



Edinburgh
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**Provost Denis Agnew
West Dunbartonshire Council**

Dear Provost,

The events of the last month that affected our lives give also a tremendous opportunity for reflection on the current situation and the history of our country. The tragic event of two weeks ago, when the Polish president, his wife and many others lost their lives, helped us to realise how unpredictable the roads we take are and how quickly the paths of history can change direction.

In the difficult moments of two weeks ago and during the following week of mourning we received so many messages of sympathy and support from people representing different offices and institutions that it encouraged us and endorsed our choices:

On behalf of all the Polish nationals that decided to settle in Scotland I would like to express my greatest appreciation for all the support that comforted us during the time of great sadness and the profound sense of loss that we experienced so suddenly and unexpectedly. It was deeply moving for us to see all the letters arriving on our doorstep, all the flowers being placed outside the Consulate and all the people visiting to sign the Book of Condolence.

It is important for us to know that we are remembered about not only in the moments of glory or controversy, but also during the difficult moments of sadness, so please accept my sincere gratitude for your kind words of support sent to our office and through this to our people in Scotland.

Yours sincerely,

**Tomasz Trafas
Consul General of the Republic of Poland**

