

**RECORD OF VOTES TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF FALKIRK COUNCIL
ON WEDNESDAY 27 MAY 2015**

Councillors in Attendance:

David Alexander	Tom Coleman	Adrian Mahoney	John Patrick
David Balfour	Dennis Goldie	Craig Martin	Pat Reid
Stephen Bird	Gerry Goldie	Dr Craig R Martin	Ann Ritchie
Allyson Black	Linda Gow	Cecil Meiklejohn	Sandy Turner
Jim Blackwood	Gordon Hughes	Rosie Murray	
William Buchanan	Charles MacDonald	Alan Nimmo	
Steven Carleschi	Brian McCabe	Martin Oliver	
Colin Chalmers	John McLuckie	Joan Paterson	

Councillors not in Attendance

Steven Jackson
John McNally
Malcolm Nicol
Robert Spears

Agenda Item: 3	Subject: Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland: Fifth Review of Electoral Arrangements
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MOTION

Council agrees to:

- (1) reject the Commission's proposals for a 30 member scheme of wards for the Falkirk Council area and requests that the number of councillors remain at 32;
- (2) reserve the right to make a further submission should the Boundary Commission reject the request in (1) above;
- (3) endorse the following additional representations to the Commission as set out in this report on:
 - (i) the Commission's response to the previous consultation on councillor numbers;
 - (ii) the timetable for the consultation; and
 - (iii) the electorate figures used in the consultation.
- (4) delegate to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Administration and the Leader of the Opposition, authority to conjoin in any action for judicial review of the Commission's decision making and process if it is considered that this would be in the interests of Falkirk Council; and
- (5) authorise officers to inform the Commission of the anomaly in the boundary between Ward 4 (Carse, Kinnaird and Tryst) and Ward 5 (Bonnybridge and Larbert) in the Carronvale Road area and to ask the Commission to amend the boundary between these two wards to reflect the reality on the ground.

Moved by: C Martin

Seconded by: J Paterson

AMENDMENT

Council:

- (1) supports the retention of 32 councillors but recognises that there will be disparity of views between political groups. Therefore, in order to reflect those views accurately it should be left to individual political groupings to make their own submissions; and
- (2) authorises officers to inform the Commission of the anomaly in the boundary between Ward 4 (Carse, Kinnaird and Tryst) and Ward 5 (Bonnybridge and Larbert) in the Carronvale Road area and to ask the Commission to amend the boundary between these two wards to reflect the reality on the ground.

Moved by: C Meiklejohn

Seconded by: T Coleman

VOTE

For the motion (16)

A Black	A Mahoney
J Blackwood	C Martin
W Buchanan	Dr C R Martin
D Goldie	R Murray
G Goldie	A Nimmo
L Gow	J Patrick
C MacDonald	J Paterson
J McLuckie	P Reid

For the amendment (12)

D Alexander	C Meiklejohn
D Balfour	M Oliver
S Bird	A Ritchie
S Carleschi	S Turner
C Chalmers	
T Coleman	
G Hughes	
B McCabe	

DECISION: Motion carried.

Notes

1. This voting record is subject to approval of the formal minute at the next meeting of Council on 24 June 2015.
2. Only those items where a vote was taken are recorded here. For information about decisions reached on any other items considered at this meeting, please contact Brian Pirie, 01324 506110.