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FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of FALKIRK COUNCIL held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2015 at 4.00 p.m.

COUNCILLORS:

David Alexander	Charles MacDonald	Martin Oliver
Stephen Bird	Brian McCabe	Baillie Joan Paterson
Jim Blackwood	John McLuckie	Depute Provost John
Baillie William Buchanan	John McNally	Patrick
Steven Carleschi	Adrian Mahoney	Provost Pat Reid
Thomas Coleman	Craig Martin	Robert Spears
Dennis Goldie	Dr Craig R Martin	Sandy Turner
Gerry Goldie	Cecil Meiklejohn	
Linda Gow	Rosie Murray	
Gordon Hughes	Malcolm Nicol	
Steven Jackson	Alan Nimmo	

OFFICERS:

Rose Mary Glackin, Chief Governance Officer
Gary Greenhorn, Joint Acting Director of Education
Colin Moodie, Depute Chief Governance Officer
Anne Pearson, Joint Acting Director of Education
Brian Pirie, Democratic Services Manager
Mary Pitcaithly, Chief Executive

ALSO

ATTENDING: Robert Naylor, Director of Children's Services (Designate)

FC82. SEDERUNT

The sederunt was taken by way of a roll call. Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillors Balfour, Black, Chalmers and Ritchie.

FC83. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were intimated.

FC84. MOTION

Reduction of School Hours

Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved the following motion:-

“We believe that there has been a material change in the decision taken at the budget meeting on 11 February 2015 in relation to the reduction in school hours as a result of the additional funds provided from the Scottish Government.

Subsequent to the budget meeting there has been a number of statements made within the public domain at parent meetings that have yet to be substantiated creating concern and anxiety within communities.

Councillor Alan Nimmo, Education portfolio holder, is now required to provide a clear statement of the Administration’s intentions with regard to any reduction of school hours”.

With no amendment moved, the motion was agreed. Councillor Nimmo then, in implementation of the decision, gave a statement to Council.