

FC59. NOTICES OF MOTION

(b) Installation of Sprinkler System in the new hospital, Larbert

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

Council notes with concern the decision of the NHS Forth Valley Board not to install a sprinkler system in the new acute hospital being built at Larbert.

All new schools being built by Falkirk Council contain a sprinkler system and council believes that such a system not only saves lives but protects property.

Council therefore supports the Fire Brigade Union's campaign to have a sprinkler system installed at Larbert and urges NHS Forth Valley to comply.

By way of an amendment Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor C MacDonald, moved that:-

Council recognises the important role sprinkler systems play in the fight against fire and in the saving of lives. Council believes that fire safety within the new hospital at Larbert for patients, staff and visitors is of vital importance. Council therefore calls upon NHS Forth Valley, its Health and Safety advisors including Central Scotland Fire and Rescue Service to heed the campaign by the Fire Brigade Union and consider the installation of sprinklers within the areas of the hospital where appropriate.

At this point, Council **AGREED** to a short adjournment to consider the terms of the amendment moved by Councillor Gow.

On reconvening, in terms of Standing Order 19.7 and with the consent of the Provost and the seconder, Councillor Gow altered the text of her motion, namely:-

Council recognises the important role sprinkler systems play in the fight against fire and in the saving of lives. Council believes that fire safety within the new hospital at Larbert for patients, staff and visitors is of vital importance. Council therefore calls upon NHS Forth Valley, its Health and Safety advisors including Central Scotland Fire and Rescue Service to heed the campaign by the Fire Brigade Union and Council calls for the installation of sprinklers within the areas of the hospital where appropriate.

In terms in Standing Order 33.3(ii), Council **AGREED** unanimously to suspend Standing Orders to hear from Mr Gordon McQuade, on behalf of the Fire Brigades Union, in explanation of the Union's campaign for the installation of sprinklers in the new hospital, Larbert.

On a division, 17 Members voted for the Amendment and 12 voted for the Motion.

Accordingly, **RESOLVED** in terms of the Amendment.