

FC58. Notices of Motion

(a) Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Ritchie, moved that:-

Council supports the work of Falkirk 50's born women and John McNally MP to highlight the gross unfairness of pensions entitlement of women born after 6th April 1951 by:-

1. Supporting the statement above; and
2. Lobby the Westminster Government in support of the reconsideration of the transitional arrangements to stop the discrimination of women being penalised for the failure to make changes to their pensions contributions they were not advised to make. In doing so Council should make written representations to both the Chancellor and the Minister for Pensions.

As an amendment, Councillor Gow, seconded by Baillie Paterson, moved that:-

Council agrees in addition to the motion to make written representation to the First Minister requesting that her Government consider using their new powers to compensate those women in Scotland who will suffer due to the bringing forward of the changes to their pension qualifying age.

Council then debated the terms of the motion and amendment.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i), the vote was taken by roll call, there being 30 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (14) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Garner, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

For the amendment (16) – Provost Reid, Depute Provost Patrick; Baillie Paterson; 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.