

FC38. NOTICES OF MOTION

(c) Local History Teaching

Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Oliver moved as follows:-

“Council note with satisfaction the recent erection of two community led monuments to important areas of local history and heritage.

The monument to the Scottish patriots who died for Scottish independence at the first battle of Falkirk is one in a link of significant sites and memorials to Falkirk’s important role in this period of our history.

The last land battle fought on Scottish soil was the 1820 uprising where the Weavers sought to rise against the state under the slogan “Scotland Free or a Desert” and took place at Bonnymuir, recently recognised by the 1820 Society.

During the period of the last Administration with Falkirk Council the teaching of local history was driven up the educational curriculum with various initiatives. There is currently scope within the parameters of the development of the local history curriculum for further such initiatives such as the teaching of the history of the Radical Movement of 1920 in local schools.

Council therefore calls on the Education Committee of Falkirk Council to bring forward a report that ensures the teaching of Falkirk’s role in the Scottish Wars of Independence and the Radical Movement of 1820”.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Waddell, seconded by Councillor C Martin moved as follows:-

“Council notes with satisfaction the recent erection of two community led monuments to important areas of local history and heritage. Council undertakes to open immediate discussions with the relevant organisations to examine the feasibility of the Council taking responsibility for the future maintenance of both monuments.

Council notes with satisfaction that all children in Falkirk schools study the Wars of Independence at some point in their primary or secondary curriculum.

Council proposes that Education Services bring forward a cross curricular project covering the transition years of p7/s1. The material and content of the course will be centred on local resources and tailored to the local area of the High School cluster. Most schools will choose appropriate subjects relevant to the pupils’ experience and the local environment of the area e.g. they may choose to consider local topics, such as the Redding Pit Disaster, the building of the Charlotte Dundas in Grangemouth or the Radical Movement from 1820 and its later development into the Scottish Trade Union Movement”.

The meeting adjourned for a short time at this point to consider the terms of the Amendment.

On reconvening, and in terms of Standing Order 21.4(i) a vote was taken by way of roll call, there being 31 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 (17) Provost Reid and Depute Provost Black; Councillors Blackwood, Buchanan, Goldie, Gow, Lemetti, C MacDonald, Mahoney, C Martin, C R Martin, McLuckie, McNeill, Nicol, Nimmo, Patrick and Waddell.

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