

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of FALKIRK COUNCIL held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL 2008 at 2.00 PM.

PRESENT: Provost Reid; Councillors Alexander, Blackwood, Buchanan, Carleschi, Coleman, H Constable, Fry, Goldie, Gow, Hughes, Jackson, Kenna, Lemetti, A MacDonald, C MacDonald, Mahoney, C Martin, CR Martin, McLuckie, McNally, McNeill, Meiklejohn, Nicol, Nimmo, Oliver, Spears, Thomson and Waddell.

CONVENER: Provost Reid

APOLOGIES: Depute Provost Black; Councillors J Constable and Patrick.

ATTENDING: Chief Executive; Director of Development Services; Acting Director of Law and Administration Services; Acting Head of Planning and Transportation and Democratic Services Manager.

FC1. MOTIONS

(a) Travel Demo Initiative

The Provost confirmed that this Motion had been withdrawn as a similar matter would be considered at the next scheduled meeting of Falkirk Council.

(b) Traffic Calming, Larbert Road, Bonnybridge

Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor McNally moved that:-

There is a consensus view amongst the residents of Larbert Road Bonnybridge that the current traffic calming system is ineffective and dangerous.

Residents wish that system be redesigned to maintain speed reduction whilst creating a safer environment and reducing house damage and vibration.

Council agrees to instruct officers to prepare a report for committee on the options available before conducting a full consultation with residents to bring about a permanent solution to the resident's concerns.

Following discussion, and with the consent of the Provost and Councillor McNally as seconder in accordance with Standing Order 19.7, Councillor Coleman altered the text of his motion to include an assessment of the traffic calming measures introduced at Carmuir Avenue, Camelon in the work to be carried out by officers. The amended motion was duly AGREED by Council.

(c) Status of Honorary Freeman on the Reserve Occupations of Falkirk Council's Jurisdiction that helped in the World War 2 effort.

Councillor Spears, seconded by Councillor Jackson, proposed and Council **AGREED**:-

1. That the Freedom of Falkirk area be granted to Bevin Boys, Munitions, Shipyard, Dock, Metal and Refinery workers in fact all in Reserved Occupations who worked during the 2nd world war to help secure our country's freedom at that time.
2. That arrangements be made to organise a Freedom Ceremony event in honour of these people who have done so much in Reserve Occupations.
3. That a member /officer working group chaired by the Provost be authorised to progress the planning and financing of the proposed event to take whatever decisions are required in connection therein.

(d) Rosyth

Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor A MacDonald moved as follows:-

Council notes with concern the findings of engineers responsible for safety maintenance of the decommissioned nuclear submarines dumped at Rosyth where a hole was detected within the hull of one of the rotting nuclear submarines in February.

Previous reports have intimated the existence of nuclear particles in various places throughout the Forth Estuary as far west as Carronshore and Skinflats.

Council views the threat to our local environment and wildlife with concern and calls on the UK government to cease the practice of dumping decommissioned nuclear submarines on our doorstep and calls on them to transfer these wrecks to the dockyard with the greatest expertise, the Royal Navy Dockyard at Devonport.

Council also agrees to bring forward a full report to Environment and Heritage Committee on the implications of having a nuclear dump at Rosyth.

By way of an Amendment, Councillor C R Martin, seconded by Councillor Waddell moved that:-

Council notes with concern the findings of engineers responsible for the safety maintenance of the decommissioned nuclear submarines at the Rosyth Navy Base where a hole was detected within the hull of one of the nuclear submarines in February.

Council notes with satisfaction the safe handling of these submarines by the experienced and hardworking engineers at the Rosyth dockyard. Council also notes with reassurance the continuous monitoring of radioactivity in environmental materials within the Forth estuary carried out by Edinburgh Radiation Consultants on behalf of SCLAFE for the last 20 years.

The council calls for a public report on that monitoring to be brought to the next meeting of the Environment and Heritage Committee.

In terms of Standing Order 21.4(i), a vote was taken by roll call, there being 29 Members present, with Members voting as undernoted:-

For the Motion (13) – Councillor Alexander, Carleschi, Coleman, H Constable, Hughes, Jackson, Kenna, A MacDonald, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Spears and Thomson.

For the Amendment (16) – Provost Reid; Councillors Blackwood, Buchanan, Fry, Goldie, Gow, Lemetti, C MacDonald, Mahoney, C Martin, C R Martin, McLuckie, McNeill, Nicol, Nimmo and Waddell.

Accordingly, **RESOLVED** in terms of the Amendment.