
Report To:	Inverclyde Council	Date:	18 February 2021
Report By:	Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Report No:	SL/LP/028/21
Contact Officer:	Sharon Lang	Contact No:	01475 712112
Subject:	Lee Jeans Factory Sit-in 40th Anniversary – Notice of Motion by Councillor C McEleny		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of the receipt of a Notice of Motion by Councillor C McEleny, countersigned by Councillor Quinn, relative to the commemoration of the Lee Jeans Factory Sit-In 40th Anniversary, submitted in terms of Standing Order 22.
- 1.2 The terms of the Notice of Motion are set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion by Councillor C McEleny.

Gerard Malone
Head of Legal & Property Services

Notice of Motion: Lee Jeans Factory Sit in – 40th Anniversary

Council notes that February 2021 marks the 40th Anniversary of the Lee Jeans Factory sit in – an event that is widely regarded as a highly significant event in the history of the Scottish Labour movement. The event, which began on 5th February 1981, saw the mainly female workforce barricade themselves into the Lee Jeans plant, beginning a sit-in which lasted seven months.

In August 1981, after almost seven months, a management buy-out saved the Lee Jeans factory - and the 140 workers still occupying it won back their jobs. However, although the factory was not successful in securing a long term future, the ingenuity and dedication of the workforce of saving the factory from closure forty years ago is an important part of Inverclyde's late 20th century history.

Council agrees to commend everyone that took part in the sit in and the dedication they showed to protect employment in Inverclyde.

Council agrees to promote the actions of the sit in, paying tribute to those involved, and delegates the promotion of an appropriate commemoration to Corporate Communications Manager.

Proposed:

Cllr Christopher McEleny

Seconded:

Cllr Lynne Quinn