

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

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MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, 26 APRIL 2006
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Dear Member,

Please attend a Meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** to be held in the **Council Chambers, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton** on Wednesday, 26 April 2006 at 2.00 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 Education and Cultural Services
Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services
Acting Director of Social Work Services

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR JOSEPH PILKINGTON

The Council is asked to note that Councillor Joseph Pilkington (Ward 16 – Dumbarton West) has resigned from the Council with effect from Thursday 13 April 2006.

Members are asked to note that the By-election to elect a new Member for Ward 16 – West Dumbarton will be held on Thursday 15 June 2006.

3. OPEN FORUM

The Council is asked to note that no open forum questions have been received from members of the public.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Submit, for approval as a correct record, the Minutes of the Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 22 February 2006.

5. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 15 February 2006.

Members are asked to note that Council has already made decisions in respect of those items under the headings “Arrangements for Pre-Agenda Meetings for Community Participation Committee (CPC) Community Representatives” and “Discussion Paper by the Scottish Executive; “What can we do to help Community Council’s fulfil their role?”

6. MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of Meeting of the Audit and Performance Review Committee held on 8 March 2006.

7. MINUTES OF THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE FORUM

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of Meeting of the Joint Consultative Forum held on 9 March 2006.

**8. REMIT FROM THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE:
COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2006**

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 19 April 2006, submit report by the Chief Executive proposing the arrangements for the Community Council elections due to be held in October 2006.

**9. THE ATTRACTION OF EXTERNAL FUNDING TO WEST
DUNBARTONSHIRE**

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 22 February 2006, submit report by the Chief Executive seeking the Council's support, in principle, for an External Funding Unit, led by Council, serving all Community Partners.

10. QUALITY & SERVICE AWARDS

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing the Council with the progress on various quality and service awards.

11. OPEN LINE

Submit report by the Chief Executive requesting the Council to consider setting up a monthly "phone-in", on an experimental basis, whereby members of the public will be able to speak to the Leader of the Council about issues of concern.

12. TRADING ACCOUNTS ANNUAL REVIEW

Submit report by the Chief Executive advising the Council of the review undertaken of the Council's trading activities.

13. COSLA LEVIES 2006/07 AND 2007/2008

Submit report by the Chief Executive informing the Council of the COSLA levies for 2006/07 and 2007/08 and seeking approval to pay them.

14. EQUAL PAY COMPENSATION

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing an update on the progress of the Equal Pay Compensation project to date and the outstanding risks faced by the Council in relation to Equal Pay.

15. HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2005/2006 – BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT TO 15 MARCH 2006 (PERIOD 11)

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services on the progress of the HRA Capital Programme 2005/2006 up to 15 March 2006 (Period 11).

16. ISSUES RELATING TO HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Submit report by the Director of Social Work Services advising Council of changes to the Partnership arrangements.

17. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMUNITY JUSTICE AUTHORITY

Submit report by the Director of Social Work Services requesting the Council to homologate the nomination of Councillor Rooney as the Council's representative on the Community Justice Authority with Councillor Flynn as substitute.

18. “BUILDING OUR FUTURE” SCHOOLS’ REGENERATION PPP PROJECT – PROJECT UPDATE

Report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services providing Council with an update on progress made to date on the Schools' Regeneration PPP Project.

19. REGIONAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIPS

Council is asked to note that with effect from 1 April 2006, the former Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority (SPTA) was replaced by the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport. Unlike the SPTA which required two members and substitutes, the new body only requires one member and one substitute to be nominated by West Dunbartonshire Council.

Accordingly, the Council is asked to nominate one member and one substitute to serve on the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

20. SCOTTISH LIAISON GROUP ON RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

Submit a copy of correspondence received from Dundee City Council concerning the formation of the Scottish Liaison Group on Radioactive Waste Management and seeking a nomination from this Council to serve on the Group.

21. NOTICES OF MOTION

Council is asked to consider the undernoted notices of motion:-

(a) Motion submitted by Councillor Black

Renton Community

This Council recognises that the loss of the two facilities in Renton has had an effect on the local groups and community that was not fully envisaged at the time of the decision to close them.

While recognising the constraints the Council finances operates under, we must also recognise the balance and important role that these services play in communities.

There has/

There has been considerable interest and support shown from the local community for the development of a community ownership future for these

facilities. A view that is supported in writing by the local MP and MSP and has considerable merit.

While plans and funding streams are at an early stage, this Council acknowledges the effort and hard work being put into a development plan, by the local community.

To facilitate matters, this Council agrees to instruct officers to enter into discussions with the RCTD (Renton Community Development Trust) with a view to transferring these two facilities and their fixtures and fittings into community ownership at a notional value.

This Council also agrees that a further report is brought back before Members at the earliest opportunity for final approval.

(b) Motion by Councillor Craig McLaughlin

Introduction of Charging for Specific Special Uplifts.

This Council expresses concern at the introduction of a new charging policy without direct member approval.

The decision to implement a charge for specific special uplifts without member or public consultation is not acceptable.

Therefore this Council agrees to suspend the charge until a further report is brought back to the next Council meeting.

The report should address who introduced the charge, on what or whose authority and how the £34 charge is calculated.

(c) Motion submitted by Councillor Black

Knoxland Primary School

This Council acknowledges that the discovery of asbestos in the school is of a considerable concern to the pupils, teachers, parents of the school alike.

While the Council recognises that there is no immediate risk to users, the cost of removing the asbestos and the associated relocation costs, represent a considerable investment in a 30 year old school.

In recognition/

In recognition of these issues this Council agrees to instruct officers to prepare development plans for a complete new build of the school, including

locations, costs and timescales as a matter of urgency. The funding streams for the new build should be explored and identified including slippage in schools improvement fund and the general services capital programme.

(d) Motion submitted by Councillor Black

Community Resource for Milton

Since the administration took the decision to close Milton Primary School, the Milton community groups have been left without a community facility as a focal and meeting point.

The vibrancy of any community is driven by a strong spirit derived from activity and meetings within it.

Therefore this Council instructs the bidding officer and the relevant department officers to enter into discussions with the local member and community groups into developing a site or facility for the groups within the Milton area.

(e) Motion submitted by Councillor McLaughlin

Whistle Blowing Policy

This Council recognises that the Whistle Blowing is a long overdue policy and is an important document to ensure that staff have the ability to relay concerns beyond their line manager.

However this Council notes with concern that the Leader of the Council is listed as the appropriate elected member for staff to contact.

It is appropriate that staff know that they can approach any elected members with concerns, however the most appropriate nominated elected member should be the Chair of the Audit Committee.

Therefore officers are instructed to amend the whistle blowing document to read that the Chair of the Audit Committee is the first point of contact and that any elected member can also be contacted.