

FALKIRK COUNCIL

EXTRACT of MINUTE of MEETING of the ECONOMIC STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY at 9.30 a.m.

ESD33. TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION STRATEGY: UPDATE REPORT

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 15 February 2013, by the Director of Development Services (a) advising of the progress of the Council's regeneration activities in town centres; (b) giving an update regarding the progress of work for each centre, taking place during a period of significant changes in market conditions, and (c) suggesting the next steps proposed for each centre.

Discussion took place on the following:-

- the positive improvements made in Bo'ness and Stenhousemuir
- the ongoing work at Denny, Grangemouth and Falkirk town centres
- the plans for development in Falkirk Town Centre
- the plans for disabled access in the new Denny Town Centre plan
- ongoing discussions in relation to the location of the war memorial in Denny
- work being undertaken to secure the remaining units are vacated in Denny
- the plans for relocation of the pharmacies and the retail village in Denny

Councillor Goldie, seconded by Councillor Gow moved that Committee agrees the recommendations as outlined in the Report.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Oliver seconded by Councillor Carleschi moved:-

“add at section 10.1 a further recommendation as follows:-

- (iv) Committee instructs officers to restore the regeneration groups in Denny, Bo'ness, Grangemouth and Falkirk.”

On a division, 5 Members voted for the motion and 3 Members for the amendment. The motion was accordingly declared carried.

Thereafter:-

NOTED:-

- (1) the progress of the Council's actions relating to town centre regeneration, and
- (2) the progress with the Stage 1 application to the Heritage Lottery Fund Townscape Heritage Initiative for Falkirk Town Centre and the recent award of £1.6m of CARS funding by Historic Scotland.

AGREED to receive further reports on town centre regeneration.