

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

**Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU**

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**MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL 2008  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
COUNCIL OFFICES  
GARSHAKE ROAD  
DUMBARTON**

Dear Member,

Please attend a Meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** to be held in the **Council Chambers, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton, on Wednesday, 30 April 2008 at 7.00 p.m.**

The business is as shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

**DAVID MCMILLAN**

Chief Executive

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All Members of West Dunbartonshire Council.

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Executive Director of Corporate Services

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Executive Director of Social Work and Health

Executive Director of Housing, Environmental & Economic Development

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## AGENDA

### 1. APOLOGIES

### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Submit for approval as a correct record, the Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 26 March 2008.

### 3. OPEN FORUM

#### (a) Sheila Urquhart on behalf of Dumbarton East & Central Community Council – Customer Service Standards

**The West Dunbartonshire Council Customer Services Standard** – as per leaflet and website – states that “*one of the core values of our corporate plan is “Putting Customers First”.*”

In support of this it states: **When you write** – *we will respond to your correspondence within 10 working days from receipt or if more time is required, we will acknowledge receipt within 5 working days. You will get a full reply within 20 working days. Some issues may take longer than 20 working days to resolve in which case we will keep you up to date on our progress.*

*We will monitor our standards and publish our performance.*

***Why then has this Community Council received no written replies from WDC in respect of letters sent to two different departments, as undernoted:-***

- **5 March 2008** letter to Planning Department Enforcement Officer asking for an update on matters referred to in previous correspondence – no reply or acknowledgment received. **25 March 2008** further letter to Planning Dept Enforcement Officer asking for an update as per request in letter dated 5 March 2008 so that members of the Community Council could be updated – no reply or acknowledgement received. (In telephone call to Enforcement Officer on 8 April 2008 regarding another matter the letters were mentioned and a full response within a week was assured – no letter received).

- **13 March 2008** letter to Head of Land and Environmental Services regarding issues in building sites in Castle Road & Castlegreen Street area – no reply or acknowledgement received. **25 March 2008** further letter to Head of Land & Environmental Services asking for an update as per request in letter dated 13 March 2008 so that Members of the Community Council could be updated – no reply or acknowledgment received. (Telephone call was received on 8 April 2008 from Roads Dept to say that the matter had been referred to site owner and a written update would be forthcoming – no letter as yet received).

**And, what percentage of correspondence to WDC is responded to within the timeframes promised by the Customer Services Standards and how is the monitoring of this achieved?**

**(b) Mr J. Gillespie, Dumbarton – Sandpoint Marina**

I would like to ask West Dunbartonshire Council why it has continually ignored the public's complaints against Sandpoint Marina, who continually are in breach of planning regulations laid down by the Council 12 years ago?

Rock armour should have been installed with geo-textile membrane which should have been put in place before any dumping occurred. We have yet to see a sample of stone which was proposed to be used for the rock armour.

The material which was deposited should be clean, inert, non-putrescible.

The reason for this was to protect the water courses from pollution and this was certainly not the case.

The total lorries which were allowed to run was a maximum of 60 per day.

All details can be found on WP 98/289.

There is also other numerous Planning Applications which were laid down with conditions attached, which the applicant has shown total disregard for.

Why should the Council or any other person trust this man to abide by any rules and regulations laid down in future applications?

I would like to know when this illegal infilling is going to be put to an end?

**4. MINUTES OF THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE FORUM ON 20 MARCH 2008**

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of Meeting of the Joint Consultative Forum held on 20 March 2008.

**5. MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON 16 APRIL 2008**

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of Meeting of the Audit and Performance Review Committee held on 16 April 2008.

**6. REMIT FROM THE AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON 16 APRIL 2008 - CONSULTATION PROCESS ON PHASE 2 OF THE REGENERATION OF THE SCHOOLS' ESTATE**

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Audit and Performance Review Committee held on 16 April 2008, submit for consideration, a copy of the relevant excerpt from the Minutes together with a report by the Executive Director of Educational Services on the consultation process on Phase 2 of the Regeneration of the Schools' Estate.

**7. BEST VALUE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 27 February 2008, submit report by the Chief Executive on the progress of the development of the next stage of the Council's Best Value Improvement Plan.

**8. BUDGET 2008/09 – ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTAL SAVINGS**

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 26 March 2008, submit report by the Chief Executive providing further details on the way in which the Chief Executive and the Council's Corporate Management Team (CMT) propose to address the budget decision to identify a further 1% efficiency savings by April 2009.

**9. SUPPORTING PEOPLE FUNDING**

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 27 February 2008, submit report by the Executive Director of Social Work and Health providing information on Supporting People Funding.

## **10. DRUG AND ALCOHOL REHABILITATION – PROPOSALS**

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 26 March 2008, submit report by the Executive Director of Social Work and Health recommending proposals to increase resources and capacity within the Council's Addiction Services.

## **11. CLYDEBANK LEISURE CENTRE DEVELOPMENT – SALE OF PLAYDROME SITE**

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 27 June 2007, submit report by the Chief Executive informing the Council of the Internal Audit Section's findings on the proposed supermarket/leisure developments in Clydebank

## **12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **(a) Motion by Councillor John Millar – Specialist Music Provision**

**Note: The Council is asked to note that, in terms of Standing Order No 24, the suspension of Standing Order No 15 is required prior to consideration of the undernoted item as a period of six months has not passed since a decision was taken in respect of this matter.**

Council notes that the SNP Administration budget for 2008/2009 includes a savings option to remove specialist music teachers.

Council also notes that some members of the SNP Administration were completely unaware that this cut was contained in the SNP budget. This was demonstrated by the fact that Depute Provost Ronnie McColl commented on the merits of retaining specialist music teachers and the positive impact that they had on getting younger pupils interested in music. Yet he supported the removal of specialist music teachers.

This Council recognises that it would be a mistake to stick with the SNP budget cut to Specialist Teachers and therefore agrees to rescind this particular decision with immediate effect.

**(b) Motion by Councillor George Black – School Transport**

This Council requests a report on the cost of providing transport for those primary school children who attend half day only at the start of term. This lack of provision has been an appalling omission on the part of the Council in previous years and has impacted unfavourably on primary school children who cannot by virtue of distance that they have to travel be expected to walk to school.

This Council recognises that the regeneration of the schools' estate contributes to this problem and will in future endeavour to make proper provision for all school transport especially for primary school pupils. The intention of this report would be to evaluate the cost of providing Lunch time arrangements which should be made for small children during the first month or 6 weeks in order that they will in fact have transport arrangements made for them and not be abandoned at the school site that they attend. We have a responsibility to ensure that travel provision is adequate and this glaring omission is unacceptable and therefore a report will be brought forward to Council by adoption of this motion.

**(c) Motion by Councillor George Black – Data Protection Registration – Community Councils**

This Council notes with satisfaction that Glasgow City Council has assisted all Community Councils within its area by appointing an Officer to coordinate the registration of Community Council Data controllers to comply with the terms of the Data Protection Act. This Council recognises this action as being a progressive step, which assists Community Councils and would wish to lend this type of support to Community Councils in our area.

The Council will also ensure that each Community Council in our area will receive an additional £35.00 per annum to defray the cost of registration

**(d) Motion by Councillor Patrick McGlinchey – Modern Apprenticeships 2014**

This Council notes that with the 2014 Commonwealth Games coming to Glasgow, Councillor Steven Purcell - Labour Leader of Glasgow City Council - has announced that from next year every school-leaver in the city who qualifies for a modern apprenticeship will be offered one.

This Council notes the above national average number of young people in West Dunbartonshire not entering Education, Employment or Training after school and believes that enhanced access to apprenticeships would be of great benefit to many young people from West Dunbartonshire.

This Council therefore requests the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive to approach Glasgow City Council and 'Glasgow2014' with the specific aim of:-

- Exploring the viability of becoming partners in the scheme.
- Building direct links with the construction companies which will be carrying out the contracted work on 2014 projects.
- Lobbying for West Dunbartonshire young people to have the right to apply for all apprenticeships open to Glasgow-City school-leavers on even terms.

And report their success back to a future meeting of the Council.

### **URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS**

The Council is asked to note that the undernoted motion by Councillor Gail Casey was not received in accordance with the timescales specified in the Council's Standing Orders. However, in accordance with Standing Order No 7, Provost Agnew has agreed that the motion be considered as a matter of urgency.

#### **(e) Motion by Councillor Gail Casey - St Margaret of Scotland Hospice**

This Council recognises the importance to the whole community of West Dunbartonshire of the outstanding care provided at St Margaret of Scotland Hospice.

This Council fully supports the hospice in its campaign to retain fully funded continuing care beds for frail elderly patients nearing the end of their lives, alongside its palliative care for terminally ill patients for which the hospice has to raise 50% of the costs through fundraising and voluntary contributions.

This Council believes that the hospice is an appropriate setting in which specialist nursing and medical care can be provided, and urges Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board to reconsider its proposals which would mean the removal of funding from April 2009.

This Council will work with neighbouring authorities and Parliamentarians to secure the future of the St Margaret of Scotland Hospice.