

**RECORD OF VOTES TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF FALKIRK COUNCIL
ON WEDNESDAY 22 June 2016**

Councillors in attendance:

David Alexander	Tom Coleman	Brian McCabe	Alan Nimmo
David Balfour	Paul Garner	John McLuckie	Martin Oliver
Stephen Bird	Dennis Goldie	Adrian Mahoney	Joan Paterson
Allyson Black	Gerry Goldie	Craig Martin	John Patrick
Jim Blackwood	Linda Gow	Dr Craig R Martin	Pat Reid
William Buchanan	Gordon Hughes	Cecil Meiklejohn	Ann Ritchie
Steven Carleschi	Steven Jackson	Rosie Murray	
Colin Chalmers	Charles MacDonald	Malcolm Nicol	

Councillors not in attendance: Brian McCabe (for items 11 and 14), Robert Spears and Sandy Turner

Agenda Item: 9	Subject: CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS	
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MOTION

Council agrees:

(1)

to note the introduction of new procurement rules;

(2)

the revised Contract Standing Orders; and

(3)

the procedures set out in paragraph 5 of the report in relation to external advisers.

Moved by: Malcolm Nicol
Seconded by: Joan Paterson

AMENDMENT

Council agrees:-

(1)

to note the introduction of new procurement rules;

(2)

that in keeping with recommendations from Audit Scotland, for elected members to be more aware of their responsibilities for financial management, the current reporting arrangements to members of the Executive should be retained including the appointment of external advisers; and

(3)

as inflation has remained fairly static there is no need to revise the authorisation levels for contract awards, therefore the approval levels of the current contract costs should remain at the current thresholds.

Moved by: Cecil Meiklejohn
Seconded by: Steven Jackson

VOTE

For the motion (17)

Allyson Black	Craig Martin
Jim Blackwood	Dr C R Martin
William Buchanan	Rosie Murray
Dennis Goldie	Malcolm Nicol
Gerry Goldie	Alan Nimmo
Linda Gow	Joan Paterson
Charles MacDonald	John Patrick
John McLuckie	Pat Reid
Adrian Mahoney	

DECISION: Motion carried

For the amendment (13)

David Alexander	Gordon Hughes
David Balfour	Steven Jackson
Stephen Bird	Brian McCabe
Steven Carleschi	Cecil Meiklejohn
Colin Chalmers	Martin Oliver
Tom Coleman	Ann Ritchie
Paul Garner	

Agenda Item: 10	Subject: LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND: FIRTH REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS	
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MOTION

Council agrees to adhere to its position of 27 May 2015 to maintain 32 elected members and to sign East Renfrewshire Council's letter to the Scottish Minister in regard to the Boundary Commission's recommendations.

Moved by: Craig Martin

Seconded by: Cecil Meiklejohn

AMENDMENT

Council supports the recommendations of the Boundary Commission for Scotland's firth review of electoral arrangements as detailed in sections 2.3 to 2.6 of the report.

Moved by: Malcolm Nicol

Seconded by: John Patrick

VOTE

For the motion (28)

David Alexander	Steven Jackson
David Balfour	Charles MacDonald
Stephen Bird	Brian McCabe
Allyson Black	John McLuckie
Jim Blackwood	Adrian Mahoney
William Buchanan	Craig Martin
Steven Carleschi	Dr C R Martin
Colin Chalmers	Cecil Meiklejohn
Tom Coleman	Rosie Murray
Paul Garner	Alan Nimmo
Dennis Goldie	Martin Oliver
Gerry Goldie	Joan Paterson
Linda Gow	Pat Reid
Gordon Hughes	Ann Ritchie

For the amendment (2)

Malcolm Nicol	John Patrick
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DECISION: Motion carried

Agenda Item: 11	Subject: ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT	
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MOTION

Council agrees:

- (1) that in order to give notice of a reduced service, the existing contract with Order of Malta Dial-a-Journey (OMDAJ) is extended to 31 July 2016; and
- (2) to award a new contract to OMDAJ from 1 August 2016 until 31 March 2017, for a 2 vehicle, 5 day a week, 8.30 to 17.30 hours Falkirk Council area only service at a cost of £105,225 (an annual rate of £157,838) to allow officers to prepare a further report to the Council on options for the future; the additional costs being met from a combination of existing Transport Planning budgets and the balance (estimated at £66,000) from the bus contracts budget.

Moved by: Linda Gow

Seconded by: Craig R Martin

AMENDMENT

Council agrees:-

- (1) that by significantly reducing the service level and area of operation with OMDAJ there will be a number of people marginalised and isolated as there would be no alternative; and
- (2) therefore to fund OMDAJ from 1st August 2016 to 31st March 2017 to provide a 7 day a week service with journeys not restricted to only Falkirk Council area at a cost of £164,494.

Moved by: Cecil Meiklejohn

Seconded by: Steven Jackson

VOTE**For the motion (16)**

Allyson Black	Adrian Mahoney
Jim Blackwood	Craig Martin
William Buchanan	Dr C R Martin
Dennis Goldie	Malcolm Nicol
Gerry Goldie	Alan Nimmo
Linda Gow	Joan Paterson
Charles MacDonald	John Patrick
John McLuckie	Pat Reid

For the amendment (12)

David Alexander	Paul Garner
David Balfour	Gordon Hughes
Stephen Bird	Steven Jackson
Steven Carleschi	Cecil Meiklejohn
Colin Chalmers	Martin Oliver
Tom Coleman	Ann Ritchie

Abstention (1) Rosie Murray

DECISION: Motion carried

Agenda Item: 14

**Subject: MOTION – BANDEATH
ANIMAL SHELTER**

MOTION

Council agrees that where a financial decision is to be made under delegated powers, and has the potential to be of significant public interest all elected members will receive a briefing paper prior to any decision being implemented.

Council acknowledges the significant public concern at a recent decision to withdraw funding from Bandeath Animal Shelter without recourse to elected members. It now therefore agrees to reinstate the funding for the Shelter and to work with partners and the wider community on the sustainability of the facility for the foreseeable future.

Moved by: Paul Garner

Seconded by: David Balfour

AMENDMENT

Council:-

- (1) agrees that where a financial decision is to be made under delegated powers and has the potential to be of significant public interest all elected members will receive a briefing paper prior to any decision being implemented;
- (2) acknowledges the great work of Bandeath dog shelter and the high regard it is thought of throughout the district and the work and passion being shown by the Save Bandeath group;
- (3) acknowledges that all the local authority partners are committed to funding a dog shelter and have made public their desires that this facility continues to be of the highest quality, such as Bandeath. However Council are aware that Police Scotland is still insisting that they will withdraw their funding. If this is the case we reaffirm that Falkirk Council will not take over the responsibility

for the duties and powers placed upon Police Scotland in relation to stray dogs should they withdraw from the Partnership;

- (4) agrees to continue to work with our partners and the wider community on the sustainability of the Banded dog shelter; and
- (5) also agrees to write to the Chief Constable, Phillip Gormley and Justice Minister, Michael Matheson, asking them to intervene on the decision by Police Scotland of its intention to withdraw its funding.

Moved by: Jim Blackwood

Seconded by: Craig R Martin

VOTE

For the motion (12)

David Alexander	Paul Garner
David Balfour	Gordon Hughes
Stephen Bird	Steven Jackson
Steven Carleschi	Cecil Meiklejohn
Colin Chalmers	Martin Oliver
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For the amendment (17)

Allyson Black	Craig Martin
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Linda Gow	Joan Paterson
Charles MacDonald	John Patrick
John McLuckie	Pat Reid
Adrian Mahoney	

DECISION: Amendment carried

Notes

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