

**AGENDA ITEM 13(i)**

**EXTRACT of MINUTE of MEETING of the LEISURE, TOURISM AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HELD in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2009 at 9.30am.**

**LTC30. BIG IN FALKIRK – SCOTLAND’S NATIONAL STREET FESTIVAL**

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 4 November 2009 by the Director of Community Services on the conclusion of the production contract with UZ Limited at the end of 2009 and recommending that due to current financial constraints on the Council there would be no ‘Big in Falkirk’ event in 2010.

Discussion included the importance of sound financial control in the current financial climate balanced with a programme for the economic and cultural benefit of the Council area.

Councillor Mahoney, seconded by Provost Reid, moved the recommendations within the Report.

By way of an Amendment, Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Carleschi, moved:-

- (1) that it be noted the contract with UZ Limited concluded at the end of 2009;
- (2) that there would be a ‘Big in Falkirk’ an event in 2010 funded by the budget allocated; and
- (3) that an all party working group be established to develop options for future events and report the outcome to this Committee.

The Convener agreed a short recess prior to consideration of this item of business. The meeting reconvened with all Members present as per the sederunt.

On a division, 6 Members voted for the Motion and 3 Members voted for the Amendment.

After further discussion, the terms of the Amendment were reiterated with an additional clause (4) that the matter be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval.

**NOTED** that the contract with UZ Limited concluded at the end of 2009.

**AGREED:-**

- (1) that there would be no ‘Big in Falkirk’ event in 2010; and
- (2) that alternative options be considered should funds become available.