Zero hours contractsTabled: **18/05/23** Signatories: **24**

Ian Lavery
Andy McDonald
Rebecca Long Bailey
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Ian Byrne
John McDonnell

Jon Trickett

That this House notes the data released by The Office for National Statistics that shows that 1.1 million UK workers are employed on zero hours contracts, a ten fold increase since 2004; understands that in England 3.5 percent of those in work, have no set hours, meaning they are often unaware of how many shifts they will work each week or what they will be paid, this includes 33,000 workers in the North East; notes that the comparative figures for the rest of the UK are Northern Ireland 1.3 per cent, Wales 2.8 per cent and Scotland 3.9 per cent; believes that sectors such as food and accommodation, health and social care and elementary occupations use zero hours contracts the most and that young people, especially those working and in full time education and workers born outside of the UK are disproportionately affected by this form of precarious employment; and calls on the UK and devolved Governments, public bodies and businesses to take action to end the use of zero hours contracts across the economy.

1185 Reopening of the West Boathouse on Glasgow GreenTabled: **18/05/23** Signatories: **5**

Alison Thewliss
Allan Dorans
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Jim Shannon
Anne McLaughlin

That this House welcomes the grand reopening of the West Boathouse on Glasgow Green on Sunday, May 14; acknowledges that the boathouse acts as a central base for three Glasgow rowing clubs, Clyde Amateur Rowing Club, Clydesdale Amateur Rowing Club, and Strathclyde University Boat Club; notes that the reopening event, Up the Watter, was attended by more than 250 people and included a ceremony where a specially commissioned flag was carried on boat down the River Clyde where it was raised, as well as an afternoon of crafting activities, tours, rowing demonstrations and music; recognises that since its initial opening in 1905, the West Boathouse has played a central role in Glasgow's sporting and community life; congratulates ARPL Architects and Glasgow Building Preservation Trust on their successful restoration and futureproofing of the building, which has included improvements in accessibility, flexible multi-use spaces, and a bespoke pontoon for easier access to the river; appreciates the contributions of all of the building's funders, including the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Historic Environment Scotland, the Robertson Trust, Glasgow City Council and the William Grant Foundation; and wishes all involved the best in all future endeavours.

1187 Northwich Victoria Football Club

Tabled: 18/05/23 Signatories: 4

Mike Amesbury
Jim Shannon
Jon Trickett
Ian Mearns

That this House expresses its disappointment with the Football Association decision to move Northwich Victoria Football Club to the Midlands League; notes that other grassroots football teams are being moved to the Midlands league; further notes that Northwich Victoria are a North West Club and now its 149 year history has been put in jeopardy; is concerned by the financial implications the move would have and that the player availability of the current squad could mean they may not be able to continue as a football club; notes the club regrets that there has been no correspondence or dialogue with the Football Association on the impact this will have with community clubs across the country and that the community clubs have over 20 plus junior teams and 400 children playing under the banner of Northwich Victoria; regrets that this move will have an immediate effect on its status as a community accredited football club as created by the Football Association; and believes if the move goes ahead it will be impossible for it to continue as a club and stay solvent due to the additional financial cost that will be incurred.

1189 Promotion of Abercynon RFC, Aberdare RFC and Abercwmboi RFC

Tabled: 18/05/23 Signatories: 7

Beth Winter
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

Jon Trickett

That this House celebrates the promotion of Cynon Valley rugby clubs Abercynon RFC, Aberdare RFC and Abercwmboi RFC to Welsh Rugby Union League 1 East Central; notes the efforts the clubs have put into developing their own Mini, Junior and Youth sections; further notes they will join Mountain Ash RFC and Ynysybwl RFC in the same league; believes this is the first time five teams from Cynon Valley have been represented in that division; congratulates each club's officials, players volunteers and supporters; and commends the continued flourishing of rugby union in the valley and the role of local rugby clubs for providing a positive contribution and focal point for community life.

1190 2023 Cambuslang and Rutherglen Sports Council Awards

Tabled: 18/05/23 Signatories: 4

Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Patricia Gibson
Chris Stephens

That this House celebrates each of the winners at the 2023 Cambuslang and Rutherglen Sports Council Awards: Burgh Primary School, Stonelaw High School, Cambuslang and Stonelaw Under 14s Rugby Club, Abbie Fountain, Sophia Martin, Katy Baird, Kai Hunter, Craig Burnett and Billy Hepburn; commends the commitment, hard work and talent displayed by each of the award recipients; acknowledges the important role sport plays in young people's development; and thanks

the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Sports Council for their work in recognising sporting ability in the community.

1191 Drax Hall, Barbados

Tabled: **22/05/23** Signatories: **4**

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Jeremy Corbyn
John McDonnell
Mary Kelly Foy

That this House acknowledges discussions around the ownership of Drax Hall Estate, a sugarcane plantation in St George, Barbados; notes that the Drax family generated large sums of wealth from the Drax Hall slave plantation, the family were financially compensated for the loss of 189 slaves during the abolition of slavery, and that the plantation is still used to harvest sugar and is estimated to be worth £4.7 million; is aware that Sir James Drax is attributed as being one of the first slave owners to convert from using indentured labour, where the worker can be freed once their debts have been paid, to enslaved labour, where the worker has no rights and may never go free; is saddened that, over 200 years, 30,000 slaves are estimated to have died at the Drax Hall plantation in Barbados and other Drax plantations across the Caribbean; and supports the Barbados Government in their endeavour to have ownership of Drax Hall returned to Barbados.

1192 J&H Cairns

Tabled: **22/05/23** Signatories: **4**

Angela Crawley
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates J&H Cairns of Law following their success at the Scottish Craft Butcher Make it with Haggis Awards 2023; recognises the hard work of Jim and his staff in developing award winning recipes for their Balmoral Pie, Rodeo Burger and Chicken Balmoral; celebrates J&H's offering of craft products as well as the welcoming atmosphere of the family butchers; understands that the business was established by Jim and his father Henry in 1984 and has gone from strength to strength over the last 39 years; and further congratulates J&H Cairns for their success at the World Championship Scotch Pie Awards earlier this year.

1193 Skin Cancer Awareness Month

Tabled: **22/05/23** Signatories: **10**

Amy Callaghan
Rachael Maskell
Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Mary Kelly Foy

Stewart Malcolm McDonald
 Anne McLaughlin

Drew Hendry

Chris Stephens

That this House marks Skin Cancer Awareness Month, which takes place in May 2023; recognises the VAT burn campaign by the hon. Member for East Dunbartonshire to make sunscreen more

affordable for all; notes that 16,744 cases of melanoma skin cancer are diagnosed in the UK each year, with 2,341 deaths resulting from these diagnoses, as well as a further 156,000 cases of non-melanoma skin cancer; and further notes that 90 per cent of melanoma diagnoses would have been preventable with adequate sun protection.

1194 Prestwick Academy Girls Tennis Team, 2023 Tennis Scotland Team of the Year

Tabled: 22/05/23 Signatories: 12

Dr Philippa Whitford
Allan Dorans
Patricia Gibson
Alan Brown
Gavin Newlands
Hannah Bardell

Drew Hendry

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates S4 players Olivia Kidd, Natasha Morrison, Abigail Taylor and Georgia Sanger, of the Prestwick Academy Girls Tennis Team, on their incredible achievement in winning Tennis Scotland's 2023 Team of the Year Award after success in every round of the Scottish Schools Competition led to them finishing as runners up in the Scottish Schools First Division, and qualifying for the Lawn Tennis Association National Finals in Nottingham in July 2022; further congratulates the team's coaches, Nicole Clarke and Gillian McIlroy, along with Elaine Grierson, for her organisational work, and the girls' parents, for their support in transporting them to tennis matches across the country; and applauds that, despite facing exams, the girls have continued to demonstrate dedication, team-work and enthusiasm for both their studies and their sport, and have been excellent role models within the school, with their success encouraging other pupils to participate in sport and physical activity.

1195 Golden Friendships and the Scottish Charity Awards

Tabled: 22/05/23 Signatories: 4

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Golden Friendships on its nomination for the Community Action award at the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations Scottish Charity Awards, to be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Edinburgh on Friday 23 June 2023; notes the vital work of Golden Friendships in helping to alleviate social exclusion for all groups of people by organising entertainment and other activities; celebrates the achievements of all 32 finalists in this year's Scottish Charity Awards; recognises the hard work of the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations in organising and hosting the Scottish Charity Awards annually; and thanks Golden Friendships and all nominated voluntary organisations and individuals for the crucial work that they do in communities across the country.

1196 Wee Play Place, Alexandria and the Scottish Hospitality Awards 2023

Tabled: 22/05/23 Signatories: 5

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates the Wee Play Place, Alexandria on being awarded the Children's Play Centre of the Year at the Scottish Hospitality Awards 2023; understands that this is the second year in a row that the Wee Play Place has had success, having been awarded Best Entertaining Team at the Scottish Hospitality Awards 2022; believes that this success is down to the hard work and dedication of the small team that work in the Wee Play Place who provide such a welcoming and safe environment, whilst supporting the families from the local community and beyond who visit the venue; further believes that the value of children's play centres in nurturing the development of young children through social interaction is of the utmost importance; and wishes everyone involved in the Wee Play Place the very best for the future.

1197 Karen Kelly and Lanark ASC

Tabled: 22/05/23 Signatories: 4

Angela Crawley
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates Lanark Amateur Swimming Club head coach Karen Kelly on her 50th anniversary with the club; notes that Karen joined Lanark ASC as a swimmer aged 10 in 1973 before starting as a poolside helper and progressing from coach to head coach; praises her for her extraordinary work as a volunteer who has coached more than 40 district champions, 15 Scottish junior champions, 12 Scottish schools champions and two Deaflympic athletes earning her multiple awards including Clydesdale Sports Council Coach of the Year and Scottish Amateur Swimming Association coach volunteer of the year; recognises that Karen's commitment and sacrifice as a coach has provided countless swimmers the opportunity to reach their potential and compete at the highest level; commends her for her inspiration, encouragement and support for the club's swimmers; and thanks Karen for her everything she has done for the club.

1198 Proposed withdrawal of day travelcards

Tabled: 22/05/23 Signatories: 13

John McDonnell
Apsana Begum
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Jeremy Corbyn
Ian Mearns
Grahame Morris

Jon Trickett

Chris Stephens

That this House notes that the Mayor of London is considering withdrawing Day Travelcards from sale; further notes that the change is proposed to assist in generating additional income; is mindful that that the likely impact of the withdrawal is to make travel more expensive for passengers who currently purchase Day Travelcards; recognises that National Railcard discounts can be used on Day Travelcards and that these discounts are not available via contactless payment on the London

transport network; further recognises that a recent report by London Travelwatch on digital exclusion found that already one in six people in London say they are unable to buy a ticket as they do not have access to a smartphone or the internet; is concerned that further restricting fares available to purchase as tickets risks exacerbating digital exclusion; believes that scrapping Day Travelcards could disincentivise travel into and around London on public transport and encourage car use as an alternative; understands that the terms of Transport for London's current funding agreement with the Government require it to generate additional revenue; further understands that TfL has forecast a £75m surplus on its budget this year and passenger numbers are rising faster than forecast; therefore calls on TfL and the Mayor of London to retract proposals to withdraw Day Travelcards; and calls on the Government to enable a fair funding arrangement for London's public transport system.

1199 Clwb Rygbi Llanymddyfri, Y Porthmyn (Llandovery Rugby Club)

Tabled: **22/05/23** Signatories: **3**

Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Clwb Rygbi Llanymddyfri, Llandovery RFC, on winning the Indigo Premiership Rugby Championship with a victory of 24-8 against reigning champions Cardiff RFC at the world-famous Arms Park in the capital; congratulates the team, coaches and committee for their remarkable achievement on becoming the Champions of Wales; thanks the Club for bringing joy to followers of the great game of Rugby Union throughout Carmarthenshire and beyond; and recalls the Clubs rallying cry, Ymlaen y Porthmyn, er gwaethaf pawb a phopeth - ni Yma o Hyd, which means, forward the Drovers, despite everything we are still here.

1200 Blasphemy laws in Nigeria

Tabled: **22/05/23** Signatories: **7**

Jim Shannon
Rachael Maskell
Carla Lockhart
Martyn Day
Fiona Bruce
Ms Marie Rimmer

Chris Stephens

That this House condemns the blasphemy laws in Nigeria that have caused individuals with minority beliefs to receive long prison sentences or extreme mob violence; urges President Buhari to pardon those facing the death penalty for alleged blasphemous expressions before he leaves office, including Yahaya Sharif-Aminu, whose case is currently before the Supreme Court; and extends its full support to Yahaya Sharif-Aminu, a 22 year old singer at risk of execution for circulating a song via WhatsApp considered blasphemous.

1201 Impact on patients of NHS practices in absorbent continence product purchasing

Tabled: 22/05/23 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon
Rachael Maskell
Carla Lockhart
Chris Stephens

That this House notes that the current approach by the NHS to the purchasing of absorbent continence products adversely impacts upon patients' safety, quality of life and health outcomes, including avoidable hospital admissions, urinary tract infections, skin conditions, pressure ulcers and overall health and wellbeing; considers that the current focus on unit price, rather than value and assessment of the most clinically appropriate product for a patient, leads to avoidable increases in the number of items used, the cost of laundering clothes and bedding, staff time and avoidable harm to staff and patients, and so to substantial overall increases in the financial cost to the system; and encourages His Majesty's Government to deliver on its commitment to reducing unwarranted variation of care and delivering value based procurement and urgently to review the priorities of and incentives for purchasing managers to ensure that patients access the most clinically appropriate product for them, so improving patient outcomes and quality of life, whilst also reducing avoidable cost to the system.

1203 Government of Wales (Devolved Powers) Bill

Tabled: 22/05/23 Signatories: 5

Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Lord Wigley on his Government of Wales (Devolved Powers) Bill passing its third reading in the House of Lords; notes that the private member's bill would prevent any change or reduction in the Senedd's powers without the support of a super majority of two-thirds of its members, and would formalise relationships of respect between the Welsh and UK Governments; is increasingly concerned that the powers of the Senedd have been undermined by the actions of the UK Government since the Brexit vote; highlights a recent report by the Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales that the status quo or unwinding devolution were neither reliable nor sustainable bases for the future governance of Wales; maintains that self-government is the settled will of the people of Wales following successive referendums in 1997 and 2011; argues that all Members, in Westminster and in Cardiff Bay, should do all they can to ensure its stability and a transparency of its powers; and calls on the UK Government to support the Bill and give it the time it needs to pass through Parliament.

1205 RV Explorer and Scottish Government work on marine conservation

Tabled: 22/05/23 Signatories: 4

Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST), in partnership with Arran Outdoor Education Centre, on the official launch of the RV Arran Coast Explorer, with

the formalities undertaken by Màiri McAllan MSP, the Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition; is aware that this multifunction vessel will help deliver a range of restoration, research and education projects; welcomes the RV Explorer as a vital resource to COAST in facilitating the advancement of marine scientific research in collaboration with leading universities as well as allowing the monitoring of the recovery of the waters around the Isle of Arran and surrounding areas; understands that the vessel will prove invaluable in enabling COAST to develop its research into the recovery of the Lamlash Bay No Take Zone, which recently celebrated its 14th birthday, the South Arran Marine Protected Area and the wider Clyde region; shares COAST's view that the arrival of the new vessel will allow the island to realise the full potential of Arran's marine conservation areas and raise the profile of Arran as a destination for marine environmental education, knowledge exchange and eco-tourism; and applauds the SNP Scottish Government Nature Restore Fund in its support for COAST in procuring this vessel, facilitated by the Scottish Marine Environmental Enhancement Fund, managed by NatureScot, further highlighting the SNP Government's commitment to marine conservation on Arran, which it designated as Scotland's first No Take Zone in 2008 to protect key habitats and species and enhance biodiversity.

1206 **Volunteers' Week 2023**

Tabled: **23/05/23** Signatories: **14**

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Jim Shannon
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Wendy Chamberlain
Drew Hendry
Gavin Newlands

Mhairi Black
 Deidre Brock
 Chris Stephens

Dr Philippa Whitford
 John McNally
 Anne McLaughlin

Douglas Chapman
 Amy Callaghan

That this House commends the hard work and dedication shown by volunteers across the country; recognises Volunteers' Week, which runs from 1 to 7 June, as an opportunity to celebrate the contribution of volunteers and inspire more people to try volunteering; notes that the personal benefits of volunteering for individuals and communities are wide ranging; further notes that 27 per cent of Scotland's adult population volunteered for a group or organisation in 2021, equating to over 1.2 million people; and thanks volunteers for their vital role in supporting people in need during the covid-19 pandemic and subsequent cost of living crisis.

1208 **Williamwood High School and the Eco Green Flag award**

Tabled: **23/05/23** Signatories: **6**

Kirsten Oswald
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Drew Hendry
Chris Stephens
Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates Williamwood High School on achieving an Eco Green Flag award for their intensive efforts to improve the school's local environment; notes that over 40 projects were carried out by students and staff over a difficult two-year period which coincided with the covid-19 pandemic; further notes that the school's Eco Committee played an important role in the drive to achieve the Eco Green Flag award; understands that the Eco Committee produced an environmental

pledge which held all pupils and staff responsible for the school environment and encouraged active travel and the use of public transport as an alternative to travel by car; highlights that an environmental review conducted in 2020 set out three major stands of work, including global citizenship which involved donating used clothing to refugee charities, health and wellbeing, which focused on increasing cycling rates, and litter, which involved the introduction of reusable plastic plates and water bottles; and wishes all the pupils and staff at Williamwood High School well as they continue their important environmental work.

1209 Larkhall Thistle Football Club

Tabled: 23/05/23 Signatories: 5

Angela Crawley
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Stephens
Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates Larkhall Thistle Football Club on securing promotion to the West of Scotland Football League Second Division; commends the players, staff and manager Brian Crawford on this fantastic achievement after a hard fought season; acknowledges that The Jags are the oldest continuous junior football club in Scotland, having been founded in 1878; recognises the contribution that the club, based at Gasworks Park in Larkhall, makes to the wider community, including the larkie pie provided by local baker Alan Johnston and enjoyed by many on match days; and wishes the club well for the forthcoming season.

1210 Durham Pride 2023

Tabled: 23/05/23 Signatories: 6

Mary Kelly Foy
Jonathan Edwards
Jon Trickett
Ian Mearns
Martin Docherty-Hughes
Chris Stephens

That this House celebrates the success of Durham Pride 2023, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary; congratulates Mel Metcalf and the organising committee of Durham Pride for their hard work and dedication to inclusion and diversity in the North East; praises the work of the team throughout the weekend which enabled people from across the region to celebrate and come together; recognises that Pride is as much a protest as it is a celebration; remembers and appreciates those who have campaigned tirelessly for LGBTQ+ equality; and looks forward to the gathering of Pride in Durham in 2024.

1211 Promotion of Airdrieonians Football ClubTabled: **23/05/23** Signatories: **6**

Ms Anum Qaisar
David Linden
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Stephens
Anne McLaughlin

That this House recognises Airdrieonians Football Club men's team for their efforts in securing promotion to the Scottish Championship; congratulates the players on their hard work on and off the pitch; commends manager Rhys McCabe for guiding the team to success; acknowledges the important role of the club in supporting the local community; and wishes them every success for the 2023-24 season.