

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton, G82 3PU

22 March 2005

MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH 2005
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL
DUMBARTON ROAD
CLYDEBANK

Dear Member,

Please attend a Meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** to be held in the **Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank** on Wednesday, 30 March 2005 at 7.00 p.m.

The business is as shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

TIM HUNTINGFORD

Chief Executive

Distribution:-

All Members of West Dunbartonshire Council.

Chief Executive

Director of Corporate Services

Director of Development and Environmental Services

Director of Education and Cultural Services

Director of Housing and Technical Services

Director of Social Work Services

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. RESULTS OF BY-ELECTION

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Submit report by the Returning Officer informing the Council of the results of the Local Government By-election held in Ward 16 – West Dumbarton on Thursday 17 March 2005.

3. REQUEST FOR A DEPUTATION

In accordance with Standing Order No 14, Mr Tony Coultas, 8 Dean Street, Clydebank and Mr Robert Doherty, 63 North Elgin Street, Clydebank, have requested that they be permitted to address Council to explain why many people will have gathered outside the Town Hall on 30 March and to set out concerns about the formal consultation processes the Council is undertaking on the future of the schools' estate.

Accordingly, the Council is asked to consider whether or not it wishes to hear the deputation.

4. OPEN FORUM

**Donald McDonald, 36 North Elgin Street, Whitecrook, Clydebank –
Community School Authority**

West Dunbartonshire is a "Community School" Authority. Its vision is to spread integrative community education throughout the region. What better opportunity to implement this vision than when new schools are to be constructed. And, sure enough, it is obvious from the specifications for the proposed non-denominational secondaries under the Regeneration of the Schools' Estate, that all 3 are community education establishments.

However, it is equally clear that the proposed new denominational secondary is not. There is no mention of any community learning facility in the specifications for this school.

To the casual observer, this might seem like discrimination against the Catholic population of West Dunbartonshire.

Why was it considered so inappropriate to have the same degree of community learning facilities put in place on the denominational site?

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 3 - 22)

Submit for approval as a correct record, the Minutes of the Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 23 February 2005.

6. OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF SKYPOINT, FAIFLEY (Pages 23 - 44)

With reference to the Minutes of Meetings of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 2 and 23 February 2005, re-submit report by the Director of Development and Environmental Services advising of the recommendations of the Report on the 'Skypoint Centre Faifley - Development of a New Management Structure' and making recommendations thereon.

7. FUTURE OF LEVENFORD HOUSE (Pages 45 - 49)

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 23 February 2005, submit a joint report by the Director of Development and Environmental Services and Director of Education and Cultural Services on the future of Levenford House.

8. TWINNING LINKS WITH ARGENTEUIL - 2005

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 23 February 2005, Council is requested to reconsider the invitation by the Mayor of Argenteuil to the Provost, his wife and two representatives to attend a Medieval Festival from 18 - 20 June 2005.

9. LINKS WITH WOLOMIN, POLAND (Pages 51 - 52)

Submit report by the Director of Corporate Services advising of contacts between West Dunbartonshire and Wolomin in Poland and seeking authorisation for the Provost to visit the area.

10. VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES, OUTSIDE BODIES ETC. (Pages 53 - 54)

Submit report by the Director of Corporate Services seeking nomination of elected members to fill vacancies on various committees, outside bodies, etc.

11. GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT: PERIOD 10, 2004/05 (Pages 55 - 69)

Submit report by the Director of Corporate Services advising of progress of the General Services Capital Programme to 15 February 2005 and updating members on Prudential Indicators.

12. GENERAL SERVICES BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT: PERIOD 10, 2004/05 (Pages 71 - 83)

Submit report by the Director of Corporate Services advising of the performance of the General Services Budget for the period to 15 February 2005.

13. PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS FOR 2005/2006 TO 2007/2008 AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (Pages 85 - 96)

Submit report by the Director of Corporate Services seeking approval of:-

- (a) Prudential Indicators for 2005/06 and 2007/2008; and
- (b) Treasury Management Strategy for period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006.

14. GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2005/2006 (Pages 97 - 102)

Submit report by the Director of Corporate Services presenting the Council with the General Services Capital Plan for 2005/2006, as recommended by the Corporate Management Team (CMT).

15. COUNCIL MEETING ARRANGEMENTS (Pages 103 - 107)

Submit report by the Chief Executive on the operation of the Council and its Committees since the current structure was adopted in 2003.

16. ARBUTHNOTT COMMISSION CONSULTATION – INQUIRY INTO BOUNDARIES, VOTING AND REPRESENTATION IN SCOTLAND (Pages 109 - 114)

Submit report by the Chief Executive seeking the views of the Council on questions posed in the consultation document issued by the Arbutnott Commission as part of its Inquiry into Boundaries, Voting and Representation in Scotland.

17. HOUSING MAINTENANCE TRADING OPERATION 2004/2005 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE TO 15 FEBRUARY 2005 (PERIOD 10) (Pages 115 - 117)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services providing interim cumulative financial information for the period ending 15 February 2005.

18. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2004/2005 BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT TO 15 FEBRUARY 2005 (PERIOD 10) (Pages 119 - 122)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services advising of the financial performance of the Housing Revenue Account to the period ending 15 February 2005.

19. HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2004/2005 BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT TO 15 FEBRUARY 2005 (PERIOD 10) (Pages 123 - 127)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services advising of progress on the HRA Capital Programme to 15 February 2005.

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Dear Member,

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS – OPEN FORUM

I refer to the Agenda of the above meeting which was issued on 22 March 2005 and attach for your attention details of supplementary agenda items.

Yours faithfully

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**(b) Tony Coultas, 8 Dean Street, Whitecrook
Early Retirement of Head of Service**

Who (i.e. which individual) took the decision to offer the Head of Service with responsibility for the PPP project early retirement, and does the Council agree that, since this is a critical time in the life of the PPP project, the decision to make such a change in personnel at this time can only be seen as an indication of a crisis of leadership in the Department of Education and Cultural Services?

**(c) Paul D Kearns, 109A Millburn Avenue, Clydebank
Regeneration of the Schools' Estate**

I am a parent of a child in primary 6 at OHR primary (and also one in primary 2 at OHR, one at Whitecrook nursery and one who is one year old). I am concerned at the Council's proposals for the regeneration of the Schools' estate. The Scottish Executive has listed a number of issues as being of "principal consideration", information on which should be available to parents during the public consultation when a change to schooling is being considered by the Council. Among these are:

Travel Distances and time
Community Planning
Community Use
Urban Communities and Regeneration
Financial considerations
OTHER ALTERNATIVES
Unique local factors for each of the areas affected

Having read the package the Council have sent to me via my children at OHR, I would like to know if the Council can indicate to me where I can find this information and what it will reveal.

**(d) Brian A Cairns, 108 Brown Avenue, Clydebank
Consultation Document – Regeneration of Schools' Estate**

Can the Council confirm the consultation document issued by the Acting Director of Education to parents in Clydebank gives details of roll projections based on the Land Supply document covering the period March 2003 – March 2004?

(e) Wendy Hutchinson, on behalf of Dumbarton East & Central Community Council – Disabled Parking Restrictions

Is it true the Council intend to restrict Disabled Drivers from parking in Dumbarton Town Centre between the hours of 11.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m? If yes, this contravenes the Disabled Access code and we demand a public consultation should be entered into regarding these proposals.

For information on the above agenda please contact George Hawthorn, Senior Administrative Officer, Legal and Administrative Services, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton, G82 3PU on Tel: (01389) 737204 or e-mail: george.hawthorn@west-dunbarton.gov.uk.