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Agenda Item

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Minutes

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FALKIRK COUNCIL

Minute of meeting of Falkirk Council held in the Municipal Buildings, Falkirk on Wednesday 27 June 2018 at 9.30 a.m.

<u>Councillors:</u>	David Aitchison	Fiona Collie	John McLuckie
	David Alexander	Joan Coombes	Cecil Meiklejohn
	David Balfour	Jim Flynn	Lynn Munro
	Lorna Binnie	Paul Garner	Laura Murtagh
	Robert Bissett	Dennis Goldie	Malcolm Nicol
	Allyson Black	David Grant	Alan Nimmo
	Jim Blackwood	Nigel Harris	John Patrick
	Gary Bouse	Gordon Hughes	Pat Reid
	Provost William Buchanan	James Kerr	Depute Provost Ann Ritchie
	Niall Coleman	Adanna McCue	Robert Spears

Officers: Patricia Cassidy, Chief Officer Falkirk Health & Social Care Partnership
Ian Dryden, Development Manager
Jack Frawley, Committee Services Officer
Rhona Geisler, Director of Development Services
Iain Henderson, Legal Services Manager
Joe McElholm, Head of Social Work Adult Services
Colin Moodie, Chief Governance Officer
Robert Naylor, Director of Children's Services
Brian Pirie, Democratic Services Manager
Mary Pitcaithly, Chief Executive
Dorothy Reid, Roads and Grounds Manager
Stuart Ritchie, Director of Corporate and Housing Services
Alistair Shaw, Development Plan Co-ordinator
Bryan Smail, Chief Finance Officer
Richard Teed, Senior Forward Planning Officer

FC15. Sederunt

The sederunt was taken by way of a roll call.

FC16. Tributes to Mary Pitcaithly, Chief Executive

The Provost led tributes to Mary Pitcaithly who was retiring from the Council after 22 years of service with Falkirk Council, 20 of those as Chief Executive. Councillors Meiklejohn, Goldie, Nicol, Reid, Black, Murtagh and Alexander also spoke in tribute.

FC17. Declarations of Interest

Councillor McLuckie declared the financial interest of a family member in agenda item 11 (ref FC26) as they were an employee of the applicant company and stated that he would recuse himself from consideration of the item.

There were no further declarations of interest at this point.

FC18. Minutes and Information Bulletin

- (a) Minute of Meeting of Falkirk Council held on 9 May 2018 – agreed as a correct record.
- (b) Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee (comprising all Members of Council) held on 29 May 2018 – agreed as a correct record.
- (c) Volume of Minutes – Volume 5 2017/18 - noted, and
- (d) Information Bulletin – Volume 5 2017/18 - noted.

FC19. Questions

No questions were submitted.

FC20. Rolling Action Log

The rolling action log showing progress on outstanding actions from previous meetings was presented. Items 409 – 3 Year General Fund Capital Programme 2018/19 – 2020/21 – Roads, and 425 – Decision Making Structure were the subject of reports on the agenda and accordingly fell from the action log.

Decision

Council noted the rolling action log.

FC21. Deputation

The Provost advised that a deputation request had been made by Shieldhill and California Community Council also on behalf of 10 other Falkirk area Community Councils for a representative to be heard. The Provost confirmed that the request had been made in accordance with Standing Orders. Council agreed to hear the deputation.

Sue Hamilton, Secretary - Planning Democracy addressed the Council, following which members asked questions of her. The Provost thanked her for addressing Council.

Decision

Council noted the submission made by the deputation.

FC22. Referral from Executive – 12 June 2018 Treasury Management Annual Review 2017/18

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which presented the Treasury Management Annual Review 2017/18. Council was required to produce an annual review of treasury management activities together with the prudential and treasury indicators as set out in the Regulations issued under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003.

The report provided a review of:-

- economic and interest rates;
- the borrowing strategy 2017/18 outcome;
- the investment strategy;
- treasury management prudential indicators;
- member training, and
- benchmarking information.

Decision

Council agreed the Treasury Management Annual Review.

FC23. Health & Social Care Partnership: Head of Adult Services Post

Council considered a report by the Chief Officer, Falkirk Health & Social Care Partnership which provided an update on developing the workforce structure for the Falkirk Health & Social Care Partnership and sought the appointment of the Head of Social Work Adult Services on a permanent basis.

Decision

Council agreed that the post of Head of Social Work Adult Services would be filled on a permanent basis.

FC24. Road Asset Management Planning

Council considered a report by the Director of Development Services which provided an update on road asset management planning. Council had requested the report at its meeting on 7 March 2018 (ref FC89).

The report set out:-

- details of existing road network condition and how further deterioration could be addressed
- the investment levels required to maintain the carriageway network in a condition no worse than its current condition (steady state)
- the carriageway and footway works programme 2018-19

Decision

Council noted the report.

FC25. Falkirk Local Development Plan 2 – Proposed Plan

Councillor Goldie, seconded by Councillor Nimmo, moved that Council agree to continue consideration of the item to a special meeting of Council in August.

As an amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Bouse, moved that Council agree to consider the item at today's meeting.

Following discussion and 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 (17) – Provost Buchanan, and Councillors Aitchison, Bissett, Black, Blackwood, Coombes, Flynn, Goldie, Grant, Harris, Kerr, McLuckie, Munro, Nicol, Nimmo, Patrick and Reid.

For the amendment (13) – Depute Provost Ritchie, and Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Binnie, Bouse, Coleman, Collie, Garner, Hughes, McCue, Meiklejohn, Murtagh and Spears.

Decision

Council agreed the motion.

Council adjourned at 12.05pm and reconvened at 12.15pm with all members present as the sederunt with the exception of Councillor McLuckie who, in line with his earlier declaration, left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

FC26. Erection of New Energy Plant and Associated Works, Including Pipe Bridge at Ineos, Bo'ness Road, Grangemouth, FK3 9XH for INEOS Chemicals Grangemouth Ltd - P/18/0003/FUL

With reference to Standing Order 33, the Provost referred to a deputation request received from the applicant's agent to be heard in relation to this item. Council agreed to hear the deputation.

Peter McLaren, applicant's agent addressed the Council, following which members asked questions of him.

Council considered a report by the Director of Development Services on an application for planning permission for the erection of a new energy plant and associated works, including a pipe bridge, at Ineos Petrochemical Site, Grangemouth.

Decision

Council granted planning permission subject to the following condition(s):-

- (1) The development hereby approved shall be implemented in accordance with the plan(s) itemised in the informative below and forming part of this permission unless a variation is required by a condition of the permission or a non-material variation has been agreed in writing by Falkirk Council as Planning Authority.**
- (2)**
 - (i) No development shall commence on site unless otherwise agreed with the planning authority until a contaminated land assessment has been submitted and approved. The assessment must determine the nature and extent of any contamination on the site, including contamination that may have originated from elsewhere. Any potential risks to human health, property, the water environment and designated ecological sites should be determined. The contaminated land assessment must be approved in writing by the Planning Authority.**
 - (ii) Where contamination (as defined by Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990) is encountered, a detailed remediation strategy should be submitted to the Planning Authority demonstrating that the site will be made suitable for its intended use by removing any unacceptable risks, caused by the contamination. The scheme must be approved in writing by the Planning Authority.**
 - (iii) Prior to the commencement of development of the site, the remediation works must be carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions of the remediation scheme, and as agreed by the Planning Authority. No part of the development shall be**

occupied until a remediation completion report/validation certificate endorsed by the relevant parties have been submitted to and agreed in writing by the Planning Authority.

- (iv) If unexpected contamination is found after development has begun, development of the affected part of the site must stop. The developer must notify the Planning Authority immediately and carry out a contaminated land assessment, and undertake any necessary remediation works, before development of the affected part of the site may continue.**
- (3) No development shall commence on site until full details of site layout, elevations (including colour), ground and boundary treatment have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Thereafter development shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed detail, unless otherwise agreed in writing.**
- (4) No development shall commence on site until a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) is submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Thereafter, development shall proceed in accordance with the approved plan, unless otherwise agreed in writing.**
- (5) No development shall commence on site until a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) in respect of the construction phase of the proposed development has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Thereafter, construction shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plan, unless otherwise agreed in writing.**
- (6) No works on the pipe bridge shall commence on site until detailed engineering drawings and engineering certification for the pipe bridge have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Thereafter, development shall proceed in accordance with the approved plan, unless otherwise agreed in writing.**
- (7) The existing combined heat and power plant (B&C Plant), shall cease functioning within 1 year of this development being operational, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Planning Authority.**
- (8) The temporary closure of the A904 Bo'ness Road, required for the installation of the approved pipe bridge, shall be for a period no longer than 4 weeks in total, unless agreed in writing with Falkirk Council.**
- (9) No development shall commence on site until an Energy Statement which includes an assessment of decentralised energy**

and heat provision is submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Where there is the potential for energy and heat provision, as a result of development, the infrastructure (including a timetable for implementation) shall be agreed in writing.

Reason(s):-

1. As these drawings and details constitute the approved development.
2. To ensure the ground is suitable for the proposed development.
- 3, 6. To allow the Planning Authority to control the final appearance/construction of the development.
- 4, 8. To safeguard the interests of the users of the highway.
5. To allow the Planning Authority to comment on and control the construction phase of development.
7. To protect air quality in the surrounding area.
9. To ensure that the development includes provision for energy and heat recycling schemes where there is potential within the development.

Informative(s):-

1. In accordance with section 58(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended), this permission lapses on the expiration of a period of 3 years beginning with the date on which this permission is granted unless the development to which this permission relates is begun before that expiration.
2. For the avoidance of doubt, the plan(s) to which this decision refer(s) bear our online reference number(s) 01 - 09 and Supporting Documents.
3. The builder shall ensure that noisy work which is audible at the site boundary shall ONLY be conducted between the following hours:

Monday to Friday	08:00 - 19:00 Hours
Saturday	08:00 - 13:00 Hours
Sunday / Bank Holidays	No noise audible at the site boundary

Deviation from these hours of work is not permitted unless in emergency circumstances and with the prior approval of the Environmental Health Unit.

4. The site is at risk from coastal inundation. Consequently, there will be a flood risk to any buildings constructed on this site. It is therefore advised that water resistant materials and construction methods are used.

Council adjourned at 12.30pm for lunch and reconvened at 1.20pm with all members present as per the sederunt.

FC27. Council of the Future – Fit for the Future: Modernising Industrial Relations

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which provided an update on the Council of the Future project which had reviewed industrial relations and partnership arrangements between Falkirk Council and recognised trade unions. A proposed partnership agreement to promote constructive trade union and employer partnership working for the future was presented.

Following feedback from Council of the Future listening events a project was established, called Modernising Industrial Relations. The purpose of the project was to review the industrial relations practices and develop a partnership model between Falkirk Council and trade unions. A working group was established, involving a management representative from each service, and representatives from the recognised trade unions. The project group was chaired by the Head of Human Resources & Business Transformation.

The informal Joint Consultative Committee held between officers and Trade Unions was found to be very productive, allowing for open discussion and resolution of issues. It required to be more focused on partnership working. It was also felt that policies agreed between officers and Trade Unions should be submitted directly to the Executive in any partnership model. In this model there would be no future need for the Joint Consultative Committee.

Decision

Council:-

- (1) noted the work done by the Council of the Future group established to review existing industrial relations and partnership working arrangements;**
- (2) agreed the proposed Partnership Agreement as attached as appendix 1 to the report, and**
- (3) agreed that one Member from each group would be nominated to attend the Tripartite Forum.**

Councillor Reid declared a non-financial interest in agenda item 13 (ref FC 28) as the Treasurer of Central Scotland Regional Equality Council and stated that he would recuse himself from consideration of the item.

Councillor Reid left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

FC28. Pension Fund – Proposal in Relation to Admission Bodies

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which provided details of a proposal to enable small Pension Fund employers, who were struggling financially to sustain Scheme membership, to leave the Fund without incurring substantial exit costs. Any decision would be subject to similar approval by Clackmannanshire and Stirling Councils.

Under the terms of the Local Government Pension Scheme, Falkirk Council had a dual role as both the administrator of the Falkirk Council Pension Fund and as an employer who participated in the Fund. Around 35 other employers participated in the Fund including Clackmannanshire, and Stirling Councils, and various other smaller organisations mainly of a charitable or non-profit making nature.

Employers in the Fund were either Scheduled Bodies or Admission Bodies. Scheduled Bodies (e.g. the Councils) must by law operate the Scheme, whereas Admission Bodies could apply to participate and could choose to leave at any time. At The most recent fund valuation the Fund's funding level had improved to 92%, meaning that the Fund held 92% of the monies required to meet all of its current liabilities.

Although funding positions had increased, the expected return on future investment had decreased due to uncertainties around factors such as Brexit, interest rates and lower levels of economic growth. As a consequence, employers were being asked to pay higher contribution rates (often in excess of 20% of pay) with no guarantee that contribution rates would not increase further in the future.

A small number of Admission Bodies had indicated that the latest contribution rates were not sustainable in the long term and that the costs and financial risks of being in the Fund adversely impacted on their abilities to operate effectively and to meet their primary business objectives. This was an issue that common to Funds across Scotland.

Where an Admission Body wished to leave the Fund, they must make good any deficit attributable to them – either in full immediately or by entering into a repayment plan with the Fund. A possible solution allowing certain employers to leave the Fund without major costs being incurred is for Clackmannanshire, Falkirk and Stirling Councils to act as guarantors of the pension costs. This would allow the admission bodies to terminate their membership of the Fund, with their assets being re-allocated to the Councils, and the Councils, in turn, taking on the responsibility of funding the liabilities.

If approved, and in order to further manage the small risk to the Councils, it was proposed that this “offer” be only made to employers who met the following criteria:-

- the employer is an Admission Body other than a private contractor
- the employer has a total membership of less than 100

- the employer is fully funded on the ongoing funding basis
- the employer formally requests to terminate their Admission Agreement
- the employer agrees that their share of fund assets, including any assets in excess of the liabilities, are transferred to the Councils in full (i.e. no refund of any surplus would be given)

Decision

Council agreed:-

- (1) (subject to agreement being given by both Clackmannanshire and Stirling Councils) to act as guarantors of the pension liabilities of those admission bodies who meet the criteria set out in paragraph 5.6 of the report, and**
- (2) (where paragraph (1) does not apply) to act as guarantors of the pension liabilities of those admission bodies who meet the criteria set out in paragraph 5.6 of the report and who are based in or serve the community in the Falkirk Council area.**

Councillor Reid re-joined the meeting following the conclusion of the previous item.

FC29. Standing Orders

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which provided draft revised Standing Orders for adoption. The revisions principally gave effect to the changes to the decision making structure previously agreed by Council on 9 May 2018 (ref FC11). There had been further revisions to address some inconsistencies, repetitions or errors. Gender neutral personal and possessive pronouns had been substituted for their inconsistently used gendered equivalents.

Council's previous decision had altered the composition of the Executives and Scrutiny Committees, the revised Standing Orders made provision for the sharing of convenerships between political groups and flexibility in the appointment of portfolio holders.

Council was asked to consider whether provision should be made in the Standing Orders requiring that motions and amendments were made available in writing. Previous versions of the Standing Orders had included such a provision but there was no such requirement in the current version or the revised version appended to the report.

The report advised that the Chief Governance Officer would carry out a general review of the Standing Orders over the coming year, in consultation with elected members, and report back to Council with a view to producing a simplified more coherent document.

Decision

Council agreed the revised Standing Orders as appended to the report.

FC30. Delegation of Powers to Determine Urgent Issues During the Summer Recess

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services seeking that authority was delegated to Chief Officers to deal with urgent business, which would normally be determined by Council or committee, during the summer recess.

Councillor Nicol, seconded by Councillor Flynn, moved the recommendations set out in the report subject to the inclusion of the Leaders of the Main Opposition Groups in the consultation on determination of urgent items.

Council adjourned at 2.10pm to allow Councillor Goldie to take advice on a potential amendment and reconvened at 2.20pm with all members present as per the sederunt.

Decision

Council agreed that Chief Officers be given delegated powers, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Leaders of the Main Opposition Groups and/or the relevant portfolio holder or, as appropriate, the relevant Committee Convener and/or Depute Convener, to determine urgent items of business during the summer recess (from 27 June 2018 to 14 August 2018) and to report the decisions thereon to the first meeting of the Executive thereafter, provided that any such decision:-

- (1) is required to secure the proper delivery of Council Services and to comply with the Council's statutory duties;**
- (2) does not involve expenditure of Council monies outwith the approved Revenue Budget and Capital Programme;**
- (3) does not involve an increase in the permanent establishment of the particular Service;**
- (4) involves no dispute as to legality, propriety or the proper interpretation of Council policy as affecting the decision, and**
- (5) the Chief Governance Officer is appointed returning officer and proper officer for the purposes of s34 of the 1973 Act until 1 August.**

FC31. Execution of Deeds

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services detailing those deeds that had been signed and sealed on behalf of the Council since the last meeting.

Decision

Council noted the signing and sealing of the Deeds listed in the appendix to the report.

FC32. Motions

Four motions had been submitted. The Chief Governance Officer advised that prior to the meeting Councillor Meiklejohn had withdrawn her motion (agenda item 17 (c)).

Agenda items 17(a) and (b) referred to matters reserved to Council. Agenda item 17(d) referred to matters within the remit of the Executive. The Provost advised that in accordance with Standing Order 31.1 he determined that item 17(d) was suitable for debate at Council.

- (a) Council considered the following motion by Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Black, that:-

In the interest of increasing community engagement, Council asks Officers to investigate the possibilities, advantages and any other issues in connection with:

1. forming a Petitions Committee, drawing on the examples of Borders, Inverclyde and Midlothian Councils, and
2. forming Area Committees based on identified communities on a scale smaller than that of locality areas but enhancing that arrangement.

Having heard from the Leader of the Council, Councillor Reid, as the mover of the motion, with the consent of his seconder, Councillor Black, and the Provost altered the terms of his motion to incorporate the following:-

Council recognises that in setting up committees of this nature, in order to be meaningful will have to be integrated into the Council's decision making structure, support our work with partners within localities and have appropriate governance back to Council.

Council agrees that the best way of exploring the options proposed would be through a Policy Development Panel and therefore agrees

that a report should be brought to the August Executive to expand the remit of the existing Panel on Community Councils to include consideration of a Petitions Committee and Area Committees within the context of the Local Governance Review.

Decision

Council agreed the adjusted motion.

- (b) Council considered the following motion by Councillor Bissett, seconded by Councillor Nimmo, that:-

Falkirk Council welcomes the joint commitment from COSLA and the Scottish Government to a national minimum clothing grant and the additional funding to support the commitment. Falkirk Council seeks to minimise the impact of poverty through the anti-poverty strategy and the additional £201,000 funding should be directed to this aim.

Council agrees to increase the level of grant for primary and secondary pupils above the £100 minimum to £120. This requires extra recurring funding over and above the £201k grant of £76,290 and includes £8,000 that will be held in reserve to offset any increase in the uptake of the clothing grant during the 2018/19 financial year.

Level of Grant	Total Cost (based on 2017/18 uptake)	Falkirk Council Contribution (based on 2017/18 uptake)	Additional Grant Funding	Additional Funding Required ensure £120 grant plus £8000 in reserve
£	£	£	£	£
£120	£461,640*	£192,350	£201,000	£76,290

*2017/18 uptake of 3847 primary pupils and secondary pupils

As an amendment, Councillor McCue, seconded by Councillor Bouse, moved that:-

Council welcomes the SNP Scottish Government's recent decision to provide additional funding of £50 per child for School Clothing Grant to families who are also in receipt of free school meals. This represents for Falkirk a 100% increase in grant.

It is recognised that Falkirk Council have a more generous criteria, which includes families that are in receipt of tax credit but do not fit the criteria for free school meals. Last year this equated to 750 families receiving School Clothing Grant and would propose that we continue to provide the same level of funding as those on free school meals for this year with any short fall being covered from within the service existing resources.

Falkirk Council currently award 3,847 grants, however it is anticipated as a result of the increased level of grant and the awareness campaign there is likely to be an increase in up take. It would therefore be prudent to review the impact of the current changes before making any further increase in grant as this will have a recurring revenue cost.

It is also recognised that there are a number of other targeted funds, such as the summer food project that support low income families leaving them with more disposable income at this critical time.

Council therefore agrees

- (1) the School Clothing Grant be raised to £100 from August 18;
- (2) the take up of the grant be monitored in order to inform the budget planning assumptions for future years;
- (3) a benchmarking exercise be carried out against what other councils funding is for School clothing grants and what the impact in take up has been following the additional funding from Government, and
- (4) the outcome of the review as above to be reported to the Budget Working Group to inform service budget planning assumptions.

In terms of Standing Order 22.1, the vote was taken by roll call, there being 30 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (17) – Provost Buchanan; and Councillors Aitchison, Bissett, Black, Blackwood, Coombes, Flynn, Goldie, Grant, Harris, Kerr, McLuckie, Munro, Nicol, Nimmo, Patrick and Reid.

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

Abstention (1) – Councillor Coleman.

Decision

Council agreed the motion.

Prior to consideration of the following item Councillor Patrick left the meeting.

- (d) Council considered the following motion by Councillor Goldie, seconded by Councillor Blackwood, that:-

The current choice based allocations system was introduced in 2010 and has been reviewed favourably by external agencies since its introduction. The allocations system used to be renewed annually, with the overall consensus that it was one of the best in Scotland.

That said however, the Labour Group consider it is necessary for the system to be reviewed again. This would enable the current members of the council, and our tenants and residents groups, and partner agencies a further opportunity to comment on the efficiency of the system to address the complex needs of our housing applicants today and in the future.

One of the more obvious examples of this is how the allocations system could resolve difficulties in areas where there is low or no demand. Members of the council may have been approached as I have by residents living in or in close proximity to these areas who consider that the allocations process itself is a contributing factor to increases in anti social behaviour/criminal behaviour where significant low/no demand exists. There is also evidence of increased maintenance costs in these areas as well. In some cases the council has taken the decision to demolish properties or sell them off to other housing providers.

Another perceived concern is the reluctance the elderly and parents/ single parents, and single female applicants in particular applying for properties suitable for their housing need and which they would bid

for if they were void in other areas, and the inability of the council to address these issues. Members of the council and public also share a perception of medical professionals, local GPs, District Nurses, local Police officers, and Neighbourhood Officers Tenancy Services having their workload increased significantly due to nature of the particular client groups who seem to choose to reside in these areas, and who may have significant medical conditions.

Council accordingly instructs the Director of Corporate and Housing Services to conduct an immediate review of the Allocations Policy in consultation with a three member cross party working group and to make recommendations to the Executive on any changes to the policy that would address the problems outlined in this motion, for consultation with tenants and tenant's organisations.

As an amendment, Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Bouse, moved that:-

Council acknowledges that at the full Council meeting of December 2017 the agreed Scrutiny Plan for the coming year would comprise the following three topics:-

- Fly Tipping
- Housing Allocations
- Anti-social Behaviour

As the content of the motion refers to Housing Allocations and Anti-social Behaviour these matters should be referred to the Scrutiny Panels.

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

For the motion (16) – Provost Buchanan; and Councillors Aitchison, Bissett, Black, Blackwood, Coombes, Flynn, Goldie, Grant, Harris, Kerr, McLuckie, Munro, Nicol, Nimmo and Reid.

For the amendment (13) – Depute Provost Ritchie; and Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Binnie, Bouse, Coleman, Collie, Garner, Hughes, McCue, Meiklejohn, Murtagh and Spears.

Decision

Council agreed the motion.