

DRAFT**FALKIRK COUNCIL****MINUTE of MEETING of FALKIRK COUNCIL held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2012 at 9.45 AM.**

PRESENT: Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Councillors Alexander, Bird, Black, Blackwood, Buchanan, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, Hughes, Jackson, Macdonald, McCabe, McLuckie, McNally, Mahoney, C Martin, Dr C R Martin, Meiklejohn, Murray, Nicol, Nimmo, Oliver, Ritchie and Turner.

CONVENER: Provost Reid.

ATTENDING: Chief Executive; Directors of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services, of Development Services, of Education, and of Social Work Services; Chief Finance Officer; Chief Governance Officer; Depute Chief Governance Officer; Heads of Human Resources and Customer First, of Operational Services, of Planning and Transportation, of Policy, Technology and Improvement; Human Resources Manager; Transport Co-ordinator, Legal Services Manager (I Henderson) and Democratic Services Manager.

ALSO

ATTENDING: Chief Executive and Culture and Libraries Manager, Falkirk Community Trust.

FC51. SEDERUNT

The sederunt was taken by way of a roll call. Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Balfour, Paterson and Spears.

FC52. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Black declared a financial interest in Item FC64 by virtue of her being the owner of a property which is adjacent to a potential Council new build site and indicated that she would recuse herself from consideration of the item having regard to the objective test in the Code of Conduct.

Councillor Black also declared a non-financial interest in item FC69 as a family member was a recipient of the service but did not consider that this required her to recuse herself from consideration of the item, having had regard to the objective test in the Code of Conduct.

Councillor Chalmers declared a non-financial interest in item FC69 as a Director of Order of Malta Dial-a- Journey but did not consider that this required him to recuse himself from consideration of the item, having had regard to the objective test in the Code of Conduct.

Provost Reid and Councillors D Goldie, Gow and Nicol each declared a non-financial interest in item FC56 as Directors of Falkirk Community Trust, but did not consider that this required them to recuse themselves from consideration of the item, having had regard to the objective test in the Code of Conduct and the relevant specific exclusion contained in the Code.

Councillor Gow declared a non financial interest in item FC72(j) as a Director of Forth Valley NHS Board but did not consider that this required her to recuse herself from consideration of the item, having had regard to the objective test in the Code of Conduct and the relevant specific exclusion contained in the Code.

FC53. MINUTES AND INFORMATION BULLETIN

- (a) There was submitted (circulated) and **APPROVED** the Minute of Falkirk Council held on 26 September 2012.
- (b) There was submitted (circulated) and **NOTED** Volume of Minutes – Volume 3 2012/2013; and
- (c) There was submitted (circulated) and **NOTED** Information Bulletin – Volume 3 2012/2013.

FC54. ORDER OF BUSINESS

In terms of Standing Order 15.2(i), Provost Reid varied the order of business from that detailed on the agenda for the meeting. The following items have been recorded in the order that they were taken at the meeting.

FC55. REFERRALS FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE ON 29 OCTOBER 2012

(a) Terms of Reference

There was submitted report (circulated) by the Chief Executive (a) advising that the Audit Committee had reviewed its Terms of Reference and following discussion had agreed to refer them to Council for approval, and (b) presenting the revised Terms of Reference.

AGREED:-

- (1) the revised Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee; and
- (2) to instruct the Chief Governance Officer to amend Standing Orders accordingly.

(b) Annual Accounts 2011/12

There was submitted report (circulated) by the Chief Finance Officer (a) advising that the Annual Accounts 2011/12 had been audited by the Council's external auditors and subsequently scrutinised by the Audit Committee which had referred them to Council for approval and (b) presenting the Annual Accounts 2011/12.

AGREED the Annual Accounts 2011/12.

FC56. REFERRAL FROM LEISURE, TOURISM AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ON 20 NOVEMBER 2012 – FALKIRK COMMUNITY TRUST MUSEUM AND LIBRARY COLLECTIONS POLICIES

There was submitted (circulated) (a) report by the Chief Executive providing background to the referral by the Leisure, Tourism and Community Committee on 20 November 2012 of the report to Council and (b) report by the Chief Executive to the said meeting (i) providing background to the development of a Falkirk Museums and Archives: Collections Development Policy and (ii) presenting a draft policy for approval.

AGREED the draft Falkirk Museums and Archives: Collections Development Policy as appended.

FC57. RESERVES STRATEGY UPDATE

There was submitted report (circulated) by the Chief Finance Officer (a) detailing the current position with regard to reserves, (b) highlighting proposed spending plans, to be funded from reserves, and (c) proposing that £2m is transferred from General Fund reserves and earmarked for spend to save initiatives.

AGREED:-

- (1) the spending plans as detailed in the report; and
- (2) to transfer £2m from General Fund reserves to fund spend to save initiatives, with specific proposals submitted for approval in due course.

FC58. TREASURY MANAGEMENT – INTERIM REVIEW 2012/13

There was submitted report (circulated) by the Chief Finance Officer presenting the mid year review of the Treasury Management function, with particular focus on the economic and interest rate outlook, borrowing and investment strategies, prudential indicators and Elected Member training.

NOTED the progress of the Treasury Management Strategy for 2012/13.

FC59. ROUGHCASTING AND ROOFING CONTRACT FOR VARIOUS LOCATIONS, SKINFLATS AND GRANGEMOUTH (GRA7136)

There was submitted report (circulated) by the Director of Development Services (a) advising that tenders, with a return date of 26 November 2012, for a roughcasting and roofing contract at various locations in Skinflats and Grangemouth (GRA7316) had been issued; (b) highlighting that the tender evaluation process was not completed and that the contract start date was January 2013 and (c) seeking the authority to award the contract providing it is within budget.

AGREED:-

- (1) to authorise the Director of Development Services to award the contract for roughcasting and roofing at various locations in Grangemouth and Skinflats, provided it is within budget; and
- (2) that the Director of Development Services report the outcome of the procurement process to the earliest appropriate Committee meeting following the tender evaluation process.

FC60. ROUGHCASTING AND ROOFING CONTRACT FOR VARIOUS LOCATIONS, FALKIRK, LAURIESTON, SHIELDHILL AND HALLGLEN (FAL-7123)

There was submitted report (circulated) by the Director of Development Services (a) advising that tenders, with a return date of 7 December 2012, for a roughcasting and roofing contract at various locations in Falkirk, Laurieston, Shieldhill and Hallglen (FAL-7123) had been issued; (b) highlighting that the tender evaluation process was not completed and that the contract start date was January 2013 and (c) seeking the authority to award the contract providing it is within budget.

AGREED:-

- (1) to authorise the Director of Development Services to award the contract for roughcasting and roofing at various locations in Falkirk, Laurieston, Shieldhill and Hallglen, provided it is within budget; and
- (2) that the Director of Development Services report the outcome of the procurement process to the earliest appropriate Committee meeting following the tender evaluation process.

FC61. APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATION

There was submitted report (circulated) by the Chief Governance Officer (a) advising that the COSLA Community Well-Being and Safety Executive Group had established a Sport, Arts and Culture Working Group and (b) inviting Council to consider appointing a member, and substitute, to the Working Group.

AGREED to appoint Councillor Mahoney to the COSLA Sport, Arts and Culture Working Group and to appoint Councillor Dr C R Martin as substitute.

FC62. EXECUTION OF DEEDS

There was submitted Report (circulated) by the Chief Governance Officer advising of the deeds which had been signed and sealed on behalf of the Council since its last meeting.

NOTED the signing and sealing by the Chief Governance Officer of the deeds as detailed in the Appendix to the report.

In accordance with her declaration of interest, Councillor Black left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item and took no part in it.

FC63. FUTURE LAND SUPPLY FOR COUNCIL NEW BUILD

In terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, this item had been called in to Council by Councillors Alexander, Chalmers and Turner.

There was submitted (circulated) (a) Extract of Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Social Care Committee held on 6 November 2012 and (b) report by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services to the said meeting (i) providing an update on the progress to date on 10 proposed sites which were being considered as potential new build sites and (ii) outlining the current status of 6 sites currently being progressed as part of the Strategic Housing Investment Plan and Strategic Local Programme.

Councillor G Goldie, seconded by Councillor Nimmo, moved that:-

- (1) detailed feasibility studies be carried out for each of the 10 sites detailed in paragraph 4.2 of the report and shown in the plans appended to the report;
- (2) further consultation with local members will take place once the overall viability of the sites is established and indicative sketch layouts are available; and
- (3) further updates on progress are reported to Committee as required.

Councillor Carleschi, seconded by Councillor Bird, moved the following amendment in substitution for para (1) of the motion:-

- (1) detailed feasibility studys are carried out for each of the 10 sites detailed in paragraph 4.2 of the report, including a feasibility study into the retention of the Stenhousemuir Police Station and Registry office buildings shown on the plan at Appendix 1, pending full public consultation; and

- (2) a full feasibility study be carried out into the Old Denny High School site with a view to investigating the option of relocating Dunipace Juniors to the former Denny High School site with the release of the club's current ground for social housing.

Council adjourned at 10.40am to allow members of the Administration to consider the terms of the amendment and reconvened at 10.50am with all members present as per the sederunt with the exception of Councillor Black.

In terms of Standing Order 21.4(1) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 28 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (15) - Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Councillors Blackwood, Buchanan, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, C Martin, Dr C R Martin, Murray, Nicol and Nimmo.

For the amendment (13) – Councillors Alexander, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie and Turner.

Accordingly, **AGREED** the terms of the motion.

Councillor Black rejoined the meeting following consideration of the preceding item of business.

FC64. DECISION MAKING STRUCTURES

(a)

With reference to the minute of the meeting held on 18 May 2012 (paragraph FC5 refers) there was submitted report (circulated) by the Chief Executive (a) summarising the review of the Council's decision making structures; (b) detailing issues raised in consultation with senior members as part of the review process; (c) presenting a summary of the strengths and weaknesses of Executive/Cabinet and traditional Committee models of decision making; (d) proposing arrangements for the development of local police and fire plans and (e) presenting an interim timetable of meetings, based on the current decision making structure, for the period January to March 2013.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor Black, moved that:-

“Having considered the report from the cross party working group on decision making structure, Council agrees that:-

- (1) The current committee structure requires to be replaced by a more efficient and modern structure;
- (2) A detailed report on a Council executive/cabinet structure, designed to meet Falkirk Council needs and circumstances, be submitted to a special meeting of the Council;
- (3) In order to allow full discussion of this important matter, this report includes details of an alternative structure, again designed to meet Falkirk Council's needs and circumstances;

- (4) The report includes proposals for changes to standing orders required to accompany each of the structures;
- (5) The report includes consideration of the proposal to re-introduce Baillies;
- (6) The report includes consideration of Petitions committees, reporting back from external organisations and substitutes/pairing;
- (7) The interim arrangements set out in par 3.16 of the report will be adopted to perform the functions given to the Council under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012; and
- (8) The timetable of meetings set out in appendix 3 to the report is adopted for the period to 31 March 2013.

An adjournment having been requested to allow members of the opposition to consider the terms of the motion, the Provost sought at this stage to establish if there was agreement among members on the terms of Item 11 on the agenda namely:-

FC64. FINANCIAL POSITION 2012/13

(b)

There was submitted report (circulated) by the Chief Finance Officer detailing the financial position of the Council as at 30 September 2012 with particular reference to the General Fund, Trading Accounts and Housing Revenue Account.

In addition to moving the recommendation as set out in the report Councillor C Martin seconded by Councillor Jackson moved the suspension of all Council car parking charges for the duration of the festive period in this and future years.

NOTED the latest projection of revenue account spending for 2012/13.

AGREED:-

- (1) to suspend all Council car parking charges from Monday 10 December 2012 until Sunday 6 January 2013 with current restrictions to apply throughout the period; and
- (2) to suspend such charges on an annual basis for corresponding periods until further notice.

Council then adjourned at 11.25am for 35 minutes and reconvened at 12noon with members present as per the sederunt.

FC64. By way of an amendment, to the motion moved under Item 64(a), Councillor

(a) Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved:-

(cont)

- (a) that only the executive/cabinet structure should be taken forward together with Standing Orders and a Scheme of Delegation to support that structure with a view to implementing in April 2013
- (b) that the re-introduction of Baillies was not supported and that the terms of this amendment would be substituted for paragraph (2), (3), (4) and (5) of the motion

Councillor McCabe gave notice of a further amendment.

In terms of Standing Order 21.4(1) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 29 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (16) - Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Councillors Black, Blackwood, Buchanan, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, C Martin, Dr C R Martin, Murray, Nicol and Nimmo.

For the amendment (12) – Councillors Alexander, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie and Turner.

Abstention (1) – Councillor McCabe.

The motion was accordingly carried. By way of further amendment, Councillor McCabe, seconded by Councillor Turner, then moved that in addition to the motion:-

“Council agrees the immediate reinstatement of regeneration groups to facilitate community communication. Officers will prepare an expanded remit for the regeneration groups to include economic initiatives, infrastructure assessments and community referrals”.

On a division, 16 members voted for the motion and 13 voted for the amendment.

Accordingly, **AGREED** the terms of the motion.

Council then adjourned at 1pm for lunch and reconvened at 1.45pm with all members present as per the sederunt.

FC65. STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN – SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT ANNUAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2011/12

There was submitted report (circulated) by the Chief Executive (a) presenting the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) Monitoring Statement September 2011/12, (b) summarising progress made against the Council’s indicators, and (c) advising of a requirement for the Community Planning Partnership to develop a new SOA for implementation no later than 1 April 2013.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor Nicol, moved the recommendations in the report.

Councillor Meiklejohn requested that, in addition, a report is submitted to the Best Value Forum highlighting those indicators over which the Council has control and where performance is deteriorating.

Councillor Martin, with the consent of the Provost, and of Councillor Nicol, as his seconder, agreed to adjust the terms of his motion to accommodate the request.

Accordingly, **NOTED** the Falkirk Community Planning Single Outcome Agreement Monitoring Statement 2011/12 as appended to the report.

AGREED that:-

- (1) officers will bring forward a new Single Outcome Agreement for approval in the Spring of 2013 and in line with emerging guidance; and

- (2) a report on those performance indicators over which the Council has control and where performance is deteriorating will be submitted to the Best Value Forum for scrutiny.

FC66. MEMBERS' LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

With reference to the minute of meeting held on 26 September 2012 (Paragraph FC50(a) refers), there was submitted joint report (circulated) by the Chief Governance Officer and the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services (a) making proposals on how the learning and development policy could apply to elected members.

AGREED:-

- (1) to endorse the distinction between approved and developmental learning and training set out in the report;
- (2) to endorse the principles set out in paragraph 3.5 of the report;
- (3) to delegate to the Chief Governance Officer decision making in relation to members' attendance at courses and seminars where the cost does not exceed £200;
- (4) to delegate to Policy and Resources Committee (and any similar successor body) the decision to select the method by which decisions are made in relation to members' access to any other developmental learning/or training, including funded or part funded qualifications;
- (5) the changes to the learning and development policy shown in the appendix to the report and to authorise the Chief Governance Officer and the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services to make any further adjustments necessary to give effect to the decision of Council today;
- (6) that the Chief Finance Officer ensures that a separate budget head is identified for members' training; and
- (7) that the size of the budget available should be considered in the context of consideration of the revenue budget in February 2013.

FC67. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Alexander, moved that the immediately following item be considered in public.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor Nimmo, moved that it be considered in private.

On a division 16 members voted to exclude the pres and public and 13 voted to consider item FC 69 in public.

There was no division on the proposal to consider item FC70 in private.

Accordingly **RESOLVED** in terms of Section 50A (4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the meeting the press and public for the following items of business on the ground that they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the said Act.

FC68. ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT SERVICE PROCUREMENT

In terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, this item had been called in to Council by Councillors Meiklejohn and Ritchie.

There was submitted (circulated) (a) Extract of Minute of Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 13 November 2012, and (b) report by the Director of Development Services to the said meeting (i) advising that negotiations had taken place with Order of Malta Dial-a-Journey on the provision of an accessible transport service and taxicard booking service within the £200,000 budget available and (ii) outlining various proposals for service provision.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor Black, moved that Council agrees:-

- (1) to continue consideration of the matter pending the review of non-commercial bus service provision (due for completion by 31 January 2013) as agreed by the Policy and Resources Committee on 9 October 2012; and
- (2) to extend from 1 April 2013 for 6 months, if required, the current contract with Order of Malta Dial-A-Journey.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Chalmers, moved that Council agrees:-

- (1) the removal of the Passenger Trip Targets "penalty" at a saving of £17,900;
- (2) to pay Order of Malta Dial-a-Journey quarterly in advance at a saving of £1,600;
- (3) to award Order of Malta Dial-a-Journey a 5 year contract with Order of Malta Dial-a-Journey contributing £20,000 towards the service; and
- (4) the restructuring of the evening services and Saturday taxicard booking services as detailed.

On a division, 13 members voted for the amendment and 16 voted for the motion.

Accordingly, **AGREED** the terms of the motion.

FC69. REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICES

With reference to the minute of the meeting held on 14 March 2012 (Paragraph FC110 refers), there was submitted report (circulated) by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services presenting an assessment of the 6 month pilot arrangement for refuse collection services working a 42 hour week together with an analysis of the equal pay risk.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor Dr C R Martin, moved that:-

“Following the option set out in section 3.5 of the report and recognising the improvements that have been achieved in relatively short timescales alongside the potential equal pay risks, it is proposed that a further period be allowed to permit demonstration of an Improvement Plan according to the criteria set by the Council in March 2012. This period should be to the date of the first meeting of Council after 30 April 2013.

Any extension is subject to a collective agreement being agreed by 31 January 2013. Such collective agreement should address the issues raised at 3.5 of the report and the potential equal pay liability. Without prejudice to the March 2012 requirements, the collective agreement should reflect the following principles:

- Payment can only be for hours worked
- Working arrangements should be directed to achieving optimum performance
- Flexibility and team working are key requirements
- Management are entitled to issue reasonable management instructions in support of these principles and in ensuring the proper and effective operation of the service.

The Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services should also detail any procedures and resources that would be required to maintain and monitor any non-standard (ie other than 37 hours) working arrangements in any future report.

The Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services is granted authority to enter in to any transitional working arrangements required to maintain the service”.

Council then adjourned for 10 minutes to allow members of the opposition to consider the terms of the motion. Council reconvened at 3.20pm with all members present as per the sederunt.

AGREED the terms of the motion.

Members of the public and press were then re-admitted to the meeting.

FC70. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Christmas Parking

Councillor Jackson agreed to withdraw his motion, the matter having been dealt with at Item FC65.

(b) School Crossing Patrols

Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Chalmers, moved that:-

“Council is instructed to reinstate the School Crossing patrol at Station Road/Salmon Inn Road immediately pending a review of the policy being submitted to the Environment and Community Safety Committee at the earliest date”.

Councillor Dr C R Martin, seconded by Councillor MacDonald moved the following amendment in substitution for the motion:-

“The Council are satisfied that officers followed council policy when dealing with the school crossing patrol at Station Road/Salmon Inn Road. Council supports the view that the deployment of school crossing patrols should continue to be dealt with at officer level in accordance with the policy set by Council members based upon the extremely generous criteria that have governed the deployment of such patrols in the Falkirk Council area since 1998”.

On a division, 16 members voted for the amendment and 13 votes for the motion.

Accordingly, **AGREED** the terms of the amendment.

(c) Language Assistants

Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Carleschi, moved that:

“Falkirk Council as a forward thinking authority committed itself to the Lisbon protocol shortly after it was created in the year 2000.

In this respect Council is asked to renew its commitment to Lifelong Learning especially through the teaching of foreign languages and the recruitment of foreign language assistants.

Council is further asked that a progress report on recruitment procedures enacted in relation to foreign language assistants is presented at the first meeting of the Education Committee in 2013”.

Councillor Nimmo, seconded by Councillor Dr C R Martin, moved the following amendment in substitution for the motion:-

“Council is committed to the “Lisbon protocol” and “Life Long Learning” in general, subject to the appropriate funding being provided by the SNP Scottish Government.

This Council will undertake to look at the British Council Scheme as well as the “Comenius” and “Erasmus” and report back to Committee at the earliest opportunity”.

On a division, 16 members voted for the amendment and 13 voted for the motion.

Accordingly, **AGREED** the terms of the amendment.

(d) Library Opening Hours

Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor McNally moved that:-

“Prior to the inception of the Falkirk Community Trust this Council reduced the opening hours of Falkirk’s libraries. This was a budget review exercise designed to achieve a potential saving of around £170k. Both the Chief Executive’s report to the Best Value Forum of 12th October on the performance of the Community trust and the Trust’s own performance report of 18th October produced by the trust’s own Business Development Manager highlight a substantial and alarming drop in library usage. The Business Development Manager notes that the trust is unlikely to meet even its revised target for library issues. Members will remember that libraries are a statutory responsibility of this Council. Accordingly, only the Council has the legal authority to alter library hours.

I request that this Council instructs officers to restore library opening hours to the level that existed before the inception of the Trust in order to give the Trust the opportunity to meet its targets”.

Councillor Mahoney, seconded by Councillor D Goldie moved the following amendment in substitution for the motion:-

“Council notes the national fall in library usage over the last decade and the pressure on libraries caused by the SNP Government’s ongoing Council Tax Freeze (trimming millions of pounds from Council and associated services).

Council welcomes efforts by Falkirk Community Trust to reverse the decline, including the introduction of a new e-book lending service and other marketing initiatives.

Council calls on the SNP Government to follow the Labour-led Welsh Assembly, by creating a national strategy for libraries across Scotland – showing real support for our libraries and the Councils and Trusts providing these vital services, and promoting best practice”.

On a division, 16 members voted for the amendment and 13 voted for the motion.

Accordingly, **AGREED** the terms of the amendment.

The Provost indicated that it was now 5pm and in terms of Standing Orders he confirmed that he intended to vary the order of those motions which remained to be determined and stated that in terms of Standing Order 31.2.2 those which were moved and seconded would be considered without discussion.

(e) Community Council Funding

In terms of Standing Order 28.8 Council **AGREED** to postpone the consideration of motion by Councillor Spears on Community Council Funding.

(f) Disposal of Property

(g) Pay Day Loans

(h) Public Sector Information Regulations 2005

(i) Supplementary Planning Guidance

In terms of Standing Order 28.8 Councillor McCabe, who had given notice of the motions under the headings (f) to (i) above, indicated he did not intend to move them and consequently, with no other member moving the motions on his behalf, they were **DROPPED**.

(j) Forth Valley Royal Hospital

Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Carleschi, moved that:-

“When permission was granted for the construction of the new Forth Valley hospital at Larbert, a section 75 agreement was put in place with the purpose of encouraging sustainable travel to the hospital. The primary consequence of this was a reduction of the number of parking spaces that would normally have been provided on site. Since the hospital opened in 2010 there has been extensive car parking spillage on to the A9 Stirling Road and five other adjacent streets. The parking deficit at the hospital almost entirely relates to the under provision of staff parking. Consequently, residents have suffered all day obstruction to their

properties. Reviews of the on street parking problem and monitoring reports have been produced initially in November 2011 then subsequently in February 2012, March 2012 (revised report) April 2012, May 2012 culminating with a meeting with myself and the hospital facility managers on 31st August.

I request that this Council acts to obtain the agreement of Scottish Ministers to remove the conditions of the section 75 placed on the hospital site in order that proper and realistic parking provision can be put in by FVNHS on the hospital site”.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor McLuckie moved that:-

“When permission was granted for the construction of the new Forth Valley hospital at Larbert, a section 75 agreement was put in place with the purpose of encouraging sustainable travel to the hospital. The primary consequence of this was a reduction of the number of parking spaces that would normally have been provided on site. Since the hospital opened in 2010 there has been extensive car parking spillage on to the A9 Stirling Road and five other adjacent streets. The parking deficit at the hospital almost entirely relates to the under provision of staff parking. Consequently, residents have suffered all day obstruction to their properties.

Council notes that NHS Forth Valley are proposing to provide additional staff car parking of about 200 spaces to the rear of the hospital. Council agrees that, in addition, an early meeting be arranged between senior Council officers and NHS officers with a view to putting in place a realistic public parking provision sufficient to meet the demand proven by experience since the hospital opened”.

In terms of Standing Order 21.4(1) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 29 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (13) – Councillors Alexander, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie and Turner.

For the amendment (16) - Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Councillors Black, Blackwood, Buchanan, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, C Martin, Dr C R Martin, Murray, Nicol and Nimmo.

Accordingly, **AGREED** the terms of the amendment.