

**RECORD OF VOTES TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF FALKIRK COUNCIL  
ON 24 AUGUST 2015**

Councillors in attendance:

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

Councillor not in attendance:- Gerry Goldie

| <b>Agenda Item: 3</b>  | <b>Subject: ASSET RATIONALISATION: COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS PROJECT</b> |
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| <p><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Council agrees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) to proceed with the Council civic and office headquarters project, authorising the Director of Development Services to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) commission Hubco to progress the Stage 2 designs for the new facility;</li> <li>(b) request that Hubco submit the detailed planning application for the new Headquarters building on the Municipal Buildings site;</li> <li>(c) seek to acquire the Westbank Clinic site from NHSFV on suitable terms and at a cost of £175,000; and</li> <li>(d) seek an extension of the lease at Callendar Square for a period of one year and provision for three-monthly extensions.</li> </ol> </li> <li>(2) the principle of replacement of the Town Hall/Arts Centre on the Middlefield site to be pursued in partnership with Forth Valley College/Falkirk Community Trust and subject to a detailed business case for final approval being considered at October Council.</li> </ol> <p><b>Moved by: C Martin</b><br/><b>Seconded by: J Paterson</b></p> |   |
| <p><b>AMENDMENT</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Council does not agree to proceed with the current proposal for the replacement of the Council civic office accommodation as we believe: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) it is the wrong time to bring forward such a major project with continuing austerity and cuts in services;</li> <li>(b) all options have not been fully explored and presented to members or the general public;</li> <li>(c) the financial model has been inadequately developed to provide assurance of the project delivery;</li> </ol> </li> <li>(2) The proposal to incorporate the Town Hall within Forth Valley College new build campus is linked to the Council new build project, is also rejected on the grounds that the proposal is not fit for purpose.</li> <li>(3) The inclusion of the Library facility is inappropriate at this stage as members have not been provided with enough information and context.</li> </ol>   |   |

**Moved by: C Meiklejohn**  
**Seconded by: S Jackson**

**VOTE**

**For the motion (15)**

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

**For the amendment (15)**

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| D Alexander | S Jackson    |
| D Balfour   | B McCabe     |
| S Bird      | C Meiklejohn |
| S Carleschi | M Oliver     |
| C Chalmers  | A Ritchie    |
| T Coleman   | R Spears     |
| P Garner    | S Turner     |
| G Hughes    |              |

Abstention (1) – J Patrick

As there was an equality of votes, Provost Reid exercised his casting vote and did so in favour of the motion.

**DECISION: Motion carried**

***AMENDMENT 2***

That Council, in order to maintain the status quo:

- (1) put on hold for the immediate future all works connected with the proposed new HQ build and Town Hall as all options have not been adequately explored. The Illustration of the alleged repositioning of the building by 7m being the perfect example.
- (2) reject the inclusion of the Falkirk library in these discussions. It has only appeared on the report as an afterthought.

There is a serious lack of transparency in most things this administration proposes. This is merely the latest example.

**Moved by: R Spears**  
**Seconded by: B McCabe**

**VOTE**

**For the motion (15)**

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| W Buchanan  | R Murray      |
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Abstention (1) – J Patrick

As there was an equality of votes, Provost Reid exercised his casting vote and did so in favour of the motion.

**DECISION: Motion carried**

## Notes

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