

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Municipal Buildings,
Falkirk, FK1 5RS

Falkirk Council

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the above named committee to be held in the **Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Falkirk** on **2 March 2009** at **2:00pm**.

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Acting Director of Law and Administration Services

25 February 2009

BUSINESS PART 1

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(a) (a) Bonnybridge Railway Station

Submit Report by "Council commends the consultation exercise carried out by local MSP Michael Matheson on the proposed Bonnybridge Railway Station demonstrating that not only is there a demand but the community of Bonnybridge meets Transport Scotland's criteria.

Falkirk Council is the statutory agency best placed to deliver the Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidelines (S.T.A.G. Report) required to moved this issue to the next level and hereby instructs officers to commission such and report back to the relevant scrutiny committee the outcome".

(b) (b) Community Sports Clubs

Submit Report by "Falkirk Council agrees to work with local junior football clubs, Bo'ness United, Camelon and Dunipace Juniors to become Community Sports Clubs.

Council endorses the work already undertaken by Michael Matheson MSP and Councillors Georgie Thomson (Camelon), John Constable (Bo'ness) and John McNally (Dunipace) in the early stages of Community Sports Club status.

Council believes that by using the £330K budgeted figure for a single council

owned synthetic pitch to pump prime the additional grants that are available to Community Sports Clubs the community could achieve the development of not one but three synthetic pitches available for hire.

Council therefore agrees to continue down this path and calls for a report to the relevant scrutiny committee once council officials have liaised with each of the clubs, local members and other existing parties involved in the discussion to date".

(c) (c) School Crossing Patrols

Submit Report by "Falkirk Council recognises with concern that a number of school crossing patrols across the district are not currently operating because of vacancies and long term sick leave arising from the difficulty of recruiting crossing patrol attendants. Council understands the potential hazards this creates to primary school age children and the significant difficulties it creates for parents and therefore resolves to establish an all-party working group to examine this issue and report back to the appropriate committees with proposals to help address the difficulties in recruitment".

(d) (d) Denny and Stenhousemuir Police Offices

Submit Report by "Council agrees to open discussions with Central Scotland Police regarding the soon to be vacant Denny and Stenhousemuir Police Office sites with a view to having social housing built on this sites. A report will be sent to the relevant scrutiny committee when the discussions have been carried out".

(e) (e) Heritage Lottery Funding

Submit Report by "Council notes with concern the poor uptake in heritage lottery funding from the Falkirk area especially in the west of the district.

Council commends the efforts of such as the Denny and Dunipace Heritage Society in the campaign to have a Heritage Centre built in the west of the district and pledges support to this group to achieve their ends.

Falkirk district has been synonymous with the industrial revolution and has exported not only iron, coal, paper, agriculture but also people to all parts of the world.

Council agrees to instruct officers to take a lead with all local communities from across the district, including tenants groups, voluntary groups, heritage and historical groups to bid for funding to deliver a variety of sculptures throughout the district commemorating the heritage and history of our various communities.

These sculptures should be placed at strategic entrances to the area with each town and village identifying its own personal theme.

Council further agrees that a progress report will be brought back to the relevant scrutiny committee during the first cycle of meetings after the summer recess on not only what progress has been made but also how this can best be phased to obtain maximum benefit".

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