

EX49. Motions referred to the Executive under Standing Order 31

On 20 September 2017, and in accordance with Standing Order 31.1, Council referred the following motions proposed by Councillor Buchanan, to the Executive:-

- (a) All Councillors will be aware of the problem created by anti social behaviour in our communities. Over the years the situation has become worse due to, I believe, the lack of any direct action to deal with it.

These individuals make their neighbours lives a misery and the elderly are the most vulnerable. I don't know how many people over the years who have contacted me because they simply cannot take anymore of this anti social behaviour and have given up their homes to live in peace and quiet.

I recall holding a public forum on this issue in Bonnybridge Community Centre with local MP Dennis Canavan and the Police were also present. It came as a great shock to us all when an old lady said she wished she was dead as she had had enough of the misery created by these thoughtless individuals she said she wanted out of it as she had to put up with this misery for many years. Drunks, partying, fighting you name it and nothing done to get her the peace she so badly wanted.

It has not changed because our communities are still blighted by this anti social behaviour they are still amongst us causing misery. So we must put legislation in place to deal with this as the present legislation is totally inadequate and is simply no good enough, we must toughen up on legislation and protect our communities and residents.

Therefore I would ask that we, as a Council, contact our Justice Minister and demand that legislation be brought in to protect our citizens and enable those he represents to have protection from these bullies and that they be allowed to live their life without the scourge of **anti social behaviour** and that Michael Matheson bring legislation before the Scottish Parliament to put an end to this anti social behaviour.

Enough is Enough.

Proposed by Councillor Buchanan

In terms of Standing Order 31.2, Councillor Buchanan spoke in support of his motion.

Councillor Goldie, seconded by Councillor Patrick, moved the terms of the motion.

As an amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Hughes, moved in substitution, that the Executive notes the historic position of the Council that confirms there is zero tolerance towards anti social behaviour

and hereby re-affirms that policy stance and refers the matter of anti social behaviour to Scrutiny Committee, for its consideration.

In terms of Standing Order 22.1, the vote was taken by roll call, there being 12 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (3) – Councillors Goldie, Nimmo and Patrick.

For the amendment (9) – Provost Coleman; Councillors Alexander, Bouse, Collie, Garner, Hughes, McCue, Meiklejohn and Spears.

Decision

The Executive agreed the amendment.

- (b) The former Bonnybridge hospital site was sold off to developers for, I believe, £1.2 million.

On hearing this I contacted the NHS demanding that the money to be invested into local projects.

1. Bonnybridge Health Centre sits in off Larbert Road, Bonnybridge. It is enclosed with Hope Park, sheltered housing complex and Balhousie Wheatlands Care Home. As you know Bonnybridge and the surrounding area has grown rapidly over the past decade bringing a major increase in the population and bringing tremendous pressure on the Health Centre and it is not just the pressure on the staff that work there but the parking issue can only be summed up in a few words, **horrendous** and **dangerous**. The situation is desperate and because of the close proximity to Hope Park and Wheatlands Care Home these two areas are really adversely affected by indiscriminate parking. There is an opportunity at the back to increase the parking and part of the money from the hospital sale should be invested here.
2. Larbert Forth Valley Royal Hospital build at a cost of £300 million opened in 2010 and is one of the most modern and well equipped Hospital in Europe which has been built to the very highest on standards except for one very important area for staff, patients and visitors alike and that is parking or should I say the lack of it. Anyone who has been to this hospital for whatever reason will tell you of their difficulties in finding somewhere to park, it is a total nightmare and the stories I have heard over the years are dreadful. The stress of trying to get parked for an appointment or visit, beggars belief and nobody, especially if you are ill should have to go through this endurance of finding a parking space.

We also have to look at the effects on the local community whose lives have changed dramatically with all arterial streets and roads being used as overspill car parks. Let's just keep this simple, they have made a huge mistake and did not listen to the advice given to

them in provision of car parking spaces and we all know that. It has had an adverse effect on staff, patients, visitors and a major adverse effect on the local area so let us sort it out.

The site is 70 acres and has plenty space for additional car parking, so initially once the upgrading of the Health Centre in Bonnybridge is completed then what is left from the 1.2 million (which will be substantial) should be invested into more parking at Larbert.

I have already written to the NHS Forth Valley with these proposals and was told that the money from the hospital sale went directly to the Scottish Government.

Conclusion

That we, as a Council, fully support the investment of the financial sum from the former Bonnybridge Hospital site into the two projects highlighted in this summary.

1. Bonnybridge Health Centre (Larbert Road) increasing public parking for the benefit of all.
2. Forth Valley Royal Hospital - Improve with added car parking space, the unacceptable position we now have that is detrimental to staff, patients and visitors and the adverse impact this situation has on the surrounding community.

This Council contacts the cabinet secretary for Health and Sport, Shona Robison through whatever process is required to have these proposals contained in this one email implemented.

Proposed by Councillor Buchanan

In terms of Standing Order 31.2, Councillor Buchanan spoke in support of his motion.

Councillor Goldie, seconded by Councillor Patrick, moved the terms of the motion.

As an amendment, Councillor Collie, seconded by Provost Coleman, moved, in substitution that the Executive:-

Commends the former health minister Michael Matheson, Cllr Tom Coleman and the facilities management team at FVRH for their efforts in resolving the parking problem created at the hospital by the former planning convener Cllr Buchanan when he consented to impose of a travel plan condition which substantially reduced the original numbers of parking places to be provided when granting planning consent to the NHS.

That the Executive also commends Bonnybridge Community Council, Cllr Tom Coleman and former Cllr Linda Gow for their efforts to find new uses

for the former Bonnybridge hospital buildings and site to tackle, amongst other things, the issue of parking at Bonnybridge Health Centre.

Furthermore, that the Executive understands that when an asset such as the Bonnybridge hospital is sold, any profit from the sale is kept by the NHS Board – in this case NHS Forth Valley. The Executive further understands that the NHS Forth Valley has a strategic approach to investment, management and development of capital assets which is set within the strategic aims of the Board and also in line with the plans of the Integrated Joint Board.

In terms of Standing Order 22.1, the vote was taken by roll call, there being 12 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (3) – Councillors Goldie, Nimmo and Patrick.

For the amendment (9) – Provost Coleman; Councillors Alexander, Bouse, Collie, Garner, Hughes, McCue, Meiklejohn and Spears.

Decision

The Executive agreed the amendment.

On 20 September 2017, and in accordance with Standing Order 31.1, Council referred the following motion proposed by Councillor Goldie, to the Executive:-

- (c) It is exactly one hundred working days today since this Council was elected. We call on the Administration to bring forward a full report to the next Full Council detailing their achievements to date.

Councillor Goldie, seconded by Councillor Nimmo, moved the terms of the motion.

As an amendment, Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Garner, moved in substitution, that the Administration will submit a report to the next meeting of the Executive.

In terms of Standing Order 22.1, the vote was taken by roll call, there being 12 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (3) – Councillors Goldie, Nimmo and Patrick.

For the amendment (9) – Provost Coleman; Councillors Alexander, Bouse, Collie, Garner, Hughes, McCue, Meiklejohn and Spears.

Decision

The Executive agreed the amendment.