

## FALKIRK COUNCIL

EXTRACT OF MINUTE of MEETING of the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2008 at 9.30 a.m.

## ED19. TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION UPDATE

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 26 November 2008 by the Director of Community Services (a) introducing a presentation by the Strategic Projects Manager; (b) outlining progress in respect of the regeneration of Bo'ness, Denny, Grangemouth and Stenhousemuir town centres; (c) highlighting the role of the Town Centre Development Groups in the regeneration projects, and (d) advising of the promotion activities undertaken by Falkirk and District Town Centre Management Ltd.

The Strategic Projects Manager's presentation summarised the progress to date of the regeneration opportunities within the four district centres.

Discussion took place on the following issues:-

- Operation of the traffic lights leading into Stenhousemuir old town centre
- Signage listing existing shops in Stenhousemuir old town centre
- Use of the bus lane by taxis and other vehicles in Park Drive, Stenhousemuir
- Formalisation of agreement with the developer of Denny town centre
- Future of the harbour development in Bo'ness town centre
- External grants towards project works to be undertaken in Bo'ness
- Involvement of community groups on Town Centre Development Groups

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor Lemetti, moved the recommendation contained in the Report.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Hughes, moved that an additional recommendation be included as follows:-

"Councillors should encourage no disparity of Town Centre Development Groups to ensure public participation. All community groups will have the opportunity to attend local Town Centre Development Groups if they express a desire to do so".

In terms of Standing Order 21.4 (i) a vote was taken by way of a roll call, there being 10 Members present with Members voting as undernoted:-

For the Motion (5) - Councillors Buchanan, Lemetti, McLuckie, C Martin and Patrick.

For the Amendment (5) - Councillors Carleschi, Coleman, Hughes, A MacDonald and Oliver.

There being an equality of votes and in terms of Standing Order 21.6, the Convener used his casting vote in favour of the Motion.

Accordingly **AGREED**, to note the progress of the Town Centre Regeneration Strategy.