

RECORD OF VOTES TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF FALKIRK COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 21 September 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	Robert Spears
Colin Chalmers	Charles MacDonald	Malcolm Nicol	

Councillors not in attendance: Gerry Goldie (Item 13), Alan Nimmo (Item 13) and Sandy Turner (Item 7,8 and 13)

Agenda Item: 7	Subject: Falkirk Community Planning Partnership – Strategic Outcomes and Local Delivery Plan		
MOTION			
Council agrees:			
<div>(1) the Strategic Outcomes & Local Delivery Plan appended to the report, in its capacity as a core community planning partner;</div> <div>(2) to appoint the Leader of the Council, Leader of the Opposition, ex officio, and Councillor Blackwood to the Community Planning Leadership Board;and</div> <div>(3) that the Chief Executive will prepare and submit an annual report for the Leadership Board which will set out the Council’s contribution to the Strategic Outcomes Local Delivery Plan and community planning generally.</div>			
Moved by: C Martin			
Seconded by: J Blackwood			
AMENDMENT			
The terms of the motion, with Councillor McCabe nominated in place of Councillor Blackwood.			
Moved by: R Spears			
Seconded by: B McCabe			
<u>VOTE</u>			
For the motion (17)		For the amendment (2)	Abstention (12)
A Black	C Martin	B McCabe	D Alexander
J Blackwood	Dr C R Martin	R Spears	P Garner
W Buchanan	R Murray		D Balfour
D Goldie	M Nicol		G Hughes
G Goldie	A Nimmo		S Bird
J McLuckie	J Paterson		S Jackson
L Gow	J Patrick		S Carleschi
C MacDonald	P Reid		C Meiklejohn
A Mahoney			C Chalmers
			M Oliver
			T Coleman
			A Ritchie
DECISION: Motion carried			

Agenda Item: 8	Subject: Falkirk Community Trust – Director Appointment
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MOTION

Council agrees:

- (1) to reappoint Councillor Dennis Goldie as a Council appointed Director on the Board of the Trust, and
- (2) to authorise the Chief Executive to provide written notice to the Trust of the appointment.

Moved by: C Martin

Seconded by: W Buchanan

AMENDMENT

To appoint Councillor McCabe as a director of the Trust in place of Councillor Goldie.

Moved by: R Spears

Seconded by: C Chalmers

VOTE

For the motion (17)

A Black	C Martin
J Blackwood	Dr C R Martin
W Buchanan	R Murray
D Goldie	M Nicol
G Goldie	A Nimmo
L Gow	J Paterson
C MacDonald	J Patrick
J McLuckie	P Reid
A Mahoney	

For the amendment (14)

D Alexander	G Hughes
D Balfour	S Jackson
S Bird	B McCabe
S Carleschi	C Meiklejohn
C Chalmers	M Oliver
T Coleman	A Ritchie
P Garner	R Spears

DECISION: Motion carried

Agenda Item: 13	Subject: Notice of Motion Frank's Law
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MOTION

Council notes that, currently, legislation enables personal care to be provided free for people in Scotland aged over 65, provided they are assessed as needing it.

Of the 85,807 dementia sufferers in Scotland 3,201 are under the age of 65 and therefore not entitled to the help.

Council commends the campaign by Mrs Amanda Kopel – “Frank’s Law” – to requests that the Scottish Government extend free personal care to anyone under the age of 65 who requires such care for their dementia, motor neurone disease, parkinson’s, multiple sclerosis, cancer, progressive supranuclear palsy (or any other degenerative brain disease).

Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to the First Minister requesting her to consider the introduction of a “Frank’s Law” so that free personal care is extended to under 65s as set out above.

In addition, Council agrees to ask the Provost to write to Mrs Kopel to congratulate her on her campaign.

Moved by: D Goldie
Seconded by: L Gow

AMENDMENT

Council notes the real Health benefits provided by the Scottish Government to mitigate the impact of Tory austerity policies.

SNP policies such as free prescriptions, the effective abolition of the Bedroom Tax and the protection of NHS budgets have all contributed in a positive manner to the promotion of the care of vulnerable groups of people.

Council also notes the commitment given in the 2016 SNP manifesto to,

- Transformation of the NHS with nearly £2 billion of extra investment,
- Delivering more healthcare closer to home;
- New action to tackle cancer, and improve mental health services

Council also notes the opinion of partner organisations such as COSLA and endorses the partner approach is the correct way to promote a fair policy on benefit entitlement.

At a time when Scottish and Local Government's budgets are being slashed and the full impact of BREXIT is yet to be felt Council agrees to:-

1. support the principles of Frank's Law; and
2. seek to develop a partnership approach between Local, National and UK Governments as under the terms of the motion Local Government would bear the financial burden of implementation

Moved by: D Alexander
Seconded by: S Bird

VOTE

For the motion (16)

A Black	C Martin
J Blackwood	Dr C R Martin
W Buchanan	R Murray
D Goldie	M Nicol
L Gow	J Paterson
C MacDonald	J Patrick
J McLuckie	P Reid
A Mahoney	R Spears

For the amendment (12)

D Alexander	P Garner
D Balfour	G Hughes
S Bird	S Jackson
S Carleschi	C Meiklejohn
C Chalmers	M Oliver
T Coleman	A Ritchie

Abstention (1)

B McCabe

DECISION: Motion carried

Notes

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