

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

**Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU**

13 March 2007

**MEETING: COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, 21 MARCH 2007  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL  
DUMBARTON ROAD  
CLYDEBANK**

Dear Member,

Please attend a meeting of the **Community Participation Committee** to be held in the **Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank** on Wednesday, 21 March 2007 at **2.00 p.m.**

The business is as shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

**DAVID MCMILLAN**

Chief Executive

**Please note:** The Pre-Agenda Meeting of the Community Representatives will commence at **1.00 p.m. in the same venue**, with soup and sandwiches provided.

**Distribution:**

**Elected Members:-**

Councillor G Casey (Convener)  
Councillor G Black  
Councillor M Bootland  
Councillor D Brogan  
Councillor J Maceira  
Councillor M McGregor  
Councillor M McNair  
Councillor M Rooney  
Councillor A White

All other Councillors for information

**Community Representatives:-**

Mr Murdoch Cameron, MBE, Community Councils Forum  
Mr Gilbert Howatson, Community Councils Forum [Substitute]  
Mr Francis McNeill, Community Councils Forum  
Mrs Megan Harrison, Faifley Neighbourhood Forum [Substitute]  
Mr Brian Rocks, Faifley Neighbourhood Forum [Substitute]  
Mrs Frances McGonagle, Gingerbread Scotland  
Ms Elizabeth Conn, Gingerbread Scotland [Substitute]  
Mr Bill Rankin, West Dunbartonshire Access Panel  
Mrs Margaret Gilroy, West Dunbartonshire Access Panel [Substitute]  
Mr Abdul Ghani, West Dunbartonshire Minority Ethnic Association  
Mr Shahin Naz, West Dunbartonshire Minority Ethnic Association [Substitute]  
Mr Vincent West, Bellsmyre Neighbourhood Forum  
Mr John Diamond, Bellsmyre Neighbourhood Forum [Substitute]  
Ms Mary Theresa Doherty, Clydebank Community Forum [Substitute]  
Mrs Rhona Young, West Dunbartonshire Seniors Assoc.  
Mrs Catherine Martin, West Dunbartonshire Seniors Assoc [Substitute]  
Mr Tom Nimmo, West Dunbartonshire Community Care Forum  
Mr Daniel Lennie, Dalmuir Multi Storey Flats Tenants and Residents Group  
Ms Catherine Hannan, Ben View Resource Centre  
Mr Joe McCormack, Dumbarton and District Citizens Advice Bureau  
Ms Kathleen Siddle, Dumbarton and District Citizens Advice Bureau [Sub]  
Ms Brenda Pasquire, Dumbarton Credit Union Ltd

# COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH 2007

## AGENDA

**1. CHAIR**

The Committee is asked to appoint a Chair.

**2. APOLOGIES**

**3. PRESENTATION ON SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTING SYSTEM**  
(Item requested by Community Representatives)

Anne Laird, Manager of Administrative Services and Depute Returning Officer, will give a presentation on the Single Transferable Voting System to be used in the forthcoming elections and will respond to any questions.

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Submit for approval as a correct record, the Minutes of Meeting of the Committee held on 24 January, 2007.

**5. PROGRESS ON RECYCLING AND WASTE MINIMISATION ISSUES**

(Item requested by Community Representatives)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land and Environmental Services) reporting progress made in recycling and waste minimisation.

An Officer from Waste and Transport Services will be in attendance to respond to any questions.

## 6. CCTV – FOLLOW UP AND INVITATION TO VISIT THE MONITORING CENTRE

Reference is made to the Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 24 January, 2007 (Page 2962, paragraph 11283 refers) when it was agreed to note:-

- (a) that some members of the Community Participation Committee had expressed an interest in visiting the monitoring station to see the systems in operation; and
- (b) that the Local Authority Liaison Officer would investigate the issue of C.C.T.V.provision in Dumbarton High Street and report back to a future meeting of the Committee.

The Committee is asked to note the undernoted response from Sgt. Gavin Paterson, Local Authority Liaison Officer:-

I have followed up directly with the community representative who enquired about lack of CCTV provision in Dumbarton Town Centre.

Clydebank CCTV trust was established by Clydebank business persons after they became aware of a high level of crime within the business areas. They set up the trust and then raised money to allow the installation of limited CCTV coverage in Clydebank – monitored at Clydebank Police Office. Dumbarton Town Centre management declined to get involved but (as far as can be established) were asked. (Clyde shopping centre own and manage their own system).

In time, other organisations requested that the CCTV Trust monitor pictures on their behalf. WDC installed many cameras in housing estates and all of these pictures are monitored by the Trust. Registered Social Landlords and others also have a similar arrangement.

Most local authority areas have now moved on from this type of arrangement and have taken the monitoring of images out of police offices and into unique, multi-purpose monitoring stations. These stations offer services to a range of users including Community Wardens, lone workers, vulnerable persons, keyholders. The West Dunbartonshire Community Safety Partnership (WDCSP) has expressed an interest in establishing a similar facility in this area and, to that end, has instructed a professional to undertake a review into the provision of CCTV in West Dunbartonshire. This has still to be completed and will be under discussion at the next meeting of the WDCSP.

I would be happy to organise a visit to the CCTV Monitoring Centre - Committee Members are invited to put their names forward and select

a date from the following: Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th or Friday 13th April at 2.00 p.m. Meeting at 1.55 p.m. outside Clydebank Police Office, Montrose Street, Clydebank.

**7. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

The Committee is asked to note that as the community representatives from the Safe Bonhill Group had not attended a meeting, submitted apologies or responded to correspondence in 2006, it has been assumed it no longer wishes to be represented on the CPC.

**8. ELECTIONS TO CLYDEBANK EAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL, MARCH 2007**

The Committee is asked to note that Clydebank East Community Council has successfully re-formed following the election in March 2007 and will be holding its inaugural meeting to appoint office bearers on Thursday, 22 March 2007.

**9. GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS – UPDATE TO CURRENT PROCEDURES**

Submit for consultation Excerpt Minute and Report by the Chief Executive recommending new procedures to be introduced in respect of grants to voluntary organisations and community groups.

Gillian Jump, the Manager of Accounting will be in attendance to respond to any questions.

**10. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRUCTURES WITHIN THE WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL AREA**

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee on 24 January 2007 (Page 2966, paragraph 11297) submit report by the Chief Executive:-

- (a) providing details of the current community engagement structures and identification of their roles; and
- (b) providing the opportunity for the Committee to discuss any potential duplication.

## **11. COMMUNITY DAY/COMMUNITY WEEK**

Submit report by the Chief Executive:-

- (a) providing background information on Community Week and on the Council's Community Day which are annual events; and
- (b) detailing arrangements for 2007.

## **12. DISCLOSURE CHECKS**

The Committee is asked to note the following information:-

The Leader of the Council has received a letter from Frances McGonagle, community representative on the CPC, raising urgent concerns in relation to disclosure procedures for staff working in schools and community centres and asking for the subject to be put on the agenda of the CPC and other committees.

West Dunbartonshire Council is currently meeting all the legislative requirements relating to Disclosure Scotland checking. All new staff (and staff changing jobs) who are working with children and/or vulnerable people, are Disclosure Scotland checked. The Council operates a Safe Recruitment Policy.

In light of the legislation planned for 2008, WDC is actively considering arrangements for retrospective checking.

## **13. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Committee is asked to note that it has not been possible to set a date for a future meeting of the CPC due to the local elections being held on 3 May 2007.

## **14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

Community Representatives are invited to raise topics for inclusion on future Agendas.

## **15. OPEN FORUM**

Members of the public are invited to ask questions of Officers during the Open Forum Session.

For information on the above agenda please contact Fiona Anderson, Administrative Assistant, Legal and Administrative Services, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton, G82 3PU on Tel: (01389) 737210 or e-mail: [fiona.anderson@west-dunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:fiona.anderson@west-dunbarton.gov.uk)