

FC70. REFERRAL FROM POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 17 NOVEMBER 2009 – ASSETS SURPLUS TO OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

There was submitted (circulated) (a) Extract of Minute of Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 17 November 2009, (b) Report by the Director of Community Services submitted to the said meeting, and (c) Joint Report dated 2 December 2009 by the Directors of Community Services and of Education Services expanding on the earlier report and addressing the matters raised by Members during their consideration thereof at the said meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee.

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor McLuckie, moved that:-

“The sites at the former Maddiston Primary School and Torwood School be declared surplus to operational requirements and authorise the Director of Community Services to market them for disposal to ensure the Council obtains best value, once an investigation of affordable housing options has been concluded and market conditions are favourable subject to the caveat that, with regard to Maddiston Primary School, if it is subsequently demolished, a section of masonry which the Council identifies as being of historic or architectural merit shall be returned to the ownership of the Council for such future use as shall be deemed appropriate.”

By way of an Amendment, Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Alexander, moved that Council:-

“Should consult with all groups in Maddiston to gain views and opinions as to the future use of Maddiston Primary School and its demolition is put on hold until those opinions have been sought.”

Following discussion, and in terms of Standing Order 25.2 (ii), Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor Alexander, moved that “the question now be put”. All Members being in agreement thereto.

The mover of the original Motion then spoke in reply before the Motion was put to the vote.

In terms of Standing Order 21.4 (i) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 30 Members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the Motion (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Black; Councillors Blackwood, Buchanan, Gow, Lemetti, C MacDonald, Mahoney, C Martin, CR Martin, McLuckie, McNeill, Nicol, Nimmo, Patrick and Waddell.

For the Amendment (14) – Councillors Alexander, Carleschi, Coleman, Constable, Hughes, Jackson, Kenna, A MacDonald, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Thomson.

Accordingly **AGREED** that:-

- (1) the sites at the former Maddiston Primary School and Torwood School be declared surplus to operational requirements and that the Director of Community Services be authorised to market them for disposal to ensure the Council obtains best value,

once an investigation of affordable housing options has concluded and market conditions are favourable, and

- (2) with regard to Maddiston Primary School, if it is subsequently demolished, a section of the masonry which the Council identifies as being of historic or architectural merit shall be returned to the ownership of the Council for such future use as shall be deemed appropriate.