

## **AGENDA ITEM 3 (i)**

### **FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**EXTRACT OF MINUTE of MEETING of the LEISURE, TOURISM AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 8 JUNE 2010 at 9.30 A.M.**

#### **LTC11. THE PARK GALLERY - RELOCATION AND CONSULTATION**

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 17 May 2010 by the Director of Community Services together with a copy of the consultation questionnaire to stakeholders (tabled at the meeting) and the responses to the consultation undertaken by Community Services on the relocation of the Park Gallery to Callendar House

The Convener agreed a 5 minute recess prior to consideration of this item of business to allow Members to fully consider the contents of the tabled consultation questionnaire. The meeting reconvened with all Members present as per the sederunt.

Discussion took place on the following issues:-

- The wide ranging and ongoing consultation process undertaken with stakeholders including artists and the Scottish Arts Council;
- The ethos of the Park Gallery, the relocation to Callendar House, the bespoke enhanced display facilities and the opportunities to showcase artists work to new audiences;
- The importance of a transparent consultation and option appraisal process;
- The concerns in relation to the limited time frame for the consultation with all stakeholders;
- That 96% of responses received to the consultation exercise were against the relocation of the Park Gallery; and
- The potential parking and congestion problems around Callendar House and the impact on local residents.

Councillor Mahoney, seconded by Provost Reid, moved that the Committee approve the recommendation within the Report.

By way of an Amendment, Councillor McNally, seconded by Councillor Meiklejohn, moved that Committee:-

- ‘(a) reaffirms its commitment to not only carry out consultation with stakeholders but to also act on the conclusions of each consultation exercise;
- (b) notes that 96% of those consulted objected to the closure of the Park Gallery and in line with the ethos outlined in 10.1 agrees to respect the clearly expressed wish of the majority to retain this asset; and

- (c) therefore agrees to reverse the previous closure motion and retain the Park Gallery in its current format.'

On a division, 7 Members voted for the Motion and 5 voted for the Amendment.

Accordingly, **NOTED** the contents of the report.