

## **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

At a meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held within the Council Chambers, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday 27th August, 1997.

**Present:** Provost Patrick O'Neill (LAB) and Councillors James McElhill (SNP), Mary Campbell (LAB), Daniel McCafferty (LAB), John Syme (LAB), Andrew White (LAB), Anthony Devine (LAB), Alistair Macdonald (LAB), James Doherty (LAB), Patricia Rice (LAB), George Cairney (LAB), John McCutcheon (SNP), James McCallum (LAB & CO-OP), Geoffrey Calvert (LAB & CO-OP), John Wailes (SNP), William Mackechnie (SNP), Duncan Mills (LAB), Craig McLaughlin (SNP), Ronald McColl (SNP), Margaret McGregor (SNP), James Flynn (LAB) and James Chirrey (SNP).

**Attending:** Michael J Watters, Chief Executive; Ian Leitch, Depute Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council; Eric Walker, Director of Finance; Ian McMurdo, Director of Education and Leisure Services; Tim Huntingford, Director of Social Work and Housing; Ian Fernie, Director of Economic; Planning and Environmental Services; Allan Findlay, Director of Contract Services; Patrick Cleary, Director of Roads and Technical Services; John Bak, Head of Personnel and Training; Mary Cullen, Head of Corporate Policy and Public Relations, and Angela Clements, Head of Information Services.

**Provost Patrick O'Neill in the Chair**

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Provost Patrick O'Neill advised that in terms of Standing Order 6 he intended to deal with agenda item entitled "Health and Safety - Presentation of Certificates of Merit" at this point in the meeting.

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY - PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF MERIT**

There was submitted report by the Health and Safety Advisor, Personnel and Training Section, advising members of the successful nomination of 4 Council employees for the award of a "Certificate of Merit" from the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (West of Scotland Branch) for their outstanding contribution to Health and Safety in the Workplace.

Provost O'Neill referred to the importance of Health and Safety as an essential part of the management function and expressed great pleasure that the certificates he was about to present had been awarded by the Institution of Health and Safety as a mark of their recognition of the achievements of the four employees. At this point in the meeting, Provost O'Neill presented a Certificate of Merit to Karen Goodwin, Administrative Assistant (Health and Safety), Education Department, Campbell Neill, Transport Workshop Supervisor, Contract Services, and a joint award to Lynda McLaughlin and Bob Beveridge, Operations Managers, Education and Leisure Services Department.

Provost O'Neill extended the Council's congratulations to all four on their achievement and they thereafter withdrew from the meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Provost O'Neill requested that Council adjourn for a few minutes and this was agreed unanimously.

Accordingly the meeting was adjourned in terms of Standing Order 15 and resumed shortly thereafter, those present being as shown in the sederunt.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 25th June, 1997 were submitted and approved on the motion of Provost O'Neill, seconded by Councillor White.

### **MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES**

#### **Appeals Committee**

The minutes of meeting of the Appeals Committee held on 9th July, 1997 were submitted and noted for information.

#### **Public Processions Sub-Committee**

The minutes of meeting of the Public Processions Sub-Committee held on 6th August, 1997 were submitted and noted for information.

#### **Social Work Committee**

The minutes of meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 6th August, 1997 were submitted and noted for information.

## **Housing Committee**

The minutes of meeting of the Housing Committee held on 6th August, 1997 were submitted and noted for information.

## **Special Meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee**

The minutes of the special meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee held on 6th August, 1997 were submitted and noted for information.

### **MATTERS ARISING OUTWITH DELEGATED POWERS FOR RATIFICATION BY COUNCIL**

#### **(a) Housing Committee**

The following matter arising from the minutes of meeting of the Housing Committee of 6th August, 1997 (**volume page 2423 refers**) was submitted for approval as it was outwith the delegated powers of the Committee:-

#### **Capital Programme 1997/98 - August Update**

Following discussion, the Council approved the recommendations of the Housing Committee contained in the report by the Director of Social Work and Housing entitled "Capital Programme 1997/98 - August Update" as follows:-

#### **Multi-Storey Flats - Dumbarton -**

That the remaining 1997/98 Multi-Storey Flats Resources be used to commence the addition of pitched roofs to two blocks in Bellsmyre.

#### **Roof/Render Works -**

Dumbarton/Alexandria - That a new budget of £300,000 be approved for roof replacement where repair is becoming uneconomic.

Clydebank - That the budget continues to be targeted to dwellings wholly owned by West Dunbartonshire Council and that in the light of additional receipts this budget be increased by £100,000 and that the 1998/99 programme be progressed to contract acceptance stage.

#### **Central Heating and Window Replacement -**

That the 1998/99 programmed central heating and window installations be progressed to contract acceptance stage.

#### **Medical Priority Central Heating Programme - Dumbarton/Alexandria -**

That all those households on the medical central heating waiting list at 31st July, 1997 have central heating installed in 1997/98 and that no further applications be accepted for the medical priority programme from that date.

**Energy Efficiency -**

Cavity Insulation - Clydebank - That the programme follow the date of construction, but on an estate by estate basis rather than individual dwelling basis but that Parkhall be omitted from the programme and that the decision taken to include North Kilbowie in the 1997/98 Cavity Wall Insulation Programme be homologated.

Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) - That the Council use the additional time available to develop partnerships with other agencies and business as a way of maximising additional income into the Council area, in line with the Guidance Note from the Scottish Office, and that the Director of Social Work and Housing be authorised to investigate the use of some of the Energy Efficiency Budget to provide the short term additional staff resources required to carry out this work.

Thermostatic Radiator Valves - That this programme be initially targeted to estates which are either partly or wholly identified as a Priority Partnership Area.

**Void Houses/Miscellaneous Capital Projects -**

That an increase in this budget of £150,000 in Clydebank be approved.

**Lead Pipe Replacement -**

That no lead pipe work be carried out from Capital Budget unless replacement is required due to bursts, or where the lead quantity is above recommended maximum levels.

**Offices -**

That a budget of £40,000 be approved for changes in layouts to offices as a result of the amalgamation of Housing and Social Work Departments and I.T. changes in the three Area Offices.

**(b) Housing Committee**

The following matter arising from the minutes of meeting of the Housing Committee of 6th August, 1997 (**volume page 2424 refers**) was submitted for approval as it was outwith the delegated powers of the Committee:-

**Appeals Procedure - Allocations**

Councillor Flynn, seconded by Councillor White, moved approval of the recommendation of the Housing Committee as follows:-

“That as an interim measure and until the adoption of any new Council wide allocation policy, which policy would be the subject of a report to a future meeting of the Committee:

- (1) that the individual appeal referred to in paragraph 4.2 of the report by the Director of Social Work and Housing be heard by the same Members appointed to the Housing Benefit Appeals Board; and

- (2) that any further appeal received would be dealt with by the Director of Social Work and Housing, as the final stage of appeal”.

As an amendment, Councillor McElhill, seconded by Councillor McGregor, moved that a Sub-Committee be established to deal with housing allocation appeals.

On a vote being taken, 8 members voted for the amendment and 14 members voted for the motion to approve the recommendation of the Housing Committee which was accordingly declared carried.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE SOCCER COUNCIL  
REQUEST TO REINSTATE PROVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE**

There were submitted letters from West Dunbartonshire Soccer Council to Provost O’Neill and to the Chief Executive expressing concern at this Council’s withdrawal of administrative assistance to West Dunbartonshire Soccer Council and requesting that the Council consider the reinstatement of the provision of administrative assistance to the Soccer Council.

The Council agreed:-

- (a) to note the concern expressed by West Dunbartonshire Soccer Council at the withdrawal of administrative assistance to the Soccer Council; and
- (b) that a letter be sent to the Secretary of West Dunbartonshire Soccer Council suggesting that a meeting be organised between representatives of the Soccer Council and Provost O’Neill, Councillor Campbell, the Convener of the Environmental Protection and Leisure Services Committee, and Councillors McCallum and McCutcheon in order to discuss those concerns.

**“SPEAKOUT”- A VOICE FOR SCOTLAND’S HOMELESS PEOPLE**

There was submitted letter from “Speakout” together with copy of their 1996 Annual Report inviting the Council to become an Associate Member of the organisation which was run by homeless people for homeless people with a view to ending the social exclusion of homeless and ex-homeless people in Scotland.

The Council agreed:-

- (a) to note the contents of the letter; and
- (b) to send a donation of £50 to “Speakout”.

## **SERVICES TO ELECTED MEMBERS - TRANSPORT SERVICES FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

With reference to the minutes of meeting of Council held on 25th June, 1997 (**volume page 2381 refers**) the Director of Finance advised that following discussions on additional budget provision to be made to cover the cost of transport services for Members of the Council, the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance had considered the question of funding of the Council car. The Director of Finance had concluded that it would be possible to acquire a replacement car at an annual cost which would be within the current budget provision.

The Council, having heard the Director of Finance further, approved of the acquisition of a replacement Council car within the budget provision.

## **APPOINTMENTS OF SUB-COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS/PARTIES, FORUMS, BOARDS AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

With reference to the minutes of meeting of Council held on 25th June, 1997 (**volume page 2386 refers**) there was submitted list of SNP Group membership in respect of 'A', 'B', 'C', and 'D' Group Committees and Community Initiatives Committee and thereafter the Council resumed consideration of the appointments of Members to Sub-Committees, Working Groups/Working Parties, Forums, Boards and Outside Bodies and the resume of membership of existing Sub-Committees etc. previously issued together with addendum and a submission thereon by the Labour and SNP Groups.

Councillor White, seconded by Councillor McCallum, moved that the membership of the Sub-Committees, Working Groups/Working Parties, Forums, Boards and Outside Bodies be as shown in the Appendix to this Minute.

As an amendment, Councillor Mackechnie, seconded by Councillor McGregor, moved that the membership of the Sub-Committees, Working Groups/Working Parties, Forums, Boards and Outside Bodies be as shown in the Appendix with the exception that Councillor McColl, the Local Member for Balloch, be appointed to Balloch Highland Games Committee in place of Councillor White.

On a vote being taken 8 members voted for the amendment and 14 members voted for the motion which was accordingly declared carried.

## **REFERENDUMS (SCOTLAND AND WALES) ACT 1997**

### **(a) Local Counting Officer**

With reference to the minutes of meeting of the Council held on 25th June, 1997 (**volume page 2387 refers**) the Council was advised that the appointment of the Chief Executive as Local Counting Officer required to be confirmed.

The Council noted the Chief Executive's appointment as Local Counting Officer and wished him every success in carrying out the task.

**(b) “YES/YES” Campaign for Referendum**

The Council was requested to homologate the action taken by the Leader of the Council in his capacity as Leader of the Labour Group and also by the Leader of the SNP Group, in promoting the “YES/YES” Campaign for the Referendum for a Scottish Parliament and to approve appropriate further publicity in support thereof.

The Council agreed.

**(c) Scotland FORward - Request to Fly an Advertising Blimp at Municipal Buildings, Dumbarton and at the Bandstand, 3 Queens Square, Clydebank**

Arising from consideration of (a) and (b) above, Councillor McCallum advised that a letter had been received from Scotland FORward requesting permission to fly an advertising blimp to promote the ‘Yes/Yes’ Campaign at the Municipal Buildings, Dumbarton and at the Bandstand, 3 Queens Square, Clydebank, on Monday, 1st September and Tuesday, 2nd September, 1997 respectively between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.

The Council following consideration, agreed to authorise the request.

**TIMETABLE OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1997/98**

With reference to the minutes of meeting of Council held on 26th March, 1997 (**volume page 2340 refers**) there was submitted for consideration copy of the proposed dates for meetings of Council and Committees from Easter 1998 to Christmas 1998 and incorporating also the previously agreed timetable of meetings of Council and Committees up to Easter 1997/98.

The Council approved of the proposed dates of Council and Committee meetings shown as Appendix II to the minute.

**SCOTTISH POWER SHOP, ALEXANDRIA**

With reference to the minutes of meeting of Council held on 28th May, 1997 (**volume page 2205 refers**) there was submitted for consideration letter from Scottish Power in response to representation made by the Council to reaffirm its concern over the closure of the shop at Alexandria and requesting that Scottish Power make arrangements for accounts to be paid at the local Post Office without additional charge. The letter from the Business and Community Relations Manager, Scottish Power intimated that the main difficulty would be that, although the services would be free to customers, Scottish Power would have to pay a fee to Post Office Counters for each transaction and the current fees were considered to be above current market rates. He also advised that Scottish Power would be willing to meet with representatives of the Council to review this issue fully should the Council consider this appropriate.

The Council following discussion, agreed that the Council should take up the offer of a meeting with Scottish Power and that the Council be represented by Provost O'Neill and the local member and that an invitation also be extended to Post Office Counters to be represented in view of their interest in the matter.

### **FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND REDUCTIONS IN EMPLOYMENT CLYDE NAVAL BASE**

There was submitted report by the Director of Economic; Planning and Environmental Services advising members that a Consultation Document had been received from the Ministry of Defence inviting the Council to submit its view on the feasibility studies and the reduction in employment at Clyde Naval Base by 8th September, 1997. A copy of the Document was attached to the Director's report.

There was submitted further report intimating that following the representations made by local and national Trade Union representatives and the local M.P., Mr John McFall, the Minister for the Armed Forces had allowed the Joint Faslane Trade Unions until 31st October, 1997 to offer proposals on in-house efficiencies totalling up to £1 million per annum with no drop in the standards of service and that to facilitate Trade Union proposals a Consultative Group chaired by a member of management had been established.

The Council, following discussion, agreed:-

- (a) to respond to the Ministry of Defence on the Consultation Document in terms of the report by the Director of Economic; Planning and Environmental Services; and
- (b) to send a letter to the Consultative Group at Clyde Naval Base offering West Dunbartonshire Council's support to the management and the unions in their attempt to achieve the in-house efficiencies required.

### **THE THIRD STATUTORY REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE**

There was submitted report by the Director of Economic; Planning and Environmental Services advising members of progress made with regard to the Third Statutory Review of Electoral Arrangements for West Dunbartonshire and making recommendations on possible representations to be made on the Local Government Boundary Commission's Provisional Scheme by the closing date of 1st September, 1997.

In this connection, the Convener of the Planning and Economic Development Committee advised that as the main deliberations on the provisional scheme would be carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission on 1st September, 1997, which was prior to the next meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee, any member wishing to make an individual observation should submit this to the Director of Economic; Planning and Environmental Services by the aforesaid date and the Director would advise the Boundary Commission accordingly.



The Council, following discussion, agreed that the Director of Economic; Planning and Environmental Services make representation to the Local Government Boundary Commission accepting their proposals, in principle, with the exception of the undernoted comments where community boundaries should be favoured in preference to outright parity in these Wards, viz.

- (i) With regard to the proposal to include most of the “MOD site” within Ward 3, but excluding the small section at Harris Drive, Harris Crescent and Harris Road, it would be more acceptable from a community perspective to include Harris Drive, Harris Crescent and Harris Road in Ward 3. Whilst this would not adversely affect Ward 11, the addition of 87 electors to Ward 3 would make it 5.9% above the parity figure.
- (ii) With regard to the proposal to achieve electoral parity between Wards 4 and 6 by including a small section of the main housing estate of Parkhall between Birch Road and Milton Mains Road within Ward 6, it would be more appropriate from a community perspective to use Milton Mains Road as a Ward boundary. This would mean, however, that by losing the 47 electors, Ward 6 would be 7.5% below the parity figure.
- (iii) With regard to the proposal to move a section of Ward 21 at Ladyton into Ward 22 to achieve parity, maintaining the Stirling Road boundary would reduce Ward 22 to 10.3% below parity and increase Ward 21 to 5.7% above parity (when the aim is to be within plus or minus 5% of parity throughout). This, however, is arguably more acceptable as it relies on a clear, robust community boundary rather than the Commission’s artificial boundary.

#### **FORMATION OF COMPANY TO OPERATE TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT SCHEME**

There was submitted report by the Director of Economic; Planning and Environmental Services seeking the Council’s approval of the draft Memorandum and Articles of Association of a Company to operate the Town Centre Management Scheme and to seek appointment of elected members as Directors of that Company.

The Council, following discussion, agreed:-

- (a) to approve the draft Memorandum and Articles of Association of the West Dunbartonshire Town Centre Initiative Limited as submitted; and
- (b) that the three elected members to be appointed as Directors to serve on the Board of the Company be Councillors Calvert, Macdonald and McGregor.

#### **DUMBARTON DISTRICT COUNCIL ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1996**

There was submitted report by the Director of Finance intimating that West Dunbartonshire Council was the “lead authority” responsible for closing off the books and accounts of the former Dumbarton District Council and for preparing the Annual Accounts in relation

thereto for the year ended 31st March, 1996. A copy of the Annual Accounts, together with the Audit Report, had also been forwarded to Argyll and Bute Council as the other successor Council to Dumbarton District Council.

The Council agreed:-

- (a) to approve the 1995/96 Dumbarton District Council Accounts; and
- (b) to note the contents of the report by the Chief Auditor for the year ended 31st March, 1996.

Councillor McElhill left the meeting at this point.

### **MEMBERS' EXPENSES**

There was submitted report by the Director of Finance advising that the Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Section 46 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 had revised the maximum rates of Travelling and Subsistence Allowances which might be paid to members of Local Authorities and other Bodies within Part 3 of the Act from 1st April, 1997 if the Authority so decided.

The Council agreed that the revised rates of Travelling and Subsistence Allowances as contained in Scottish Office Circular No. 19/1997 be payable from 1st April, 1998.

### **MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES**

There was submitted report by the Director of Finance intimating that Scottish Office Circular No.19/97 had been received indicating that the basic Members' Allowance be increased from £5,000 to £5,286 with effect from 1st August, 1997 which would amount to an additional cost in the current year of £4,195 and in a full year thereafter an additional sum of £6,292. The Director of Finance reported that there was no budget provision for 1997/98 in respect of the increase.

The Council, agreed that the increase be implemented from 1st April, 1998 rather than 1st August, 1997.

### **CONVENTION OF SCOTTISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES BALANCE OF 1997/98 SUBSCRIPTION**

There was submitted report by the Director of Finance advising of the request received from the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities for the payment of the balance of the 1997/98 levy due by this Council in the sum of £2,999.34 (plus VAT).

The Council agreed that the outstanding sum of this Council's levy to the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities be paid as soon as possible.

## **CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC PLACES**

With reference to the minutes of meeting of Council held on 25th June, 1997 (**volume page 2389 refers**) there was submitted report by the Depute Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council intimating that further representations had been made to the Scottish Office and the relevant Government Minister and that the Scottish Office had now confirmed that the additional areas referred to by members could be included with the proposed Bylaws and that further additional areas, including the whole of Balloch Park, could also be included within the proposed Bylaws if members so desired.

The Council noted that Provost O'Neill had written to the Minister and had secured a more flexible approach from The Scottish Office.

Consequently, the Council agreed that the Bylaw proposals as previously submitted to the Council be confirmed with the following addition:-

That the prohibition area be extended to cover the whole of the main drive in Balloch Park up to the entrance at Balloch Castle, which prohibition area would include all grass/open land to the north of the said main drive up to and including the gates at the North Lodge, and the said prohibition area shall extend following the line of the footpath on the west side of the Castle extending westwards and the parkland and other footpaths there.

It was further agreed that officers prepare a plan showing boundaries of the prohibited areas for submission to the Scottish Office.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors McColl and McLaughlin declared an interest in the following item of business and accordingly withdrew from the Council Chambers during consideration thereof.

## **PROMOTION AND MARKETING OF ALCO-POPS**

There was submitted report by the Depute Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council advising that a letter had been received from the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities seeking the Council's views by the end of August on proposals put forward by Dundee City Council for the introduction of a statutory scheme to control the promotion, marketing, packaging and retailing of all alcoholic products and a complete ban on alco-pops.

Councillor McElhill re-entered the meeting at this point.

Councillor White, seconded by Councillor McCallum, moved that Council agree to support the proposals put forward by Dundee City Council and that the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities be advised accordingly.

As an amendment, Councillor Mackechnie, seconded by Councillor Chirrey, moved that the matter be continued to enable local employers to be consulted as to the effects of such a decision and that West Dunbartonshire Council organise a seminar on this issue for the benefit of members.

The Depute Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council was heard in clarification of the matter.

On a vote being taken, 6 members voted for the amendment and 14 members voted for the motion which was accordingly declared carried.

Councillors McColl and McLaughlin re-entered the meeting at this point. Councillor McCutcheon left the meeting.

### **CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION AT CASTLEHILL/CARDROSS ROAD, DUMBARTON - SYSTEM BRIEF AND SPECIFICATION**

There was submitted joint report by the Director of Roads and Technical Services and the Head of Corporate Policy and Public Relations (i) advising that operational changes had taken place at the Clydebank CCTV Trust resulting in an alteration to the system management arrangements for the Castlehill system and that as a consequence of this Strathclyde Police had requested a change in the C.C.T.V. system specification in order that the system would reach its optimum performance, and (ii) outlining the three options available to the Council in respect of this matter.

Councillor Calvert advised that it was now clear that if the Council were to choose the option to rescind the contract and retender, such action would attract a penalty of 10% of the contract price.

The Council, following consideration, agreed to conclude negotiations with the successful tenderer, Alarmfast Ltd., for the installation of a system employing conventional technology to meet the revised brief.

### **CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION - COMMUNICATIONS LINK BETWEEN CASTLEHILL/CARDROSS ROAD, DUMBARTON AND CLYDEBANK POLICE OFFICE**

There was submitted report by the Head of Corporate Policy and Public Relations referring to the feasibility study carried out on the Council's behalf on the communications link between West Dumbarton and Clydebank Police Office where a CCTV monitoring facility was managed by Clydebank CCTV Trust and intimating that a financial/technical package from BT had been recommended as offering the best value.

The Council agreed to invite a tender from BT for the installation of a CCTV communications link between Castlehill/Cardross Road, Dumbarton and Clydebank Police Office to the specification required.

Councillor McCutcheon re-entered the meeting at this point.

**CONFERENCES, COURSES ETC.**

**(a) C.O.S.L.A. - COMMONWEALTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE - EDINBURGH - 21ST OCTOBER 1997**

There was submitted letter from the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities extending an invitation to the Council to be represented at the Commonwealth Local Government Conference to be held in Edinburgh on 21st October, 1997.

The Council agreed to note the invitation.

**(b) SCOTTISH STEERING COMMITTEE OF NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES - MEETING IN SHETLAND - FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 1997**

There was submitted letter from the Scottish Steering Committee of Nuclear Free Local Authorities inviting the Council to send a delegate to the next meeting of Nuclear Free Local Authorities to be held on Friday 5th September, 1997 at Lerwick, Shetland.

The Council agreed to note the invitation.

**(c) WEST OF SCOTLAND CHILD PROTECTION FORUM - "CHILD PROTECTION UNDER THE CHILDREN (SCOTLAND) ACT 1995 - THE FIRST SIX MONTHS"**

There was submitted report by the Director of Social Work and Housing seeking approval for a Seminar organised by the West of Scotland Child Protection Forum entitled "Child Protection Under the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 - The First Six Months" to be held in West Dunbartonshire Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on 5th November 1997.

The Council approved the use of the Council premises for the Seminar and wished the conference every success.

**DUNBARTONSHIRE AND ARGYLL AND BUTE VALUATION JOINT BOARD - EXCHANGE OF OWNERS' INTEREST IN OFFICE PROPERTY, GARSHAKE ROAD, DUMBARTON/235 DUMBARTON ROAD, CLYDEBANK**

There was submitted report by the Chief Executive (i) advising members of the progress made in arranging for the Assessor to vacate the premises of the Valuation Joint Board in the Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton; (ii) intimating that under the Local Authorities Property Transfer (Scotland) Order 1995 (as amended) the Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute Valuation Joint Board was proprietor of an owners' interest in a share of the office complex at Garshake Road in respect of its occupancy of the third floor of the building by virtue of Article 3(1)(a)(ii) and (iii) reporting that discussions had been ongoing between the Joint Board and West Dunbartonshire Council towards an exchange of West Dunbartonshire

Council's owners' interest in the property at 235 Dumbarton Road, Clydebank in exchange for the Valuation Joint Board's interest in Garshake Road, Dumbarton and that provisional agreement had now been reached between the Board and the Council, subject to formal conclusion of legal agreements.

The Council noted the report.

### **LOCAL AUTHORITY NON-HOUSING CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS THE FUTURE OF CHALLENGE FUNDING**

There was submitted report by the Director of Economic; Planning and Environmental Services seeking homologation for action taken in submitting observations to the Scottish Office Development Department on the future of challenge funding as a mechanism for deciding on the distribution of non-housing capital allocations in respect of major capital projects.

The Council agreed to homologate the action taken by the Director of Economic; Planning and Environmental Services in submitting comments to the Scottish Office Development Department indicating the Council's views on the future of challenge funding prior to the closing date for receipt of replies.

### **APPOINTMENTS TO WATER AUTHORITIES**

There was submitted letter from the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities seeking nominations to membership of the Water Authorities by 8th August, 1997.

The Council was advised that given the timescale for submission of nominations the Leader of the Council proposed that Councillors Devine and Flynn be nominated for membership of the West of Scotland Water Authority and the matter was now before Council for homologation.

Councillor White, seconded by Councillor McCallum, moved that the Council homologate the action taken in nominating Councillors Devine and Flynn for membership of the West of Scotland Water Authority.

As an amendment, Councillor Mackechnie, seconded by Councillor Wailes, moved that no nominations be made to the Water Authorities, until such times as they were fully returned to public control.

On a vote being taken, 8 members voted for the amendment and 14 voted for the motion which was accordingly declared carried.

## WEST DUMBARTON ACTIVITY CENTRE

There were submitted reports (i) by the Chief Executive providing an overview of the issues at the West Dumbarton Activity Centre and making a series of recommendations thereon and (ii) by the Director of Education and Leisure Services providing members with further information and making further recommendations in that regard.

The Chief Executive gave an update and further background on his report.

Thereafter Councillor White moved, seconded by Councillor Mackechnie, in terms of the undernoted motion subject to an addition to include (3) and (4) below, which was accepted.

The Council agreed:-

- (1) to accept recommendation (b) by the Chief Executive that the Council immediately cease all funding and close West Dumbarton Activity Centre and invite officers to consider, over time, whether any reconstitution of this project could be successfully and meaningfully undertaken;
- (2) that The Scottish Office be advised of the decision;
- (3) that the relevant papers be passed to the Inland Revenue, Strathclyde Police and the Department of Social Security for their interest; and
- (4) that the Chief Executive prepare a further report listing current and past members of the Management Committee and advise Council whether those individuals are involved with any other organisations which receive funding from West Dunbartonshire Council.

After decision on the foregoing, Provost O'Neill made further comment.





## APPOINTMENTS MADE BY COUNCIL

### Committees:

#### **A Group**

Councillor Mills (Convener - S.W Cttee)  
 Councillor Flynn (Convener Housing Cttee)  
 Councillor White (or substitute) as Leader of the Council  
 Councillor Devine  
 Councillor Rice  
 Councillor Calvert  
 Councillor Syme  
 Councillor Mackechnie (or substitute) as Leader of SNP  
 Councillor Wailes  
 Councillor McElhill  
 Councillor McGregor  
 Councillor Chirrey (**Social Work Committee only**)  
 Councillor McLaughlin (**Housing Committee only**)

#### **B Group**

Councillor Macdonald (Convener P & ED Cttee)  
 Councillor Calvert (Convener RATS)  
 Councillor Campbell (Convener EP&LS Cttee)  
 Councillor White (or substitute) as Leader of Council  
 Councillor Doherty  
 Provost O'Neill  
 Councillor Syme  
 Councillor Rice  
 Councillor Mackechnie (or substitute) as Leader of SNP  
 Councillor McColl  
 Councillor McCutcheon  
 Councillor Chirrey

#### **C Group**

Councillor McCafferty (Convener)  
 Councillor White (or substitute) as Leader of Council  
 Councillor McCallum  
 Councillor Mills  
 Councillor Campbell  
 Councillor Doherty  
 Councillor Macdonald  
 Councillor Rice  
 Councillor Cairney  
 Councillor Flynn  
 Councillor Devine  
 Councillor Mackechnie (or substitute) as Leader of SNP  
 Councillor McElhill  
 Councillor McGregor  
 Councillor Chirrey

**D Group**

Councillor White (Convener - P&R)  
 Councillor Cairney (Convener - Finance Cttee)  
 Councillor McCallum (Convener - Info Services)  
 Councillor McCafferty (Convener Education)  
 Councillor Flynn (Convener - Housing )  
 Councillor Mills (Convener - S.W. Cttee)  
 Councillor Macdonald (Convener - P & ED Cttee)  
 Councillor Devine (Convener - C.I.Cttee)  
 Councillor Campbell (Convener - EP&LS)  
 Provost O'Neill (Convener of the Council)  
 Councillor Mackechnie (or substitute) as Leader of SNP  
 Councillor McCutcheon  
 Councillor McColl  
 Councillor McLaughlin  
 Councillor Wailes

**Community Initiatives Committee**

Councillor Devine (Convener)  
 Councillor White  
 Councillor Campbell (or substitute)  
 Councillor McCafferty  
 Councillor Rice  
 Councillor Calvert  
 Councillor McGregor  
 Councillor Mackechnie  
 Councillor McCutcheon  
 plus outside reps

**Ad-Hoc Committee on CCT**

Provost O'Neill (Convener)  
 Councillor White as Leader of the Council  
 Councillor Cairney as Convener of Finance Committee  
 Councillor McCallum as Convener of the Information Services Committee  
 Councillor Rice as Convener of the Contract Services Policy Board  
 Councillor Flynn as Convener of the Housing Committee  
 Councillor Calvert as Convener of the Roads and Technical Services Committee

**Appeals Committee - Matching**

Councillor White  
 Councillor Cairney  
 Councillor McCallum  
 Councillor Mackechnie  
 Councillor McElhill

**Appeals Committee (Grievance/Disciplinary/etc)**

Provost O'Neill  
 Councillor White  
 Councillor Devine  
 Councillor Rice  
 Councillor Mills  
 Councillor McColl  
 Councillor Mackechnie

**Tendering Committee**

Councillor White (Convener) (or substitute)  
 Councillor Macdonald  
 Councillor Flynn  
 Councillor Rice  
 Councillor Mackechnie (or substitute)  
 Councillor McElhill

**Public Processions Sub Committee**

Councillor Campbell (Chair)  
 Councillor Cairney  
 Councillor White (or substitute)  
 Councillor Mills  
 Councillor McColl  
 Councillor Chirrey

**Contract Services Policy Board**

Councillor Rice (Convener)  
 Councilor Flynn  
 Councillor Calvert  
 Councillor Campbell  
 Councillor Devine  
 Councillor Mills  
 Councillor Macdonald  
 Councillor White (or substitute) (as Convener of P & R Committee)  
 Councillor McColl  
 Councillor McLaughlin  
 Councillor McGregor  
 Councillor Chirrey

**Joint Housing Benefit/Council Tax Appeals Board**

Councillor White (Convener)  
 Councillor Cairney  
 Councilor Mills  
 Councillor Rice  
 Councillor Flynn  
 Councillor Wailes  
 Councillor McCutcheon  
 Councillor McGregor

**Joint Police Board**

Provost O'Neill  
 Councillor Macdonald  
 (substitutes - Councillors Campbell and Mills)

**Joint Fire Board**

Councillor Cairney  
 Councillor Mills  
 (substitutes - Councillors Doherty and Devine )

**Joint Valuation Board**

Provost O'Neill  
 Councillor Cairney  
 Councillor McCallum  
 Councillor McColl  
 Councillor Wailes

**Argyll, The Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Stirling Tourist Board**

Councillor Macdonald as Convener of the Planning & Economic Development  
 Committee

**Leven Valley Workspace Ltd - Board**

Provost O'Neill  
 Councillor Macdonald  
 Councillor Mills  
 Councillor Mackechnie

**Working Group on European Issues**

This Working Party has been superseded by the West of Scotland European  
 Consortium -no nomination

**Member/Officer Group to Review Voluntary Sector Grant Applications**

Councillor White (or substitute) as Leader of the Council  
 Councillor McCafferty as Convener of the Education Committee  
 Councillor Devine  
 Councillor Campbell  
 Councillor Mills  
 Councillor McColl  
 Councillor Mackechnie (or substitute)

**Glasgow Airport Consultative Committee**

Councillor Mills

**Member/Officer Working Party on Subsidised Creche Places -discontinued**

**Member/Officer Working Group on the Anti-Poverty Strategy**

Councillor Devine (Convener)

Councillor White

Councillor Campbell

Councillor McCafferty

Councillor Mackechnie

Councillor Wailes

**COSLA-****Strategy Forum**

Councillor White (or substitute)

**Education & Cultural Services Forum**

Councillor McCafferty (or substitute)

**Social Affairs Forum**

Councillor Flynn (or substitute Councillor Mills)

**Development Services Forum**

Councillor Macdonald (or substitute)

**Protective Services Forum**

Councillor Campbell (or substitute)

**Strathclyde Community Relations Council -****Executive Committee**

Councillor White (or substitute)

Councillor Doherty

**Clydebank Action Against Vandalism Committee (Clydebank Councillors)**

Councillor Campbell (Chair)

Councillor Syme

Councillor Rice

Councillor White

Councillor McCutcheon

Councillor McElhill

**Loch Lomond & the Trossachs****Joint Steering Committee**

Provost O'Neill

Councillor Mills

Councillor Macdonald

(substitute -Councillor White)

**Clydebank CCTV Trust - Board**

Councillor White (or substitute) as Convener of the P &amp; R Committee

**West Dunbartonshire Partnership (was Programme for Partnership)**

Councillor Doherty  
 Councillor Cairney  
 Councillor Devine  
 Councillor Mackechnie

**Zoological Society of Glasgow & the West of Scotland  
 Management Committee**

Councillor Cairney  
 (one further place requested)

**Purchasing Consortium****Joint Committee**

Councillor Cairney  
 Councillor Calvert  
 ( if only 1 representative required, then Cllr Cairney) &( Cllr Calvert as substitute)

**Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority**

Councillor Calvert (or substitute)  
 Councillor Chirrey (or substitute)

**Glasgow Humane Society**

Councillor Mills  
 (substitute -Councillor Mackechnie)

**Clydebank Partnership Steering Committee  
 (was Clydebank Partnership)**

Councillor Doherty  
 Councillor White as Convener of P & R Committee

**Clydebank Housing Association Committee of Management**

Councillor Rice  
 Councillor White  
 both nominated as co-opted members

**National Steering Committee Of Nuclear Free Local Authorities**

Councillor Campbell

**Scottish Council for Manual Workers (COSLA)**

Councillor Flynn

**Balloch(Loch Lomond) Highland Games Committee**

Councillor White (or substitute) as Leader of the Council and Convener of P & R  
 Committee)

**Dunbartonshire & Argyll International Ltd**

Councillor Mills to serve as Director of the Company

**West of Scotland European Consortium**  
Councillor Macdonald (Substitute Councillor White)

**Strathclyde Defence Industry Working Group**  
Councillor Flynn

**Strathclyde Housing Association Committee**  
Councillor Flynn

**Strathclyde Credit Union Development Agency (SCUDA)**  
**Board of Directors**  
This has been superseded owing to SCUDA becoming a subsidiary company  
Community Enterprise in Strathclyde - No nomination.

**Maid of the Loch**  
**Board of Trustees**  
Provost O'Neill  
Councillor Mackechnie

**Barlinnie Visiting Committee**  
Councillor Rice

**Clydebank Citizens Advice Bureau**  
**Management Committee**  
Councillor Syme

**Dumbarton Senior Citizens Committee**  
Provost O'Neill  
Councillor McCallum  
Councillor Calvert  
Councillor Wailes  
Councillor Mackechnie

**Dumbarton District Festival Association**  
Councillor Flynn  
Councillor Calvert

**SJNC for Teaching Staff in School Education**  
Councillor McCafferty

**Strathclyde Fire Board**  
**Appeals Sub-Committee**  
Councillor Mills

**Dumbarton & District Citizens Advice**  
**Management Committee**  
Councillor McCallum

**Scottish Local Government Information Unit**  
**Joint Committee**  
 Councillor Rice

**Strathclyde Youth Club Association**  
**Policy Committee**  
 Councillor Doherty

**One Plus**  
**Executive Committee**  
 Councillor Mills

**The Tree Council**  
 Councillor Syme

**The Scottish Federation for the Welfare of the Blind**  
 Councillor Mills

#### **APPOINTMENTS MADE BY HOUSING COMMITTEE**

**Tenant Participation Sub Committee**  
 Councillor Flynn (Convener)  
 Councillor White (or substitute)  
 Councillor Mills  
 Councillor Rice  
 Councillor McGregor  
 Councillor McElhill

**Void Houses Monitoring Group**  
 Councillor Flynn (Convener)  
 Councillor Devine  
 Councillor Rice  
 Councillor Mills  
 Councillor White (or substitute)  
 Councillor McGregor  
 Councillor McElhill  
 Councillor McLaughlin

**Dalmuir Park Housing Association**  
 Councillor Syme



**APPOINTMENTS MADE BY  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Taxi Licensing Sub Committee**

Provost O'Neill  
Councillor Macdonald  
Councillor Campbell (Chair)  
Councillor Rice  
Councillors McColl  
Councillor Mackechnie

**Clydebank Crematorium Working Party**

Councillor White (or substitute)  
Councillor Rice  
Councillor Macdonald  
Councillor Mackechnie

**Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA)**

**Regional Board**

No representation allowed by SEPA

**Scottish Accident Prevention Council (SAPC)**

**(1) Water and Leisure Safety Committee**

Councillor Campbell  
1 Officer

**(2) Home Safety Committee**

Councillor Mills  
1 Officer

**Scottish Maritime Museum**

**Board of Trustees**

Provost O'Neill  
Councillor Macdonald  
Councillor McCallum

**West Dunbartonshire Sports Council**

Provost O'Neill  
Councillor Devine  
Councillor Rice  
Councillor Macdonald  
Councillor Doherty  
Councillor Mackechnie  
Councillor McColl

**Clean Air Society**

Councillor Campbell

**West Dunbartonshire Soccer Council**  
 Councillor Campbell as Convener of EPLS Committee  
 Provost O'Neill  
 Councillor McCutcheon  
 Community Football Development Officer

**APPOINTMENTS MADE BY  
 ROADS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Scottish Accident Prevention Council (SAPC)**  
**Road Safety Committee**  
 Councillor Calvert (or substitute) as Convener of the RATS Committee  
 Road Safety Training Officer

**Road Safety Forum**  
**Working Group**  
 Councillor Calvert (or substitute)  
 Director of Roads & Technical Services (or substitute)

**APPOINTMENTS MADE BY  
 PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Leven Valley Initiative**  
**Steering Group**  
 Provost O'Neill  
 Councillor Mills  
 Councillor Macdonald  
 Councillor Mackechnie  
 Director of Economic; Planning and Environmental Services  
 One Other Senior Officer

**Structure Plan Joint Committee**  
 Convener of Planning and Economic Development Committee (Councillor  
 Macdonald)

**Loch Lomond Park Authority**  
 Provost O'Neill  
 Councillor Mills  
 Councillor Chirrey  
 Councillor McColl

**Clyde Estuary Forum**  
 Councillor Macdonald (or substitute) as Convener of the Planning & Economic  
 Development Committee  
 Councillor Campbell as Convener of the Environmental Protection & Leisure  
 Services Committee **\*if agreed**

**West Of Scotland Archaeology Joint Committee**  
Councillor Doherty (substitute - Councillor Macdonald)

**Scottish Building Control Organisation**  
Councillor Macdonald

**Local Authority Standing Committee on Oil Fabrication (LASCOF)**  
Councillor Macdonald

**Joint Public/Private Sector Town Centre Management Steering Group**  
Councillor Macdonald  
Councillor Rice  
Councillor Calvert  
Councillor Mills

**Forth and Clyde Canal Joint Advisory Committee**  
Councillor Rice  
Councillor Devine

**Kilpatrick's Project Joint Committee**  
Councillor Doherty  
Councillor Rice

**Strathclyde International**  
Councillor Mills

**Lomond Enterprise Partners (formerly Dumbarton District Enterprise Trust)**  
Provost O'Neill  
Councillor Mills

**Clydebank Economic Development (CEDC)**  
Councillor Macdonald

**Glasgow & the Clyde Valley Structure Plan Joint Committee**  
Councillor White  
Councillor Macdonald

#### **APPOINTMENTS MADE BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Appeals Committee**  
Provost O'Neill (Chair)  
Councillor Rice  
Councillor Chirrey  
2 School Board Members

**Ad-Hoc Sub Committee on Bursary Appeals**  
Councillor McCafferty  
Councillor Rice  
Councillor Wailes

**Working Party on the Review of Community Services**

6 Members of the Committee be included in the existing Working Party i.e.

Councillor Campbell (Chair)

Councillor Devine

Councillor Cairney

Councillor Rice

Councillor McGregor

Councillor Chirrey

**West Dunbartonshire Early Years Forum**

Councillor McCafferty

Councillor Rice

Councillor Wailes

**Dunbartonshire Careers Company Ltd**

Councillor McCafferty (or substitute)

Councillor Rice

**Governors of the Dunbartonshire Educational Trust****Board of Trustees**

Councillor Cairney

Councillor McCallum

Councillor Mills

**APPOINTMENTS MADE BY  
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Performance Review Sub-Committee**

Councillor White (Convener) (or substitute) as Convener of the P & R Committee

Councillor McCallum

Councillor Cairney

Councillor Mills

Councillor Mackechnie (or substitute)

Councillor McLaughlin

**Civic Hospitality Sub Committee**

Provost O'Neill

Councillor White (Convener) as Leader of the Council

Councillor Cairney as Depute Provost

**Sub-Committee on Displays by the Armed Forces at Public Events \*\***

Councillor White (or substitute) as Convener of the P & R Committee

Councillor Mackechnie as Leader of the SNP Group

\*\* This Sub-Committee was established on 18 June 1997 in order that such applications received during the recess might be dealt with without delay.

**COSLA**

Councillor White as Leader of the Council

Councillor Devine as Depute Leader of the Labour Group

Councillor Mackechnie as Leader of the SNP Group

**Clydebank Unemployed Community Resource Centre  
Management Committee**

Councillor White

Councillor Rice

Councillor McCafferty

Councillor McElhill

**The Highland Territorial Auxiliary and  
Volunteer Reserve Association (TAVR Southern Area Committee)**

Councillor Calvert

**APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE****COSLA****Local Government Finance Task Group on New Burdens/Capping**

Councillor Cairney as Convener of the Finance Committee