

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of FALKIRK COUNCIL held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2013 at 4.00 PM.

<u>COUNCILLORS:</u>	David Alexander	Linda Gow	Malcolm Nicol
	David Balfour	Steven Jackson	Alan Nimmo
	Stephen Bird	Charles MacDonald	Martin Oliver
	Allyson Black	Brian McCabe	Baillie Joan Paterson
	Jim Blackwood	John McLuckie	Provost Pat Reid
	Baillie William Buchanan	John McNally	Ann Ritchie
	Steven Carleschi	Adrian Mahoney	Robert Spears
	Colin Chalmers	Craig Martin	Sandy Turner
	Tom Coleman	Dr Craig R Martin	
	Gerry Goldie	Cecil Meiklejohn	

<u>OFFICERS:</u>	Rose Mary Glackin, Chief Governance Officer
	Colin Moodie, Depute Chief Governance Officer
	Brian Pirie, Democratic Services Manager
	Mary Pitcaithly, Chief Executive

FC48. SEDERUNT

The sederunt was taken by way of a roll call. Apologies were intimated from Depute Provost Patrick and Councillors Dennis Goldie, Hughes and Murray.

FC49. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Spears declared a non-financial interest in item FC50 as a member of the trades union Unite and considered that his interest required him to recuse him from consideration of the item, having regard to the objective test in the Code of Conduct.

FC50. MOTIONS

Prior to consideration of the proposed items of business, Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Alexander, moved the suspension of Standing Orders to allow Council to discuss its decision making structures.

The Provost advised that in terms of Standing Order 36.3, Council may suspend any Standing Orders (with the exception of Standing Order 35 and 36) provided that:

- (1) either due notice has been given, or Council agrees that it is a case of urgency; and
- (2) the motion to suspend a Standing Order is moved, seconded and carried without discussion by at least two thirds of the councillors present and voting at the meeting and an absolute majority of the Council.

In regard to 36.3(1), due notice of the motion had not been given. The Provost therefore sought Council's view on whether the matter was urgent.

Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Alexander, moved that the matter was urgent.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4 (i), the vote was taken by roll call, there being 28 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For (14) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

Against (14) – Provost Reid; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, C Martin, CR Martin, Nicol and Nimmo.

There being an equality of votes the Provost exercised his casting vote against the motion. Accordingly the motion to suspend Standing Orders fell.

In accordance with Standing Order 31.1, the Provost stated that the motions before Council referred to matters within the remit of the Executive and that, having consulted with the Council Leader and the Leader of the Opposition in accordance with Standing Order 31.1 (i), he was not of the opinion that special circumstances existed requiring an exception to be made to that general rule. Consequently, the motions stood referred to the Executive.

Councillors Meiklejohn and McCabe, on behalf of the requisitioners of the meeting then withdrew the motions.

With no movers for the motions, they were, in terms of Standing Order 29.9 considered as dropped.

Decision

The motions were dropped.