

FC94. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Chalmers, seconded by Councillor Meiklejohn, moved that:-

“Council notes with disappointment the announced removal, without consultation of the crossing patrol at Cochrane Avenue serving Comely Park Primary School.

Council recognises the unique location of the school and the specific dangers to the safety of the pupils of the school, as a result of this.

Council therefore resolves to request officers to reinstate this patrol forthwith and advertise as appropriate for a replacement crossing patrol attendant”.

Councillor Dr C R Martin, seconded by Councillor Paterson, moved the following amendment in substitution for the motion:-

“Council is satisfied that officers followed established council policy when dealing with the school crossing patrol at Cochrane Avenue. Council supports the view that the deployment of school crossing patrols should continue to be dealt with at officer level in accordance with the policy set by Council members based upon the extremely generous criteria that have governed the deployment of such patrols in the Falkirk Council area since 1998. Council accordingly considers the matter to be determined in respect of this and any other school crossing patrol.”

During consideration of this item the Provost advised that he had received a petition in regard to the school crossing patrol and instructed the Clerk to circulate a copy of the preamble to the said petition to members of the Council.

Following discussion, Councillor D Goldie, seconded by Councillor Gow, moved that the “question now be put”.

On a division 17 members voted for the motion and 14 voted against, following which Councillor Chalmers exercised his right of reply before the question was put to the meeting.

In terms of Standing Order 21.4(1) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 31 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (14) - Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

For the amendment (17) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Councillors Black, Blackwood, Buchanan, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, C Martin, Dr C R Martin, Murray, Nicol, Nimmo and Paterson.

Accordingly, **AGREED** the terms of the amendment.