

FC45. TOWN CENTRES STRATEGY: BO'NESS HARBOUR AND FORESHORE INITIATIVE

With reference to Minute of Meeting of Falkirk Council held on 30 April 2008, Paragraph FC7 refers), there was submitted Report (circulated) by the Director of Community Services (a) outlining the method and outcome of the consultation exercise undertaken with the Bo'ness Community on the Bo'ness Harbour and Foreshore Initiative; (b) detailing the content of the feedback, and (c) providing an updated perspective on the proposed development.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor Lemetti moved the recommendations as contained within the Report.

By way of an amendment Councillor J Constable, seconded by Councillor H Constable moved:-

“Council rejects the recommendation in this report.

Council instructs that Officers offer ING the opportunity of fresh negotiations based on a development ensuring the delivery of the harbour regeneration project.

Council at the same time instructs officers to contact the other original bidders to determine any remaining interest they may have and prepare an advertisement for publications in which statutory notification of such potential re-tendering of the development is required.

That a negotiating team comprising appropriate officers, local councillors, the Leader of the Council, and appropriate Conveners be established to receive replies from all interested bodies and assess these prior to their being brought back through the committee process”.

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

For the Amendment (15) – Councillors Alexander, Carleschi, Coleman, J Constable, H Constable, Hughes, Jackson, Kenna, A MacDonald, McNally, Meiklejohn, Nicol, Oliver, Spears and Thomson.

There being an equality of votes and in terms of Standing Order 21.6 the Provost used his casting vote in favour of the Motion.

Accordingly, **NOTED** the extent and outcome of the consultation on the proposed rephrasing of the Bo'ness Initiative and the comments supplied in response to the views of the community as set out in the Report.

AGREED that, having considered the outcome of the consultation, the revised phasing of the Initiative should proceed and that the Director of Community Services be authorised to work with ING RED UK (Bo'ness) Ltd, with ING RE BV as guarantor, to progress and deliver the regeneration masterplan and finalise a Development Agreement on the terms set out in the original Policy and Resources Committee Report of 11 March 2008.