

FC27. Motion

Bandeath Animal Shelter

Councillor Garner, seconded by Councillor Balfour, moved that:-

Council agrees that where a financial decision is to be made under delegated powers, and has the potential to be of significant public interest all elected members will receive a briefing paper prior to any decision being implemented.

Council acknowledges the significant public concern at a recent decision to withdraw funding from Bandeath Animal Shelter without recourse to elected members. It now therefore agrees to reinstate the funding for the Shelter and to work with partners and the wider community on the sustainability of the facility for the foreseeable future.

As an amendment, Councillor Blackwood, seconded by Councillor Dr C R Martin, moved in substitution for the motion, that:-

Council agrees:-

- (1) that where a financial decision is to be made under delegated powers and has the potential to be of significant public interest all elected members will receive a briefing paper prior to any decision being implemented;
- (2) to acknowledge the great work of Bandeath dog shelter and the high regard it is thought of throughout the district and the work and passion being shown by the Save Bandeath group;
- (3) to acknowledge that all the local authority partners are committed to funding a dog shelter and have made public their desires that this facility continues to be of the highest quality, such as Bandeath. However Council are aware that Police Scotland is still insisting that they will withdraw their funding. If this is the case we reaffirm that Falkirk Council will not take over the responsibility for the duties and powers placed upon Police Scotland in relation to stray dogs should they withdraw from the Partnership;
- (4) to continue to work with our partners and the wider community on the sustainability of the Bandeath dog shelter; and
- (5) to write to the Chief Constable, Phillip Gormley and Justice Minister, Michael Matheson, asking them to intervene on the decision by Police Scotland of its intention to withdraw funding.

On a division, 12 members voted for the motion, 17 voted for the amendment, with voting as follows:-

For the motion (12) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Garner, Hughes, Jackson, Meiklejohn, Oliver and Ritchie.

For the amendment (17) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson and Councillors Black, Blackwood, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, C Martin, Dr C R Martin, Murray, Nicol and Nimmo.

Decision

Council agreed the amendment.