

RECORD OF VOTES TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF FALKIRK COUNCIL **ON WEDNESDAY 7 December 2016**

Councillors in attendance:

David Alexander	Dennis Goldie	Adrian Mahoney	Joan Paterson
David Balfour	Gerry Goldie (Items 8,11 & 14 only)	Craig Martin	John Patrick
Allyson Black	Linda Gow	Dr Craig R Martin	Pat Reid
Jim Blackwood	Gordon Hughes	Cecil Meiklejohn	Ann Ritchie
Steven Carleschi	Steven Jackson	Rosie Murray	Robert Spears
Colin Chalmers (Items 10,11, 12 & 14 only)	Charles MacDonald	Malcolm Nicol	Sandy Turner
Tom Coleman	Brian McCabe	Alan Nimmo	
Paul Garner	John McLuckie	Martin Oliver	

Councillors not in attendance: Baillie Buchanan and Councillor Bird.

Agenda Item: 8	Subject: Falkirk Local Development Plan 2 Main Issues Report
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MOTION

Council agrees to approve the Falkirk Local Development Plan 2: Main Issues Report (MIR), attached as Appendix 1 to the report, for consultation purposes.

Moved by: D Goldie

Seconded by: J Blackwood

Following discussion on the terms of an amendment moved by Councillor Alexander and seconded by Councillor Meiklejohn, the mover of the motion and his seconder with the consent of the Provost agreed to adjust the terms of the motion to incorporate the following points from the amendment:-

(1) **2.2 General Policy**

Include as a preferred option the extension of the current policy protecting open space to cover all outdoor sports facilities (as required by Scottish Planning Policy) including outdoor playing fields, outdoor athletics tracks, golf courses, outdoor tennis courts and outdoor bowling greens.

Under 'Outdoor Sports Facilities' (page 56), insert new paragraph before paragraph 6.13 as follows:

"Scottish Planning Policy requires Councils to safeguard all outdoor sports facilities from development except in tightly specified circumstances. Outdoor sports facilities are defined to include outdoor playing fields, outdoor athletics tracks, golf courses, outdoor tennis courts and outdoor bowling greens. The Council's open space policy currently offers protection to playing fields and sports pitches, but need to be updated to cover this wider definition of outdoor sport facilities".

Under 'Preferred Option (paragraph 6.18, page 57), insert new sub-section 4 as follows:

"4. The LDP1 policy on protection of open space will be extended to include all outdoor sports facilities as required by Scottish Planning Policy".

(2) **Braes.** Site 56 Hillcrest. Relocate site from the Shieldhill grouping to the Wallacestone/Redding/Reddingmuirhead grouping in the Site Schedules (page a1-07 of the MIR)

(3) **Braes.** Site 140 Maddiston Fire Station. Change MIR status to Mixed Use (Employment/Community) but excluding housing (page a1-06)

- (4) **Bo'ness.** Carry forward all existing LDP1 sites (including Site 63 Bo'ness Foreshore) (page a1-02)
- (5) **Denny.** Site 118 Tygetshaugh. Change from non-preferred site to preferred new site for housing for the elderly (page a1-12)
- (6) And to make all consequential changes to the Main Issues Report and to supporting documentation.

However 3 points contained within the amendment were not incorporated. These were

- (1) **Falkirk.** Sites 123 & 160 Woodend Farm 1 & 2. Change MIR status from preferred new site to non-preferred site to preserve the countryside and maintain natural boundaries between communities (page a1-14)
- (2) **Falkirk.** Site 70 Falkirk TC Grahamston. Remove site as an existing LDP1 site carried forward and retain as a civic car park (page a1-15)
- (3) **Stenhousemuir.** Site 94 Hill of Kinnaird 2. Change MIR status from a mixed use site including residential, to an employment site which could include community uses (a1-20)

Council then voted, for or against, each of these.

VOTE 1

For the amendment (13)

Against the amendment (16)

DECISION: Amendment not carried.

VOTE 2

For the amendment (13)

Against the amendment (16)

DECISION: Amendment not carried.

VOTE 3

For the amendment (13)

Against the amendment (16)

DECISION: Amendment not carried.

Further Amendment 1

A further amendment was made by Councillor McLuckie and seconded by Councillor D Goldie. The mover of the substantive motion and his seconder with the consent of the Provost agreed to adjust the terms of the motion to incorporate the following point from the amendment:-

- (1) Change the status of Site 60 Standburn West from 'Existing LDP1 Proposed for De-allocation' to 'Existing LDP1 Site Carried Forward'.

Moved by: J McLuckie

Seconded by: D Goldie

However there was no general agreement on a second part of the amendment which was to:

Amend the preferred option for housing growth in the Maddiston/Rumford Area to include Site 142 Parkhall Farm North (East), which would be for 70 retirement housing units and a care home.

Council then voted, for or against, the proposed change.

VOTE 4

For the amendment (16)

Against the amendment (13)

DECISION: Amendment carried.

Agenda Item: 11

Subject: Appointment to Committees and Other Bodies

MOTION

Council:-

- (1) Notes the resignation of Councillor Alan Nimmo from the Planning Committee;
- (2) Agrees to appoint Councillor Jim Blackwood to the Planning Committee;
- (3) Agrees to appoint Provost Reid to the Scottish Parliament's Cross Party Group on Poland.

Moved by: C Martin

Seconded by: J Paterson

AMENDMENT

The terms of the motion, with Councillor Coleman nominated in place of Provost Reid.

Moved by: C Meiklejohn

Seconded by: S Jackson

VOTE

For the motion (14)

For the amendment (13)

Abstention (2)

A Black	C Martin	D Alexander	B McCabe	T Coleman
J Blackwood	Dr C R Martin	D Balfour	C Meiklejohn	P Reid
D Goldie	R Murray	S Carleschi	M Oliver	
L Gow	M Nicol	C Chalmers	A Ritchie	
C MacDonald	A Nimmo	P Garner	R Spears	
J McLuckie	J Paterson	G Hughes	S Turner	
A Mahoney	J Patrick	S Jackson		

DECISION: Motion carried

Agenda Item: 12

Subject: Council of the Future

MOTION

Council agrees to:-

- (a) Note the work already undertaken by the Council in taking forward change and efficiency;
- (b) Adopt the new change framework to implement the 'Council of the Future', to deliver a programme of change over the next 3 to 5 years, and
- (c) Note that an update report will be submitted to the Executive prior to the end of the financial year on implementation of the Council of the Future framework.

Moved by: C Martin

Seconded by: J Paterson

AMENDMENT

Council agrees that a report providing more detail on the Council of the Future proposals is submitted to a future meeting of Council to be considered alongside Audit Scotland's Best Value findings.

Moved by: C Meiklejohn

Seconded by: S Jackson

VOTE

For the motion (15)

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

For the amendment (14)

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

DECISION: Motion carried

Agenda Item: 14a

Subject: Pension entitlement for 50's born women

MOTION

Council agrees to:-

- (a) support the work of Falkirk 50's born women and John McNally MP to highlight the gross unfairness of pensions entitlement of women born after 6th April 1951 by:-
 1. Supporting the statement above; and
 2. Lobby the Westminster Government in support of the reconsideration of the transitional arrangements to stop the discrimination of women being penalised for the failure to make changes to their pensions contributions they were not advised to make. In doing so Council should make written representations to both the Chancellor and the Minister for Pensions.

Moved by: C Meiklejohn

Seconded by: A Ritchie

AMENDMENT

Council agrees in addition to the motion to make written representation to the First Minister requesting that her Government consider using their new powers to compensate those women in Scotland who will suffer due to the bringing forward of the changes to their pension qualifying age.

Moved by: L Gow

Seconded by: J Paterson

VOTE

For the motion (14)

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

For the amendment (16)

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

DECISION: Amendment carried

Agenda Item: 14b

Subject: Fracking

MOTION

Council agrees to:-

- (1) support the Scottish Government moratorium on Fracking and their cautious, considered and evidence based approach to all Unconventional Gas Extraction.
- (2) welcome the public consultation and encourage all our citizens to participate in making sure their views are taken into account and acted upon.

Moved by: P Garner

Seconded by: S Carleschi

AMENDMENT

Council agrees in addition to the motion to write to the First Minister asking for details of the Scottish Government's future long term energy policy in the event of the eventual decision being to ban all fracking, and the consequences of that policy for the petrochemical and associated industries and workforce in the Grangemouth area.

Moved by: D Goldie

Seconded by: G Goldie

VOTE

For the motion (14)

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

For the amendment (16)

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

DECISION: Amendment carried

Notes

1. This voting record is subject to approval of the formal minute at the next meeting of Council on 29 March 2017.
2. Only those items where a vote was taken are recorded here. For information about decisions reached on any other items considered at this meeting, please contact Brian Pirie, Democratic Services Manager, 01324 506110.