

FALKIRK COUNCIL

EXTRACT OF MINUTE of MEETING of the POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2009 at 10.30 a.m.

PR92. DRUMBOWIE RESERVOIR

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 12 September 2006 (Paragraph PR60 refers), there was submitted Report (circulated) dated 23 December 2008 by the Director of Community Services (a) recommending that the Council does not proceed with the purchase of Drumbowie Reservoir, and (b) seeking approval for the provision of a loan to Bonnybridge Angling Club in order to allow the Club to purchase the Reservoir from Scottish Water.

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor Fry moved the recommendations contained in the Report.

By way of an amendment Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Kenna moved the following recommendations:-

- (1) To agree to continue with the purchase of the Drumbowie Reservoir as agreed in 2006.
- (2) To seek a report back on favourable leasing terms to protect the interests of the Bonnybridge Angling Club.
- (3) To seek a report back on the other uses envisaged by the Council that could benefit wider sections of the local community without adversely affecting the angling community.

On a division, 4 Members voted for the Motion and 4 for the Amendment.

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

Accordingly, **RESOLVED** in terms of the Motion.

AGREED:-

- (1) not to proceed with the purchase of Drumbowie Reservoir and to instruct the Director of Community Services accordingly;
- (2) to approve in principle the option to make a loan advance of £30,000 to Bonnybridge Angling Club to facilitate the purchase of Drumbowie Reservoir subject to a "Following the Public Pound" assessment of the Club's financial position to ensure they have the financial capacity and ability to repay a loan from the Council in advance of confirming such an arrangement; and

- (3) to instruct the Director of Community Services in conjunction with the Directors of Law & Administration and of Finance Services, that arrangements be put in place to provide a financial loan to Bonnybridge Angling Club in order to allow them to purchase the Drumbowie Reservoir directly from Scottish Water.