

FC72. Election of Provost

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which sought to fill the casual vacancy arising from the untimely death of Provost Coleman on 30 November 2017.

Section 4(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 requires the Council to hold an election to fill the vacancy of the office of Provost as soon as is practicable at a meeting of the Council.

Councillor Meiklejohn nominated Councillor Hughes.

Councillor Nicol nominated Councillor Patrick.

Councillor Blackwood nominated Councillor Buchanan.

In terms of Standing Order 23 where only one vacancy requires to be filled and two or more persons are nominated, a vote shall be taken between all the candidates, each councillor being entitled to one vote only.

In terms of Standing Order 22.1, the vote was taken by roll call, there being 29 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For Councillor Hughes (12) – Depute Provost Ritchie, and Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Binnie, Bouse, Collie, Garner, Hughes, McCue, Meiklejohn, Murtagh and Spears.

For Councillor Patrick (7) – Councillors Flynn, Grant, Harris, Kerr, Munro, Nicol and Patrick.

For Councillor Buchanan (9) – Councillors Aitchison, Bissett, Black, Blackwood, Buchanan, Coombes, Goldie, McLuckie and Nimmo.

Abstention (1) – Councillor Reid.

With no candidate obtaining an absolute majority, Councillor Patrick, having obtained the least number of votes, was struck out and a new vote taken of the remaining candidates.

For Councillor Hughes (12) – Depute Provost Ritchie, and Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Binnie, Bouse, Collie, Garner, Hughes, McCue, Meiklejohn, Murtagh and Spears.

For Councillor Buchanan (16) – Councillors Aitchison, Bissett, Black, Blackwood, Buchanan, Coombes, Flynn, Goldie, Grant, Harris, Kerr, McLuckie, Munro, Nicol, Nimmo and Patrick.

Abstention (1) – Councillor Reid.

Councillor Buchanan was elected Provost of Falkirk Council.
Provost Buchanan assumed the chair.

Decision

Council appointed Councillor William Buchanan as Provost.