

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

19 February 2004

**MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2004
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
DUMBARTON ROAD
CLYDEBANK**

Dear Member,

Please attend a Meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** to be held in the **Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank** on Wednesday, 25 February 2004 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 Economic, Planning and Environmental Services

Director of Education and Cultural Services

Director of Commercial and Technical Services

Director of Social Work and Housing Services

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. OPEN FORUM

The following question has been submitted to Council for consideration:-

Rose Harvie, 82 Bonhill Road, Dumbarton (on behalf of Silverton and Overtoun Community Council) – Shopping trolleys and rubbish being dumped in the Knowle Burn.

For several years we have been trying to get something done about the problem of shopping trolleys and rubbish being dumped into the Knowle Burn between Cherry Tree Mill flats and St James' Retail Park.

We have approached all the retailers in the park on numerous occasions, who occasionally and reluctantly remove their own trolleys. We have contacted WDC's Mr Rodney Thornton, who has been very helpful in trying to solve the problem, and whose department also removes trolleys when requested. We have contacted SEPA to see if they could help, and they inform us that responsibility for the actual trolleys lies with the retailers. We have contacted the owners of St James Park. All to no avail.

Mr Thornton informs us that there is planning permission to build flats on the vacant ground, and that the developers initially stated that they would culvert and cover the burn. If this is indeed the case, it would be not solve the problem of shopping trolleys being removed from outside the shops and dumped all over town.

Are councillors aware of this ongoing and difficult problem and is there anything that can be done?

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 1 - 12)

Submit for approval as a correct record, Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 28 January 2004.

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**4. MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL ON 12 FEBRUARY 2004
(Pages 13 - 31)**

Submit for approval as a correct record, Minutes of Special Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 12 February 2004.

**5. MINUTES OF RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE ON 13 FEBRUARY 2004
(Pages 33 - 34)**

Submit for information, Minutes of Meeting of the Recruitment Committee held on 13 February 2004.

**6. MINUTES OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE ON 18 FEBRUARY 2004
(Pages 35 – 38)**

Submit for information and where necessary ratification, Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 18 February 2004.

**7. REVIEW OF COUNCIL FUNDED COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND
ADVICE SERVICES
(Pages 39 - 62)**

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of this Council on 28 January 2004, re-submit report by the Chief Executive providing information on the stocktake and review of community information and advice services and making recommendations on the future funding and monitoring of these services in West Dunbartonshire.

**8. REVISED PROTOCOL FOR MEMBER/OFFICER RELATIONS
(Pages 63 - 77)**

Submit report by the Chief Executive requesting Council to consider and approve a revised Protocol for Member/Officer Relations.

**9. SKYPOINT
(Pages 79 - 88)**

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of this Council on 28 January 2004, submit report by the Director of Corporate Services providing Council with an update on the financial administration problems at Skypoint, Faifley and making recommendations thereon.

10. CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES (Pages 89 - 92)

Submit report by the Director of Corporate Services making recommendations in respect of arrangements to introduce Citizenship Ceremonies in West Dunbartonshire.

11. GENERAL SERVICES BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT: PERIOD 9 (2003/04) (Pages 93 - 105)

Submit report by the Director of Corporate Services providing information on the performance of the General Services budget for the period to 31 December 2003.

12. NON DOMESTIC RATES: RATE RELIEF FOR COMMUNITY AMATEUR SPORTS CLUB (Pages 107 - 108)

Submit report by the Director of Corporate Services recommending a change in the existing policy regarding the award of non-domestic rate relief to Community Amateur Sports Clubs.

13. SALE OF SHOPS HELD ON THE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT AT 117 AND 119 MAIN STREET, RENTON TO CORDALE HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED (Pages 109 - 110)

Submit joint report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services and Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services seeking approval for the sale of shops at 117 and 119 Main Street, Renton to Cordale Housing Association Ltd.

14. EU REGIONAL POLICY AFTER 2006 (Pages 111 - 112)

Submit report by the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services providing information on the review of the European Union Regional Policy after 2006 and recommending action with other UK local authorities to secure further support for regional development activity.

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.

ITEM 2

AMENDED WORDING

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Are councillors aware of this ongoing and difficult problem and is there anything that can be done?