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Former councillor Alexander Swick was reportedly "scunnered" by the Labour Party coup that toppled his successor, Barney Crockett, from leadership of the Labour/Tory Council, to be replaced by Councillor Jenny Laing.

"Now, now, said Swick, "Dinna get me intae ony mair bother. I said nithin aboot Jenny Laing bein' a coo. OK, she's nae that bonny, but I'm nae oil-paintin masel!

"Fit I dinna understand is hoo a' this wis deen sae fast. It took the Labour Party years tae get rid o' me. It must be 'cos they've teamed up wi the Tories noo. They've aye been quick tae knife folk in the back. Coorse folk, the Tories.

"At's the wye we need them tae run Scotlandshire, so's we kin a' get knifed. At's fit we in Labour ca' 'equality of opportunity'. "

In accordance with our Charter, we make few references to the Granite City or Teuchterland - except to point out that they'll be destitute when the oil runs out in a couple of years time. However, this story has some interesting pointers for the future of Scotlandshire under its one-party future with the CondemLabradoodles.

As determined by the 2010 decision by the ruling elite in Westminster, real power must lie with the Chancellor (or Osborne's equivalent in lesser spheres of government). The "leader" is allowed to "lead" just so long as he "leads" in the direction that he is told to. Failure to obey will lead to instant defenestration. The fate of Barney Crockett should be an example to all.

[As with the Kings of ancient times](#) , leaders are given the honour and privilege of rank - just so long as bountiful harvests (of votes) continue to flow in the direction of the elite. Barney's demise was made inevitable by a dreadful harvest portrayed in an Evening Express poll -

More than half rated the ruling coalition's performance as "very poor". Nearly two-thirds judged leader Cllr Barney Crockett's overall performance as "very poor", and more than eight out of 10 respondents said the council's efforts to project a "positive image for the city" were poor or very poor.

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