

FC103.NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(a) Bonnybridge Railway Station

Councillor C Coleman, seconded by Councillor Oliver moved that:-

“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 move this issue to the next level and hereby instructs officers to commission such and report back to the relevant scrutiny committee the outcome”.

By way of an amendment Councillor C Martin seconded by Councillor A Mahoney moved that:-

“Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to Michael Matheson MSP requesting a copy of the completed consultation exercise (including the analysis, report and conclusions) he undertook with the people of Bonnybridge regards a new train station.

Council further instructs the Chief Executive to write to all constituency and list MSP’s seeking that they overturn Transport Scotland’s Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR) and urge the Scottish Government to support new railway stations at Bonnybridge and Grangemouth”.

Councillor Spears gave notice of a further amendment.

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

For the Motion (14) – Councillors Alexander, Carleschi, Coleman, H Constable, J Constable, Hughes, Jackson, Kenna, A MacDonald, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Spears and Thomson.

For the Amendment (15) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Black; Councillors Blackwood, Buchanan, Goldie, Gow, Lemetti, C MacDonald, Mahoney, C Martin, CR Martin, McLuckie, McNeill, Nicol and Nimmo.

In terms of Standing Order 19.6 the amended motion, became the substantive motion upon which the further amendment may be moved.

By way of further amendment Councillor Spears seconded by Councillor A MacDonald moved that:-

“Council recognises that Grangemouth being one of the largest centres of population within the Falkirk Council area and that its population has grown since its Railway Station was removed. That Grangemouth needs the reinstatement of this Station and rail link.

Falkirk Council is the statutory agency best placed to deliver the Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidelines (S.T.A.G's Report) required moving this issue to the next level and hereby instructs Officers to commission such and report back to the relevant scrutiny committee the outcome”.

Council then adjourned for 15 minutes to allow members to consider the terms of the amendment and reconvened with members present as per the sederunt plus Councillor Waddell who joined the meeting at this point.

In terms of Standing Order 21.4 (i) a vote was taken by way of a roll call, there being 30 Members present, with Members voting as undernoted:-

For the substantive Motion (15) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Black; Councillors Blackwood, Buchanan, Goldie, Gow, Lemetti, C MacDonald, Mahoney, C Martin, CR Martin, McLuckie, McNeill, Nicol and Nimmo.

For the Amendment (14) – Councillors Alexander, Carleschi, Coleman, H Constable, J Constable, Hughes, Jackson, Kenna, A MacDonald, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Spears and Thomson.

Abstention (1) – Councillor Waddell

Accordingly, **RESOLVED** in terms of the substantive Motion, namely:-

“Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to Michael Matheson MSP requesting a copy of the completed consultation exercise (including the analysis, report and conclusions) he undertook with the people of Bonnybridge regards a new train station.

Council further instructs the Chief Executive to write to all constituency and list MSP's seeking that they overturn Transport Scotland's Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR) and urge the Scottish Government to support new railway stations at Bonnybridge and Grangemouth”.