

North Ayrshire Council submission of 20 October 2023

PE2029/F: Nationalise Clydeport to bring the ports and harbours on the river Clyde into public ownership

Thank you for your letter of the 22 September in respect of the above-mentioned petition.

Clydeport Operations Ltd/Peel Ports operate marine facilities at Ardrossan and Hunterston within North Ayrshire. The Council has no formal position as to the ownership and operation of these assets as a whole, however at the meeting of Full Council of the 13 September a motion regarding the continued provision of Ardrossan as the ferry port to Arran was considered. The motion was wide ranging and subject to a number of amendments including the nationalisation/bringing Ardrossan Harbour into public ownership. However, the final motion agreed did not include an ask of Scottish Government to nationalise/bring the asset into public ownership. I have attached an extract of the Council minute for your information.¹

In respect of the second part of the petition and notwithstanding the above, any ownership model should provide effective, reliable, and efficient services to the benefit of the local economy and its communities in line with the principles of Community Wealth Building.

The final part of the petition relates to an asset out with North Ayrshire and I have no comment to make in this respect.

I trust this information is helpful in the consideration of the petition.

¹ Note from clerk – the extract has not been included here but is available on [North Ayrshire Council's website](#) (see item 14 on pages 5-10).