



Agenda Item 3

Minutes

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FALKIRK COUNCIL

Minute of meeting of Falkirk Council held at Falkirk Council on Wednesday 6 May 2020 at 11.00 a.m.

<u>Councillors:</u>	David Aitchison	Joan Coombes	Cecil Meiklejohn
	David Alexander	Jim Flynn	Lynn Munro
	David Balfour	Paul Garner	Laura Murtagh
	Lorna Binnie	Dennis Goldie	Malcolm Nicol
	Robert Bissett	David Grant	Alan Nimmo
	Allyson Black	Nigel Harris	John Patrick
	Jim Blackwood	Gordon Hughes	Pat Reid
	Gary Bouse	James Kerr	Depute Provost Ann Ritchie
	Provost William Buchanan	Adanna McCue	Robert Spears
	Niall Coleman	John McLuckie	

Officers: Rhona Geisler, Director of Development Services
Iain Henderson, Legal Services Manager
Kenneth Lawrie, Chief Executive
Colin Moodie, Chief Governance Officer
Brian Pirie, Democratic Services Manager
Stuart Ritchie, Director of Corporate & Housing Services

In accordance with section 43 of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Provost had directed that the meeting would be conducted by telephone to allow remote attendance by elected members.

In accordance with section 50A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 the public were excluded from this meeting as it was likely that, if members of the public were present, there would be a real and substantial risk to public health due to infection or contamination with coronavirus.

FC1. Sederunt

The sederunt was taken by way of a roll call. An apology was intimated on behalf of Councillor Collie.

FC2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

FC3. Minute

Minute of Meeting of Falkirk Council held on 9 March 2020 - agreed as a correct record.

FC4. Statement by the Provost and Group Leaders

The Provost, followed by Councillors Meiklejohn, Bissett and Munro paid tribute to the response by the staff and elected members of Falkirk Council, partner organisations, key workers and the community at large to the Covid-19 pandemic and its impact. An update report on the Council's response would be submitted to the first meeting of the Emergency Executive.

FC5. Covid – 19 Interim Decision Making Structure

Council considered two reports by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services presenting a proposed structure to reintroduce member level decision making in a way that would allow for meetings to take place remotely, by video conference and regularly enough to allow for fleet of foot response by the Council to the emerging situation regarding the Covid -19 pandemic and its impact.

The structure was intended to be interim pending the return to the existing governance structure which was anticipated after the summer recess, in August 2020. The proposal was for a single decision making body for all non regulatory decisions, the Emergency Executive, and for some changes to be made in dealing with planning matters.

A supplementary report had been issued which set out revised proposals for dealing with planning matters. Both the Emergency Executive and the Planning Committee would meet remotely by videoconference in the interim period.

Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Garner, moved that Council agrees:-

- (1) to establish the Emergency Executive as set out at paragraph 3 of the report;
- (2) the procedures in relation to meetings of the Planning Committee set out at paragraphs 3.1 to 3.3 of the supplementary report;
- (3) that these arrangements would cease to have effect at the commencement of the summer recess on 26 June 2020.

Decision

The motion was agreed.