

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

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MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2004
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COUNCIL OFFICES
GARSHAKE ROAD
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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 Road** on Wednesday, 27 October 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 Development and Environmental Services

Director of Education and Cultural Services

Director of Housing and Technical Services

Director of Social Work Services

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. RESULTS OF BY-ELECTION – WARD 11 (BOWLING/MILTON/OLD KILPATRICK) (Page 1)

Submit report by the Returning Officer informing the Council of the results of the Local Government By-election for Ward 11 – Bowling/Milton/Old Kilpatrick, which was held on 14 October 2004.

3. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

(a) Presentation

Strathclyde Police and West Dunbartonshire Council will give a joint presentation on the implications of Anti-Social Behaviour (Scotland) Act 2004.

(b) Anti-Social Behaviour (Scotland) Act 2004 (Pages 3 – 8)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services providing an update on legislative changes introduced under the Anti-Social Behaviour (Scotland) Act 2004.

4. OPEN FORUM

**(a) Donald McDonald, 36 North Elgin Street, Whitecrook
New Community Schools – Braidfield High School**

In 1998, West Dunbartonshire Council was awarded considerable funding by the Scottish Executive to implement their vision of New Community Schools. In their wisdom, the Council chose Braidfield High School as the flagship for this venture. The lion's share of available funding was channelled into Braidfield, while other schools in the region were virtually neglected by comparison.

However, over the next 6 years, while the less privileged schools continued to flourish, Braidfield High School was not transformed into a magnet school for the area; nor was the attainment level of pupils dramatically improved. Indeed, at the time of writing this question, it would seem that the flagship is about to be scuttled.

Does the Council have a rational explanation for this unmitigated disaster?

**(b) Mr Lockhart H. Cameron, 13f Howcraigs Court, Clydebank
Policy on Council employees campaigning during normal working hours**

What is West Dunbartonshire Council's policy in relation to council employees campaigning during normal working hours on behalf of a political party candidate?

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 9 - 34)

Submit for approval, Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 29 September 2004.

6. MINUTES OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE (Pages 35 - 40)

Submit for information and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 15 September 2004.

7. JOINT CONSULTATIVE FORUM (Pages 41 - 46)

Submit for information and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of Meeting of the Joint Consultative Forum held on 16 September 2004.

8. AUDIT & PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE (Pages 47 - 55)

Submit for information and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of Meeting of the Audit & Performance Review Committee held on 29 September 2004.

9. REMIT FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – USE OF PLANNING CONDITION TO REMOVE PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (Pages 57 - 64)

In terms of the remit from the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 6 October 2004, submit for consideration the relevant excerpt minute and report by the Director of Development and Environmental Services informing of the use of a planning condition attached to residential developments in Clydebank in the past and considering its effectiveness in control of development.

10. REMITS FROM THE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

**(a) Maintaining Houses – Preserving Homes Consultation
(Pages 65 - 75)**

In terms of the remit from the Meeting of the Community Safety and Environmental Services Committee held on 6 October 2004, submit for consideration the relevant excerpt minute and report by the Director of Corporate Services providing a suggested response to the consultation document issued by the Scottish Executive entitled “Maintaining Houses – Preserving Homes”.

(b) Paying for Water Services 2006 - 2010 (Pages 77 - 83)

In terms of remit from the Meeting of the Community Safety and Environmental Services Committee held on 6 October 2004, submit for consideration the relevant excerpt minute and report by the Director of Corporate Services recommending the Council’s formal response to the Scottish Executive’s consultation paper on the principles of charging for water services entitled “Paying for Water Services 2006 – 2010”.

11. REMIT FROM THE CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE - CHRISTMAS PAYMENTS TO ELDERLY PEOPLE’S ORGANISATIONS (Pages 85 - 91)

(a) In terms of the remit from the Meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held on 22 September 2004, submit for consideration the relevant excerpt minute and report by the Director of Corporate Services seeking approval to make Christmas payments to elderly people’s organisations.

(b) Submit report by the Director of Corporate Services providing an update on the outcome of the consultation with elderly people’s organisations on the options for calculating their grant awards and making recommendations thereon.

12. POLICY STATEMENT ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (Pages 93 - 117)

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of Council on 28 January 2004, submit report by the Director of Corporate Services seeking approval of this Council’s proposed Policy Statement on Freedom of Information.

**13. SCHEME FOR PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCES TO ELECTED MEMBERS
(Pages 119 - 122)**

Submit report by the Director of Corporate Services seeking the Council's approval of an amendment to its formal Scheme for Payment of Allowances to Elected Members.

**14. INTERIM REPORT FROM THE WORKING GROUP ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY REVIEW
(Pages 123 - 125)**

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing information on the initial discussions of the Working Group on the Local Government Boundary Review and the outcome of the recent meeting which was held with the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland.

**15. WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP
(Pages 127 - 137)**

Submit report by Chief Executive proposing options for the continued development of the Community Planning Partnership in West Dunbartonshire.

**16. SUPPORTING PEOPLE
(Pages 139 - 140)**

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing information on the current position concerning Supporting People funding for West Dunbartonshire.

**17. REVIEW OF ASSUMPTIONS UNDERPINNING JUNE 2002 DECISIONS ON ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES IN GREATER GLASGOW
(Pages 141 - 162)**

Submit report by the Director of Social Work Services outlining a response to be sent by the Chief Executive to NHS Greater Glasgow's consultation about the assumptions behind the Board's proposals for Accident and Emergency Services submitted to the Minister for Health and Community Care.

18. COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND INSPECTION REPORT: IMPROVEMENT PLAN (Pages 163 - 204)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services requesting Council to note the Communities Scotland inspection report for its landlord and homelessness services and seeking approval of an improvement plan, prior to its submission to Communities Scotland.

19. ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST BOARD (Pages 205 - 210)

Submit correspondence from the West Dunbartonshire Environment Trust seeking a nomination of an elected member to serve on the Board, following the resignation of Councillor O'Sullivan on 15 September 2004.

20. NOTICE OF MOTION

In accordance with Standing Order 8, Council is asked to consider the undernoted motion which was submitted by Councillor Bollan:-

In view of the widespread concern at recent events, this Council agrees it is wholly incompatible to be a sitting Councillor and to seek to secure commercial contracts with WDC.

This Council therefore introduces a policy whereby any sitting Councillor is barred from seeking to secure commercial contracts from WDC until a two year period has elapsed from the end of the term of their office.

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