

Council: 16 December 2008

Motion (8.1): Cllr. Charlie O-Macauley

Amendment: Cllr. Tom Davey

Delete all after "Council" (line 1) and insert:

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Substantive Motion to read:

A Fair Trade Borough

Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting.

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