

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

22 January 2004

**MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY 2004
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
COLLEGE STREET (OFF STATION ROAD)
DUMBARTON**

Dear Member,

Please attend a Meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** to be held in the **Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, College Street (Off Station Road), Dumbarton** on Wednesday, 28 January 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 Economic, Planning and Environmental Services

Director of Education and Cultural Services

Director of Commercial and Technical Services

Director of Social Work and Housing Services

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. OPEN FORUM

The following question has been submitted to Council for consideration:-

Mr Graeme Anderson, Chairman of Milton Primary School Board, 12/4 Crannog Road, Milton, Dumbarton – Consultation on proposed closure of Milton Primary School.

Given the fact that this administration purports to consultation as described in the parent's charter, why was the alleged consultation on the closure of Milton Primary School briefed out to staff members in advance of the Children's Services Committee meeting to which this paper was presented? Was this at the request of Members or did the officers presume upon the Members' position on the matter? Is this a delegated matter or do Members require to make a decision on this subject? If it was presumptive of Officers has appropriate action being taken? In conclusion surely the document should have been aired after the proper Committee had considered it.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 1 - 5)

Submit for approval as a correct record, Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 17 December 2003.

4. MINUTES OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE (Pages 7 - 10)

Submit for information and where necessary ratification, Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 10 December 2003.

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5. REVIEW OF COUNCIL FUNDED COMMUNITY INFORMATION & ADVICE SERVICES (Pages 11 - 34)

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of Council on 27 August 2003 (page 234, paragraph 574 (3) refers) submit report by the Chief Executive providing information on the stocktake and review of community information and advice services and making recommendations on the future funding and monitoring of these services in West Dunbartonshire.

6. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002: PUBLICATION SCHEME (Pages 35 - 36)

Submit report by the Director of Corporate Services providing an update on progress towards the implementation of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 in West Dunbartonshire Council and seeking to finalise and submit the Council's Publication Scheme.

7. SKYPOINT (Pages 37 - 40)

Submit report by the Director of Corporate Services providing an update on the financial administration problems at Skypoint, Faifley.

8. TRADING ACCOUNTS (Pages 41 - 44)

Submit report by the Director of Corporate Services seeking approval of the areas of the Council's activities which should be treated as trading accounts.

9. OPEN SPACE MAINTENANCE (Pages 45 - 46)

Submit report by the Chief Executive advising of the outcome of discussions between Corporate Services and Social Work & Housing Services Departments about the charging of Open Space Maintenance to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).

10. SUPPORTING PEOPLE (Pages 47 - 52)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services identifying the level of Supporting People Grant allocated to the Council, the main services provided and highlighting the financial complexity of managing Supporting People funding.

**11. NHS GREATER GLASGOW: REVIEW OF MATERNITY SERVICES –
CONSULTATION RESPONSE (Pages 53 - 66)**

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services proposing a response to the NHS Greater Glasgow Consultation on the Review of Maternity Services and seeking Council's support against the proposed closure of the Queen Mother's Hospital.

**12. APPLICATION BY WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE DOMESTIC ABUSE
PARTNERSHIP (WDDAP) TO THE SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE'S DOMESTIC
ABUSE SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND (DASDF) FOR CONTINUATION
FUNDING 2004-2006 (Pages 67 - 81)**

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services seeking part-funding from West Dunbartonshire Council as the main partner and accounting body for WDDAP's proposals to the Scottish Executive.

**13. OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES: EQUIPMENT AND
ADAPTATIONS (Pages 83 - 84)**

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising of pressures on the provision of Equipment and Adaptations and seeking direction on possible courses of action.

14. SITE FOR DUMBARTON WOMEN'S REFUGE (Pages 85 - 87)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services seeking approval to dispose of a site held in the Housing Revenue Account to Dunbritton Housing Association Ltd., at nil value to provide a new Women's Refuge.

**15. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE FOR WESTRANS
MEMBER AUTHORITIES (Pages 89 - 92)**

Submit report by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services advising of additional funding being provided by the Scottish Executive to WESTRANS for local/regional transportation schemes and studies.

16. CLYDE WATERFRONT STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD
(Pages 93 - 95)

Submit report by the Director of Economic, Planning & Environmental Services seeking approval to the final endorsement of the draft Heads of agreement for the Clyde Waterfront Strategic Partnership Board.

17. APPOINTMENTS TO COSLA'S EXECUTIVE GROUPS
(Pages 97 - 98)

Submit for consideration, correspondence received from COSLA inviting this Authority to make nominations to the 12 Executive Groups within COSLA.

18. REQUEST FOR DONATION TO NATIONAL PENSIONERS' CONVENTION
(Page 99)

Submit for consideration, correspondence received from Unison seeking a donation of £200 from this Council towards the National Pensioners' Convention.

19. CONFERENCES:-

(a) COUNTDOWN TO 2004: IS SCOTLAND PREPARED FOR THE NEW DISABILITY LAWS?

Council is invited to nominate a Member to attend the above Conference which will take place on 16 February 2004 in the EICC, Edinburgh. The conference is organised by the Disability Rights Commission as part of its campaign to raise awareness among people with disabilities and service providers about new rights and duties coming into force in October 2004. The cost per delegate is £199 plus VAT.

(b) 6TH IRISH & UK LOCAL AUTHORITIES STANDING CONFERENCE ON NUCLEAR HAZARDS

Council is invited to nominate a Member to attend the above Conference which will take place on 25-26 March 2004 in Glasgow. The aims of the conference will be to: update delegates on developments in UK radioactive waste management policy; consider whether local government powers to protect the interests of their communities in this policy area are sufficient; and collate conference opinion on current developments for transmission to Government. The cost per delegate is £100.

20. NOTICE OF MOTION

Submit notice of motion by Councillor Craig McLaughlin in the following terms:-

War Memorials are supposed to be a fitting tribute to the people who laid down their lives in the World Wars. Unfortunately some of the war memorials in West Dunbartonshire are less of a fitting tribute than others due to years of vandalism and neglect. The present condition of some of our memorials is a disgrace, a sad reflection on this Council.

Therefore, I call upon this Council to instruct the Chief Executive to conduct a full survey and assessment of all War memorials across West Dunbartonshire and to compile a report examining the condition, the cost to renovate and improve each of the War Memorials to a state of former glory, for the next Council meeting.

For information on the above agenda please contact George Hawthorn, Senior Administrative Officer, Legal and Administrative Services, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton, G82 3PU on Tel: (01389) 737204 or e-mail: george.hawthorn@west-dunbarton.gov.uk.