

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Municipal Buildings,
Falkirk, FK1 5RS

Falkirk Council

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the above named committee to be held in the **Municipal Buildings, Falkirk** on **26 May 2008** at **9:30am**.

Rose Mary Glackin
Acting Director of Law and Administration Services

16 May 2008

BUSINESS PART 1

(c) Alcohol Misuse

"Council welcomes the commitment of the Justice Secretary, Kenny MacAskill, to tackle the problems of alcohol misuse.

The ethos of drinking to get drunk is one of the main contributions to anti-social behaviour, crime and health issues within our communities.

Council agree to work with the Justice Secretary to tackle this growing problem by taking the lead locally by:

1. Arranging a local conference of stake holders including representatives of the drink industry, health, police and community groups to begin the process of developing a strategy for the changing of the public attitude.
2. Regular updates at Community Health & Safety of the development of the strategy and its implementation.
3. Instructs Officers to prepare a report for Community Health and Safety on how the policy direction above can be implemented.

Proposed by Councillor G Thomson

(e) Forth Ports Plc

"This Council welcomes the decision taken by Forth Ports PLC not to proceed with controversial plans to allow ship-to-ship oil transfers in the Firth of Forth.

Faced with such unanimous opposition to the proposals, which could have had a devastating environmental impact on the Forth shoreline and marine habitats, Forth Ports had no option but to take the decision they now have.

This Council also welcomes the strong stance taken by the Environment Minister Richard Lochhead and the SNP Government against the ship-to-ship oil transfer proposal, which made clear that any assessments completed by Forth Ports could be subject to an independent review, which clearly had a bearing on the decision not to proceed.

However, Council notes with concern the ludicrous situation still in place since the privatisation of Forth Ports Authority by the previous Conservative UK Government which allows Forth Ports PLC to act as judge and jury as the local Harbour Authority as well as a private company whose aim is to maximise profits for shareholders. This Council therefore resolves to approach UK and Scottish Ministers with a view to scrapping the anomaly and conflict of interest that currently exists under Forth Ports".

Proposed by Councillor A MacDonald

(f) Post Office Network

"Falkirk Council notes with great disappointment the decision of the Post Office Network to reject the balanced submissions made by and on behalf of the seven

Bo'ness Town Centre - Parking Charges

"Council recognises the legitimate concerns of Bo'ness Town Centre users and traders and agrees with them that the introduction of car parking charges would be a crippling imposition on the already fragile town centre economy.

Council further recognises that the imposition of such charges in car parks in the other outlying town and village shopping centre would be significantly damage trade in those other centres to the detriment of local businesses and the local community

Council therefore resolves that under no circumstances will parking charges be applied to car parks in any of the outlying town and village centres during the remainder of the of this Council terms of office".

Proposed by Councillor J Constable

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