

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

At a Hybrid Special Meeting of the West Dunbartonshire Council held in the Civic Space, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 23 February 2022 at 2.02 p.m.

Present: Depute Provost Karen Conaghan, Bailie Denis Agnew and Councillors Jim Bollan, Jim Brown, Gail Casey, Ian Dickson, Diane Docherty, Jim Finn, Douglas McAllister*, David McBride, Jonathan McColl, Iain McLaren, John Millar, Lawrence O'Neill, Sally Page, Martin Rooney and Brian Walker.

* arrived later in the meeting

Attending: Joyce White, Chief Executive; Alan Douglas, Manager of Legal; Peter Barry, Chief Officer – Housing and Employability, Elaine Troup, Communities Manager, Suzanne Mason, Community Empowerment Officer; George Hawthorn, Manager – Democratic and Registration Services and Christine McCaffary, Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Also Attending: Mick Doyle, Scottish Community Development Centre.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Provost William Hendrie and Councillors Daniel Lennie, Marie McNair and John Mooney.

Depute Provost Karen Conaghan in the Chair

STATEMENT BY CHAIR – AUDIO STREAMING

Depute Provost Conaghan advised that the meeting was being audio streamed and broadcast live to the internet and would be available for playback.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in the item of business on the agenda.

RECORDING OF VOTES

The Council agreed that all votes taken during the meeting would be done by roll call vote to ensure an accurate record.

REVIEW OF THE SCHEME FOR¹ ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Housing and Employability providing an update on the second phase of consultation on the Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils, and outlining the proposals for phase three.

After discussion and having heard the officers in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Council agreed:-

- (1) to note the findings of the second phase of consultation, as outlined in the Scottish Community Development Centre report attached as Appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) to approve the draft Scheme, Draft Constitution and Standing Orders subject to the typos noted being corrected;
- (3) to approve the proposals for stage 3 consultation to conclude the process and finalise the new updated Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils; and
- (4) to note the amended timescales to conclude the process in May 2022 and to hold the Community Council elections in October 2022, following the local elections in May.

The meeting closed at 2.41 p.m.

¹ As corrected by West Dunbartonshire Council at its meeting on 23 March 2022