FALKIRK COUNCIL

EXTRACT OF MINUTE of MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2007 at 10.30 AM.

EH2. FALKIRK TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 4 September 2007 by the Director of Community Services which informed Members of a proposal by VisitScotland to relocate the Falkirk Tourist Information Centre from the High Street, Falkirk to the Falkirk Wheel and to install an Information Point in Falkirk High Street as a replacement for the Tourist Information Centre.

Discussion took place on:-

- Future enquiries at Tourist Information Centres by members of the public
- Location of information point in Falkirk High Street
- The number of tourists at the Falkirk Wheel compared to Falkirk High Street

Councillor Mahoney, seconded by Councillor C R Martin, moved that Committee:

- (1) note the content of the Report;
- (2) agrees that the Director of Community Services should work with VisitScotland to implement the plan outlined in the Report to move the Tourist Information Centre to the Falkirk Wheel and establish an Information Point in the Town Centre; and
- (3) receive an update/progress report in due course.

By way of an amendment, Councillor J Constable, seconded by Councillor Coleman, moved that the proposal to relocate the Falkirk Tourist Information Centre be opposed by the Council, and, should VisitScotland pursue their proposed course of action, the Council will review its financial contribution to that organisation.

In terms of Standing Order 21.4(1) a vote was taken by way of a roll call, there being 11 Members present, with Members voting as undernoted:-

For the Motion (7) – Councillors Buchanan, Lemetti, C MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, C R Martin and Nicol.

For the Amendment (4) – Councillors Carleschi, Coleman, J Constable and McNally.

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