

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Community Safety and Environmental Services Committee held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Station Road, Dumbarton on 7 February 2007 at 11.40 a.m.

Present: Councillors George Black, Jim Bollan, Gail Casey, Duncan McDonald, Craig McLaughlin and Marie McNair.

Attending: Ronnie Dinnie, Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services); Irving Hodgson, Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services); Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor; Graham Pollock, Manager of Environmental Services; Lynda McLaughlin, Manager of Commercial Operations; Jim Pow, Manager of Finance, Housing, Regeneration & Environmental Services; Don Findlay, Manager of Technical Services; Kevin Neeson, Manager of Development Services; Angus Bodie, Manager of Roads; Willie Gibson, Section Head (Estates); Martin McKendrick, Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator, Marnie Ritchie, Team Leader – Forward Planning & Regeneration; Tony Cairns, Team Leader, Trading Standards; Pat Hoey, Environmental Health Officer; Raymond Lynch, Solicitor and Craig Stewart, Administrative Assistant.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Provost Macdonald and Councillors Calvert, McColl and O'Sullivan.

CONVENER'S REMARKS

- 11386 Prior to the business of the meeting commencing, the Convener, Councillor McDonald, advised that he would be writing to the Chief Executive concerning the timing of this Committee and the Planning Committee and the difficulties that had been experienced with meetings overrunning. The Committee noted the position.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 11387 The Minutes of Meeting of the Committee held on 6 December 2006 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 11388 After hearing the Convener, Councillor McDonald, the Committee agreed to vary the Order of Business as hereinafter recorded.

AIRCRAFT NOISE MONITORING WITHIN CLYDEBANK

(a) Deputation

- 11389 In terms of Standing Order No.14, the Committee agreed to receive a presentation from Mr. Tam Brady, Whitecrook Community Group in connection with the above. Mr. Brady was then heard in elaboration of Whitecrook Community Group's concerns in respect of this matter.
- 11390 After discussion and having heard Mr. Brady in answer to Members' questions, the Convener, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Mr. Brady for his informative presentation.

(b) Report by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services

- 11391 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) advising of the results of aircraft noise monitoring obtained from the Environmental Noise Monitor (ENM) located within the Whitecrook area of Clydebank for the period July to October 2006.
- 11392 After discussion and having heard Mr. Hoey, Environmental Health Officer, in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-
- (1) that the Environmental Health Section would continue to monitor aircraft noise at John Knox Street and to publish the results on the Council's website for public information;
 - (2) to instruct the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) to follow up the letter issued, as referred to in paragraph 3.6 of the report, with a meeting involving a representative of British Airports Authority (BAA) to determine what course of action they propose to improve conditions; and
 - (3) that authority be delegated to the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) to arrange a meeting with BAA, and all interested parties, prior to a further meeting taking place at full Council on this issue.

**OVERTOUN HOUSE, DUMBARTON – PROGRESS REPORT NUMBER 2
AND PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO LEASE**

- 11393 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) informing of the progress of works being undertaken to refurbish Overtoun House and recommending variations of the terms of the existing lease to Overtoun House Christian Centre (OHCC).
- 11394 At this point, the Convener, Councillor McDonald, informed the meeting that a request to be heard in representation had been made by Mrs. Rose Harvie, Secretary of Silverton and Overtoun Community Council. The Committee agreed to hear Mrs. Harvie in relation to this matter. Copies of Mrs. Harvie's presentation to the Committee were also circulated for Members' information. Thereafter, the Convener thanked Mrs. Harvie for her contribution.
- 11395 After discussion and having heard the relevant officers in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Bollan, moved:-
- (1) that responsibility for insuring Overtoun House should be transferred outwith the liability of the Council;
 - (2) the requirement to clean the windows every month shall be amended to a requirement to clean them every second month;
 - (3) that the status quo should apply in relation to the terms of the existing lease concerning the access bollard and access to the walled garden; and
 - (4) that appropriate notification be made to the public in advance of any closure of the upper car park, during the time any occasional events are taking place.
- 11396 As an amendment, Councillor McDonald, seconded by Councillor McNair, moved:-
- 11397 That the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services), in consultation with the Head of Legal & Administrative Services, be authorised to revise the lease on the basis of the proposals outlined in the Main Issues section of the report.
- 11398 On a vote being taken, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 3 for the motion. There being an equality of voting, the Convener exercised his casting vote in favour of the amendment which was accordingly declared carried.

**PROPOSED REVISION TO WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL'S
MANAGEMENT RULES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC PARKS
AND OPEN SPACES**

- 11399 A report was submitted by the Chief Executive seeking approval of the proposed revised Management Rules for the Administration of Public Parks and Open Spaces.
- 11400 It was noted that all parties that had submitted comments had been invited to attend the Committee and be heard on the objections/representations which had been submitted. None of the parties were in attendance but the Principal Solicitor informed the Committee that a letter of representation had been received from the Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority and he read out the contents of this letter for Members' information. The position was noted in relation thereto.
- 11401 Having heard the Principal Solicitor in further explanation and Mr. Lynch, Solicitor, in clarification of certain matters, the Committee agreed to approve the proposed changes to the Management Rules for the Administration of Public Parks and Open Spaces on the basis detailed in the Appendix to the report.

**PROPOSED REVISION TO WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL'S BYE-
LAW PROHIBITING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR IN
DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES**

- 11402 A report was submitted by the Chief Executive seeking approval to take steps to amend the current bye-law prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in designated public places within West Dunbartonshire to make it an offence to be in possession of an open container which has alcohol therein in a designated public place.
- 11403 Having heard the Principal Solicitor in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-
- (1) to approve, in principle, the proposed amendment of the Alcohol Prohibition in Designated Public Places Bye-law to make it an offence to be in possession of an open container which has alcohol therein in a designated public place; and
 - (2) to approve the relevant statutory consultation taking place with a further report being submitted to a future meeting of the Committee in due course.

CUSTOMER QUESTIONNAIRES – CORPORATE BUILDINGS AND RECEPTION SERVICES

- 11404 A report was submitted by the Chief Executive providing costs for the provision of a reception service in Clydebank Town Hall and proposals of how parking at the Municipal Buildings, Dumbarton could be improved.
- 11405 After discussion and having heard the Convener, Councillor McDonald, the Committee agreed:-
- (1) to remit the report to the Corporate Services Committee for consideration; and
 - (2) in the meantime, to request that officers look at the possibility of some limited car parking provision at the side of the Municipal Buildings, Dumbarton taking into account the requirement not to disturb the tree planted in honour of Nelson Mandela at this location.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2006/2007 TO 15 DECEMBER 2006 (PERIOD 8)

- 11406 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) providing an update on the financial performance of the Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services Department to 15 December 2006 (Period 8).
- 11407 After discussion and having heard the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) and the Manager of Finance in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the financial performance of the Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services Department.
- 11408 It was noted that the Manager of Finance would write to Councillor Black with regard to further information requested.

AIR QUALITY MONITORING, JOHN KNOX STREET, CLYDEBANK

- 11409 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) informing of the results of air quality monitoring at John Knox Street, Clydebank.
- 11410 After discussion, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report and to instruct officers to consider enforcement action.

CALL DIVERSION TO CONSUMER DIRECT SCOTLAND

- 11411 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) seeking approval to continue to divert telephone calls for consumer advice to Consumer Direct Scotland.
- 11412 After discussion and having heard the Manager of Environmental Services in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Bollan, moved:-
- 11413 That the Committee agrees:-
- 11414 That the Trading Standards service deals with all West Dunbartonshire related enquiries at first point of contact and only general enquiries and enquiries relating to incidents outwith the West Dunbartonshire area be dealt with by transferring these types of call to Consumer Direct Scotland.
- 11415 As an amendment, Councillor McDonald, seconded by Councillor Casey, moved:-
- 11416 That the Committee agrees to approve the continuation of diversion of telephone calls for consumer advice to Consumer Direct Scotland.
- 11417 On a vote being taken, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 3 for the motion. There being an equality of voting, the Convener exercised his casting vote in favour of the amendment which was accordingly declared carried.

RAISING THE AGE LIMIT FOR SALE OF TOBACCO FROM 16 TO 18

- 11418 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) seeking approval of the draft response to the Scottish Executive's consultation on raising the age of persons to whom retailers can sell tobacco products legally from 16 to 18.
- 11419 After discussion and having heard the Manager of Environmental Services in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-
- (1) to approve the draft response to the consultation attached to the report; and
 - (2) that representations be made to the Scottish Executive requesting that consideration be given to anti-addiction measures to help teenagers in the age group affected.

PUBLIC HEALTH LEGISLATION IN SCOTLAND: A CONSULTATION

- 11420 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) informing of a response sent to the Scottish Executive in early January 2007 in order to meet the 12 January 2007 deadline for responses to a consultation on Public Health Legislation in Scotland.
- 11421 The Committee agreed to homologate the response previously submitted to the Scottish Executive on this matter.

NUTRITION AND HEALTH CERTIFICATES

- 11422 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) advising of the recent award of Nutrition and Health Certificates to Catering staff.
- 11423 After discussion, the Committee agreed:-
- (1) to note, with satisfaction, the achievement and contribution made by Council catering staff to developing improved standards of diet and nutrition in West Dunbartonshire schools; and
 - (2) to congratulate the staff involved on their achievement.

QUEST ACCREDITATION FOR LEISURE SERVICES

- 11424 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) advising on the success of the Leisure Services Section in maintaining Quest accreditation with increased scores during recent assessments of the three main leisure facilities in West Dunbartonshire.
- 11425 After discussion, the Committee agreed:-
- (1) to note, with satisfaction, the success of the Leisure Services Section in achieving high level Quest accreditation for all three main leisure centres; and
 - (2) to commend everyone involved for their hard work and commitment in the achievement of this accreditation.

LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2006-2009 – CONSULTATION DRAFT

- 11426 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) seeking approval of a Consultation Draft of the proposed West Dunbartonshire Local Transport Strategy.
- 11427 After discussion and having heard the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-
- (1) to approve the Consultation Draft Local Transport Strategy, it being noted that this would be subject to wide public consultation during February and March 2007; and
 - (2) to note the concerns expressed by Members in relation to congestion on the A82 trunk road and possible other measures worth considering including free public transport.

REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY FOR THE WEST OF SCOTLAND 2007-2021 CONSULTATIVE DRAFT

- 11428 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) seeking approval for a response to the Consultative Draft of the Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) for the West of Scotland 2007-2021.
- 11429 After discussion, the Committee agreed to approve the proposed response from West Dunbartonshire Council to the Consultative Draft of the Regional Transport Strategy.

SUSTRANS GRANT 2006/07 - TACKLING THE SCHOOL RUN: CYCLE LINKS AND CYCLE PARKING

- 11430 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) advising of the recent award of grant funding totalling £125,000 from Sustrans and to note the projects to be undertaken.
- 11431 Having heard the Manager of Roads, the Committee agreed to note the award of grant and the projects listed as being deliverable in the short timescales available.

**TO DECLARE SURPLUS THE MILLBURN ROAD DEPOT, MAIN STREET,
RENTON AND SALE ON THE OPEN MARKET**

11432 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) seeking authority to declare surplus to operational requirements the Millburn Roads Depot and to sell this property on the open market.

11433 After discussion, Councillor McDonald, seconded by Councillor Casey, moved:-

11434 That the Committee agrees:-

- (1) to declare the Millburn Roads Depot surplus to the operational requirements of Housing, Regeneration & Environmental Services;
- (2) that the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) be authorised to advertise Millburn Roads Depot on the open market for disposal for residential development; and
- (3) that the Head of Legal & Administrative Services be authorised to conclude this transaction subject to such legal conditions as are considered appropriate.

11435 As an amendment, Councillor Bollan, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin, moved:-

11436 That, in view of an anticipated capital receipt to be realised for the land in question prior to the end of the financial year, the Committee agrees to approve development for a mixed use for this site involving a partnership arrangement with Cordale Housing Association and resulting in equal amounts of private and social rented housing.

11437 On a vote being taken, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 3 for the motion. There being an equality of voting, the Convener exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion which was accordingly declared carried.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY REVIEW UPDATE

11438 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) advising on progress with general energy efficiency issues relating to Council buildings and on the projects and initiatives under development by the Corporate Energy Team (CET) and Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) Officer.

11439 The Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

LOCH LOMOND HIGHLAND GAMES – 2006 AND BEYOND

11440 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) advising:-

- (a) on the outcome of the 2006 Loch Lomond Highland Games (LLHG); and
- (b) seeking approval for a proposed formal agreement between the Council and the LLHG Committee which will secure the staging of the games in 2007 and develop the potential of this prestigious event.

11441 The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to the request by the LLHG Committee to enter into a formal agreement, similar to that existing between the Council and the RSPBA, for the staging of the 2007 LLHG;
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) to take appropriate action to conclude a formal agreement; and
- (3) that a report on the 2007 Games, including information on visitor satisfaction, and a proposal for arrangements beyond 2007 be presented to a future meeting of the Committee for consideration.

CLYDEBANK CREMATORIUM – CREMATORIA ABATEMENT OF MERCURY EMISSIONS ORGANISATION – CAMEO SCHEME

11442 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) advising of the development of the Crematoria Abatement of Mercury Emissions Organisation (CAMEO) scheme as it affects Clydebank Crematorium.

11443 Having heard the Manager of Development Services in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, it was agreed to continue consideration of the report to the next meeting of the Committee to enable further information to be obtained on the financial implications associated with the issue.

COMMUNITY WARDEN SURVEY

11444 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) providing the results of the Community Wardens Service survey conducted in June 2006, and comparing the results with a similar survey carried out in July 2004.

11445 After discussion and having heard the Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report; and
- (2) that a further survey be carried out in 6 months time that will give a better comparator base on the work carried out by the Community Wardens Service and that a more wide-ranging report be presented to a future meeting of the Committee for consideration.

DUMBARTON HOUSING AND COMMERCIAL STUDY

11446 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) informing of the preparation of the Dumbarton Housing and Commercial Study, outlining its broad content and seeking approval to provide partnership support to Dunbritton Housing Association for the next stage in taking the study forward to implementation.

11447 After discussion and having heard the Team Leader, Forward Planning & Regeneration in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the Dumbarton Housing and Commercial Study and the possible opportunity sites arising from the study;
- (2) to support Dunbritton Housing Association in progressing the study; and
- (3) to support the inclusion of the identified sites within the emerging West Dunbartonshire Local Plan.

ALEXANDRIA STREETSCAPE DESIGN GUIDE

11448 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) informing of the preparation of the Alexandria Streetscape Design Guide, outlining its broad content and seeking approval for its adoption as Supplementary Planning Guidance to be taken into account in the determination of any planning application lying within the geographical area covered by the Design Guide.

11449 Having heard the relevant officers in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed that copies of the Alexandria Streetscape Design Guide be circulated to the Regeneration Group for comment at its next meeting and, in the event that no adverse comments were received, the recommendations contained in the report would be approved.

The meeting closed at 2.01 p.m.