

EX98. Motion referred to the Executive under Standing Order 31

The following motion was referred to the Executive from the special meeting of Falkirk Council on 19 December 2016.

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor D Goldie, moved that:-

- (1) officers be instructed to obtain estimated costs of relevant STAG / appraisal work that would be required to investigate transport issues in the Bonnybridge area and possible solutions, including a potential railway station in High Bonnybridge, and report back, and
- (2) the Leader of the Council write to the relevant Minister asking that if a STAG report was produced that was favourable to a station being reinstated in Bonnybridge if the Scottish Government would positively consider this.

As an amendment, Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Alexander, moved, in substitution for the motion, to:-

- (1) record this committee's appreciation of the research on the Bonnybridge station project undertaken by the Bonnybridge Rail Group over the past year;
- (2) note the information and figures provided by Mr Angel to elected members between the 29th October and 14th December 2016 regarding his section's efforts at establishing indicative STAG costs.
- (3) re-affirm the leader of the council's statement at the 2016 February Special full Council, when voting with his colleagues against commissioning a STAG report, that "the administration was still committed to the reopening of a Bonnybridge station and continue to support investment to re-open", and
- (4) instruct officers to develop a STAG report on the Bonnybridge station project and on completion bring this to Executive for analysis.

Councillor Spears gave notice of a further amendment.

The Chief Governance Officer highlighted the terms of Standing Orders 30.2 and 30.3 which deal with the financial implications of motions and amendments.

The Executive adjourned at 11.35am and reconvened at 12.10pm with all members present as per the sederunt.

Following discussion, and having received advice from the Chief Finance Officer in accordance within Standing Order 30.3, Councillor Coleman, as the mover of the amendment, with the consent of Councillor Alexander as his seconder and Councillor C Martin, as Convener, altered the text of the amendment by replacing paragraph (4) as follows:-

- (4) instruct officers to develop a pre-appraisal and stage 1 STAG report on the Bonnybridge station project at a maximum cost of £42k (from reserves) and on completion bring this to Executive for analysis.

The Executive then debated the terms of the motion and adjusted amendment.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4 (i), the vote was taken by roll call, there being 8 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (5) – Councillors D Goldie, Gow, Mahoney, C Martin and Dr C R Martin.

For the amendment (3) – Councillors Alexander, Coleman and Spears.

Councillor Spears then moved his further amendment which the convener ruled as not competent standing the terms of Standing Order 30.2.

Decision

The Executive agreed the motion.