

which he had received—the notice and requisition being in the following terms, viz. :—

Aberdeen, 21st October, 1926.—In terms of a requisition which I have received, and of which a copy is subjoined, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Town Council to be held in the Town Hall, on Wednesday, 27th October, at Three o'clock, p.m., for the purpose specified in the requisition.—ANDREW LEWIS, *Lord Provost*.

*Requisition referred to—*

TO THE LORD PROVOST OR ACTING CHIEF MAGISTRATE, Town-House, Aberdeen.—We, the undersigned, members of the Town Council, hereby request that a Special Meeting of the Council, for the purpose of considering the serious hardships suffered by the citizens of Aberdeen, due to the continued dispute in the coal industry, be convened for Monday, 25th instant, at 3 p.m.—THOMAS BROWN (St. Nicholas); GEORGE CATTO (St. Clement's); WILLIAM HEPBURN (St. Andrew's); JOHN P. THOM (St. Clement's); GEORGE BOWLES (Torry); JOHN M'MILLAN (St. Andrew's); J. HAMPTON SHEPHERD (Torry); J. M'RAE (Greyfriars); A. FRASER MACINTOSH (Greyfriars); D. MILNE (Rosemount).

With reference to the requisition, the Lord Provost moved, seconded by Baillie Edwards :—

That the Council resolve itself into Committee to discuss the subject matter of the requisition.

The previous question was moved as an amendment by Councillor Macintosh, seconded by Councillor Hepburn.

On a division, there voted :—

*For the motion* (16)—The Lord Provost ; Baillie Edwards ; Baillie Graham ; Baillie Gray ; Councillors Alexander, Beveridge, Carry, Duncan, Hutchison, M'Kay, Alexander Milne, John Milne, Roberts, Tindall, Willox, and Young.

*For the amendment* (9)—Councillors Bowles, Brown, Hepburn, M'Millan, M'Rae, Macintosh, David Milne, Shepherd, and Thom.

The motion was therefore carried, and the Council resolved itself into Committee.

After discussion, the Council unanimously resolved—

That it be remitted, with powers, to the Coal Emergency Committee, with the addition of Councillor Brown, to take steps—

(a) As to laying in a stock of fuel and retailing such stock in small quantities through the Cleansing depôts, or at other suitable centres,

(b) To impress on the Gas Committee to take all possible steps to improve the quality and increase the pressure of the gas.

(c) To impress on the Watching, &c., Committee to consider as to an immediate improvement in the present standard of street and public lighting.

(d) To consider the prices now being charged in the City to householders for coal, firewood, and peat, and to issue a list of prices which they consider fair and reasonable for these commodities, and to issue such further notices regarding the supply of fuel as they may consider reasonable and necessary.

Thereafter, Councillor Macintosh moved, seconded by Councillor David Milne :—

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