

## **FC72. POST OFFICE LTD – NETWORK CHANGE PROGRAMME**

In terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, this item had been called into Council by Councillor Gow and Depute Provost Black.

There was submitted (circulated) (a) Extract of Minute of Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 9 September 2008; and (b) Report by the Chief Executive submitted to the said meeting.

Councillor J Constable, seconded by Councillor Alexander, moved that:-

- (1) Officers put together a case for the retention of the Grangepans Post Office and submit it to Post Office Ltd; and
- (2) Officers relay to the UK Labour Government the Council's opinion that we have no confidence in their ability or desire to maintain the Post Office Network as a service throughout the country; and
- (3) A new line Council relays to the MP for Linlithgow & East Falkirk, Michael Connarty, our anger at his voting record on Post Office closures and calls on Mr Connarty to apologise to the people of Bo'ness for his failure to oppose London Government policy on Post Office closures of which the important Grangepans Post Office is one of those under threat.

By way of an amendment, Councillor C Martin, seconded by Depute Provost Black moved acceptance of the recommendations as contained in the report to the Policy and Resources Committee held on 9 September 2008, namely that officers put together a case for the retention of the Grangepans Post Office and submit it to Post Office Ltd.

In terms of Standing Order 21.4 (i) a vote was taken by way of a roll call, there being 29 Members present, with Members voting as undernoted:-

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

For the Amendment (15) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Black; Councillors Blackwood, Buchanan, Goldie, Lemetti, C MacDonald, Mahoney, C Martin, CR Martin, McLuckie, McNeill, Nicol, Patrick and Waddell.

Accordingly, **AGREED** that officers put together a case for the retention of the Grangepans Post Office and submit it to Post Office Ltd.