

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

16 March 2012

MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH 2012 at 6.00 P.M.
MAIN HALL
ABBOTSFORD CHURCH
ABBOTSFORD ROAD
CLYDEBANK

Dear Member

Please attend a Meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** to be held in the **Main Hall, Abbotsford Church, Abbotsford Road, Clydebank on Wednesday 28 March 2012 at 6.00 p.m.**

The business is as shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

JOYCE WHITE

Chief Executive

Distribution:-

All Members of West Dunbartonshire Council

Chief Executive

Executive Director of Corporate Services

Executive Director of Educational Services

Executive Director of Housing, Environmental & Economic Development

Director of West Dunbartonshire Community Health & Care Partnership

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to declare if they have an interest in any of the items of business on this agenda and state the reasons for such declarations.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Submit for approval the Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 29 February 2012.

4. MINUTES OF AUDIT & PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Submit for information and where necessary ratification Minutes of Meeting of the Audit & Performance Review Committee held on 15 February 2012.

5. MINUTES OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

Submit for information and where necessary ratification Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 22 February 2012.

6. OPEN FORUM

John McDonald – Stair Lift

I had a straight up and down chair lift for 5 years maintained by the Council. It broke down beyond repair. The Occupational Therapist said they would install a new chair. The chair that was picked was a curved type chair, unsuitable amongst many things and we had a lack of space – front door blocked. When we spoke to them about this we were ignored when the chair was delivered against our wishes. To operate the chair when it was at the bottom of the stairs blocked the front door and to operate you had to bring down the hydraulic bar and we lost 1ft 10 inches in width. When the chair

was stationary it was at top of the stairs not in a suitable position for our needs. I informed the fire department's Mr Hamish Miller, who condemned it as a fire hazard. The Council health and safety were not happy with it. When chair was tested my wife got her knees jammed against the wall and the engineer brought the chair down manually. In the event of our complaint the chair was taken out and we were given a commode. We purchased a straight up and down chair like we had before – simple to operate – out of our own life savings. No help was offered. We were told that we had a back door if a fire started, which was also condemned by the fire department as a fire could start in the kitchen.

My question is – I want help with the maintenance of the chair or reimbursement of outlay of £2000. Full maintenance cover £295 per year.

Reports for DECISION

7. PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2011/12 TO 2014/15 AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2012/13 TO 2014/15

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services seeking approval of the Prudential Indicators 2011/12 to 2014/15 and the Treasury Management Strategy 2012/13 to 2014/15.

8. HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2012/15 FINANCIAL YEAR 2012/13

Submit report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development on the Housing Capital Programme 2012/15.

9. STATUTORY MEETING OF WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

The Statutory Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council requires to be held within 21 days of the local government elections on 3 May 2012. Council is asked to agree that this meeting be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 16 May 2012 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton.

Report for NOTING

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**10. GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT:
PERIOD 11 (2011/12)**

Submit, for noting, report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing an update on the General Services Revenue budget for the period to 29 February 2012.

**11. GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT:
PERIOD 11 (2011/12)**

Submit, for noting, report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing an update on the General Services Capital plan for 2011/12

12. GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL PLAN 2012/13

Submit, for noting, report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing an update on the draft capital plan for 2012/13.

**13. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2011/12 BUDGETARY CONTROL
STATEMENT TO 29 FEBRUARY 2012 (PERIOD 11)**

Submit, for noting, report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental & Economic Development providing an update on the financial performance of the HRA to the period ended 29 February 2012.

**14. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2011/12
BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT TO 29 FEBRUARY 2012 (PERIOD 11)**

Submit, for noting, report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development advising on the progress of the HRA Capital Programme 2011/12.

**15. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR DOUGLAS McALLISTER – REVIEW OF
COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

This Council agreed on 8th December 2010, to a consultation exercise with the relevant communities on the rationalisation of specific under-utilised centres and halls, to consult with the groups affected, to ascertain views on community transfer.

Thereafter, a further report to the Housing, Environmental & Economic Development Committee, confirmed that every organisation and user group within Duntocher had come together to form the Community Management Group known as Duntocher Village Hall.

As agreed by Council, all such proposals were to be submitted to Council by the end of November 2011.

I understand that thanks to the invaluable assistance of our Leisure and Finance staff, the CVS and various Duntocher community groups, a formal proposal, fully constituted was submitted on behalf of the Duntocher Village Hall group in November 2011 as required.

This group is now dismayed with the delay and inactivity of the SNP Administration, in bringing forward their proposal to Committee for agreement.

Whilst I appreciate the SNP Administration's reluctance to close halls and centres, prior to the elections and their desire to postpone any decision on rationalisation until after the elections, I cannot understand why the Duntocher Village Hall proposal cannot progress now.

Can the Convener confirm that the Duntocher Village Hall proposal will now be considered without any further delay?

16. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Motion by Councillor Craig McLaughlin – New walk to commemorate John Muir, Father of National Parks

This Council agrees that the creation of a new walk to commemorate the father of National Parks, John Muir's centenary is a fantastic opportunity for West Dunbartonshire and Scotland as a whole.

The walk is planned to start at his birthplace Dunbar, East Lothian and ending in the Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park.

The walk could protect and create up to 1100 jobs through the areas that form part of it.

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The John Muir Trail is being heralded as the next big walking route in Scotland, after the West Highland Way and the Southern Uplands Way, with hikers due to first tread the 100-mile path in 2014.

This Council agrees to support the creation of the walk where possible and to actively campaign for the walk to finish at Balloch Country Park, the gateway to Scotland's first National Park.

This Council instructs the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council to write to Stuart Brooks, Chief Executive of the John Muir Trust and to Ian Jardine, Chief Executive of Scottish Natural Heritage to urge that the walk finishes in Balloch Country Park.

(b) Motion by Councillor Martin Rooney – Milton Loan, Alexandria

This Council notes that Milton Loan is one of the worst conditioned roads in West Dunbartonshire.

Council also agrees that this is a potential health and safety risk to residents and others and agrees that action is required, as a matter of priority to return the road to a safe condition.

Given the above, this Council calls on the Chief Executive to ensure that Milton Loan is included in the 2012 Capital Programme and that this road is brought up to the appropriate condition at the earliest opportunity.