

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU

23 January 2009

MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

**WEDNESDAY, 28 JANUARY 2009
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, 28 January 2009 at 7.00 p.m.**

The business is as shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

DAVID MCMILLAN

Chief Executive

Distribution:-

All Members of West Dunbartonshire Council.

Chief Executive

Executive Director of Corporate Services

Executive Director of Educational Services

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 undernoted Minutes of Meetings of West Dunbartonshire Council:-

- (a) Ordinary Meeting on 17 December 2008
- (b) Requisitioned Meeting on 13 January 2009

3. OPEN FORUM

The Council is asked to consider the undernoted question:-

Rose Harvie, Secretary of Silverton and Overtoun Community Council – Problem of litter and dog mess in Dumbarton

Our community council is very concerned at the problem of litter and dog mess in Dumbarton. The problem of litter is particularly apparent near fast-food outlets and schools. Our councillors frequently see WDC employees doing an excellent job collecting litter. However, despite numerous signs in the streets and parks, none of our councillors can ever recall seeing a Litter Enforcement Officer asking people to pick up dropped litter, not to allow their dogs to deposit mess, or to attempt to hand out a fixed penalty fine, for these offences.

Would the Council tell us whether this situation is because it is cheaper to employ litter pickers than Enforcement Officers?

4. MINUTES OF THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE FORUM

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of Meeting of the Joint Consultative Forum held on 4 December 2008.

5. MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of Meeting of the Audit & Performance Review Committee held on 14 January 2009.

6. NATIONAL PAY AWARD – LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 17 December 2008, submit report by the Chief Executive seeking the Council's approval to implement the National Pay Award with effect from 1 April 2009, as recommended by the Employer's Secretary of the Scottish Joint Council (SJC) for Local Government Employees.

7. STANDING ORDERS – LENGTH AND TIMING OF COUNCIL MEETING

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services asking the Council to consider the timing and length of Council Meetings and whether to introduce a new Standing Order to deal with the issue.

8. REVIEW OF PARTS 1 AND 2 OF THE STANDING ORDERS

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services asking the Council to approve changes to parts 1 and 2 of the Standing Orders which relate to the Standing Orders for meetings of Council, Committees and other bodies. A seminar for Members on the proposed options and issues was held on 5 December 2008. This report groups the possible changes under 3 categories being those that received unanimous agreement at the seminar, those that received unanimous disagreement at the seminar and those where there were differing views.

9. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services asking that consideration be given to making a nomination to the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances.

10. STRATHLEVEN REGENERATION COMPANY

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services asking the Council to consider a request from Strathleven Regeneration Company that the Leader of West Dunbartonshire Council become a Director of the Company.

11. THE FUTURE OF SCOTTISH DEVOLUTION WITHIN THE UNION

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services advising of the new consultation issued by the Commission on Scottish Devolution and inviting the Council to agree a formal response.

12. WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP – KEY DEVELOPMENTS

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing the Council with an update on key developments within West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership.

13. VISION FOR THE VALE OF LEVEN HOSPITAL (CONSULTATION DOCUMENT OCTOBER 2008 – JANUARY 2009)

Submit report by the Executive Director of Social Work and Health inviting the Council to consider the draft response, appended to the report, to the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Board's latest consultation on the Vale of Leven Hospital.

14. CORDALE HOUSING ASSOCIATION – PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF KIPPEN DAIRY SITE

Submit report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development informing the Council of a legal offer that has been received from Messrs, T.C. Young, Solicitors, acting on behalf of Cordale Housing Association Limited, to purchase land at Main Street/North Street, Alexandria from West Dunbartonshire Council.

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15. PROPOSAL TO ADMIT SIR JACKIE STEWART OBE AS AN HONORARY FREEMAN OF WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

Submit report by the Chief Executive proposing the admission of Sir Jackie Stewart OBE as an Honorary Freeman of West Dunbartonshire.

16. NOTICES OF MOTION

(A) Motion by Councillor Jim Bollan – Proposed Boycott of Israeli Goods

This Council deplores the loss of life in Palestine which now numbers well over 1,000. This Council also recognises the disproportionate force used by the IDF in Palestine and agrees to boycott all Israeli goods as a consequence. Officers should immediately cease the purchase of any goods we currently source, which were made or grown in Israel. Officers should also ensure we procure no new goods or produce from Israel until this boycott is formally lifted by WDC.

(B) Motion by Councillor Geoff Calvert – Experian Research on Economic Downturn

This Council notes that the independent research company Experian has identified Clydebank as one of only five Scottish towns that will be affected disproportionately due to the economic downturn.

This Council notes also that the Scottish Government has brought forward £230 million of spend to specifically target the effects of the downturn and to aim to mitigate them. This Council feels that this spend ought to be targeted at the areas where the downturn is expected to have most negative impact.

Therefore, this Council agrees that the Leader of the Council will write to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance to argue the specific justification for a proportion of this funding to be directed to address the results of the Experian research and, in so doing, this Council will project a strong voice for Clydebank.