

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

9 December 2011

MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 21 DECEMBER 2011 AT 6.00 P.M.
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 21 December 2011 at 6.00 p.m.**

The business is as shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

JOYCE WHITE

Chief Executive

Distribution:-

All Members of West Dunbartonshire Council

Chief Executive

Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services

Executive Director of Educational Services

Executive Director of Housing, Environmental & Economic Development

Director of West Dunbartonshire Community Health & Care Partnership

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to declare if they have an interest in any of the items of business on this agenda and state the reasons for such declarations.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Submit for approval as a correct record, the Minutes of the Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 26 October 2011.

4. MINUTES OF THE AUDIT & PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the following Minutes of the Meetings of the Audit & Performance Review Committee:-

- (a) Ordinary meeting held on 12 October 2011; and
- (b) Special meeting held on 19 October 2011

5. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2011

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 19 October 2011.

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6. MINUTES OF THE WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH & CARE PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2011

Submit for information the Minutes of the West Dunbartonshire Community Health & Care Partnership held on 16 November 2011.

7. LETTING OF EXTERNAL SPORTS PITCHES AT ST PETER THE APOSTLE HIGH SCHOOL – REQUEST FOR DEPUTATION

In accordance with Standing Order No. 17, the Council is asked whether it wishes to hear a deputation from residents of the Morar Estate, Clydebank.

8. OPEN FORUM

Rose Harvie – Meals and Wheels

I am a volunteer with the WRVS, delivering Meals and Wheels in the Dumbarton area to approximately 17 elderly and disabled clients each day. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays the meals are collected from Willox Park residential home, on Thursdays and Fridays they are collected from Dalreoch residential home. When the meals are collected from the kitchens of both homes, it is evident that freshly cooked, attractive, and good quality meals are being prepared for the residents. The WRVS meals from Willox Park are also freshly cooked, and generally of good quality. However, those from Dalreoch have been bought in frozen from a factory in Wales, re-heated in Dalreoch, and are generally of very poor quality. We receive constant verbal complaints from our clients about the meals from Dalreoch. When we, as volunteers, have questioned this difference, we have been told that cost is the deciding factor at Dalreoch - i.e. it is cheaper to buy in meals than to provide them freshly cooked. We have also been told that all the WRVS meals for clients in the Vale of Leven and Clydebank are freshly cooked in local schools, and are of excellent quality.

Question

Why is it not possible to provide freshly cooked meals of a similar high quality from both residential homes, to all our clients every day? Surely economies of scale in preparing meals at Dalreoch could cancel out the cost of buying in and transporting ready prepared meals?

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9. GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2011 (PERIOD 6)

Submit report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services providing an update on the General Services Capital Plan for 2011/12 and seeking approval of specified virements.

10. REVISION TO FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Submit report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services seeking approval to a number of amendments in the Financial Regulations.

11. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2011

Submit report by the Chief Executive seeking approval of a proposed Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places for parliamentary elections.

12. POSSIBLE VENUES FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS BEING HELD IN CLYDEBANK FROM 1 JANUARY TO 30 APRIL 2012

Submit report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services seeking a decision on the venues to be used for Council meetings due to be held in Clydebank from 1 January to 30 April 2012.

13. APPOINTMENT OF LAY MEMBERS TO THE AUDIT & PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Submit report by the Chief Executive advising of the outcome of the process to select Lay Members to be appointed to the Audit & Performance Review Committee.

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14. CORPORATE PLAN 2012/17 – PIs AND TARGETS

Submit report by the Chief Executive seeking agreement on the PIs previously identified for monitoring the progress towards the Corporate Plan 2012/17 objectives.

15. SHORT LIFE ABSENCE MEMBER/OFFICER WORKING GROUP

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing an update on the findings and recommendations from the Absence Member/Officer Working Group.

16. ANNUAL REVIEW OF CORPORATE ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Submit report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental & Economic Development providing an update of the progress made in relation to the Corporate Asset Management Strategy and seeking approval for annual update reports.

17. COUNCIL TAX ON LONG TERM EMPTY PROPERTIES – RESPONSE TO SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION PAPER

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services recommending a response to the Scottish Government consultation paper regarding council tax on long term empty properties and the Housing Support Grant.

18. APPOINTMENT OF LAY PERSONS ON HMP LOW MOSS VISITING COMMITTEE

Submit report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services requesting consideration be given to the proposed representation on HMP Low Moss Visiting Committee.

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19. LETTING OF EXTERNAL SPORTS FACILITIES AT ST PETER THE APOSTLE HIGH SCHOOL, CLYDEBANK

Submit report by the Executive Director of Educational Services providing an update on the letting of external sports facilities at St Peter the Apostle High School and seeking a decision on the future arrangements for the letting of these facilities.

REPORTS FOR NOTING

20. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2011/12

(a) Budgetary Control Statement to 30 September 2011 (Period 6)

(b) Budgetary Control Statement to 31 October 2011 (Period 7)

Submit reports by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental & Economic Development providing updates on the financial performance of the Housing Revenue Account for Periods 6 and 7.

21. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2011/12

(a) Budgetary Control Report to 30 September 2011 (Period 6)

(b) Budgetary Control Report to 31 October 2011 (Period 7)

Submit reports by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental & Economic Development advising of the progress of the Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme 2011/12 for Periods 6 and 7.

22. GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE 2011/12

(a) Budgetary Control Report to 30 September 2011 (Period 6)

(b) Budgetary Control Report to 31 October 2011 (Period 7)

Submit reports by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services advising of the performance of the General Services revenue budget for Periods 6 and 7.

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23. GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT TO 31 OCTOBER 2011 (PERIOD 7)

Submit report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services providing an update on the General Services Capital Plan for 2011/12.

24. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE REPROVISION OF AUCHENTOSHAN DAY CENTRE

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing an update on the re-provision of the Auchentoshan Day Services.

25. SOUTH DRUMRY STRUCTURAL WORK: POTENTIAL UNDERSPEND

Submit report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental & Economic Development advising on the potential underspend of the Housing Revenue Account in relation to structural work to properties in South Drumry.

26. SHARED RISK ASSESSMENT – ASSURANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2011-14

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing an updated Assurance and Improvement Plan (AIP) scorecard report for 2011/12.

27. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Motion by Councillor Geoff Calvert – Road Traffic – Dumbarton High Street

This Council is aware of the high level of dissatisfaction of the travelling public, bus drivers, taxi drivers and pedestrians caused by the current chaotic traffic situation in Dumbarton High Street. This Council accepts that the current traffic chaos has stemmed from the flawed Council decision to re-open the High Street to two-way car traffic.

Therefore, this Council requests the Executive Director of Housing, Economic and Environmental Services to bring forward a report to the December meeting of the Council if feasible, otherwise the January 2012 meeting that will outline what/ what steps the Council should take, both legal and physical, in order to reinstate bus and taxi only traffic in Dumbarton High Street. In addition, this report should include

an opinion by the Council's Roads Traffic and Engineering professional officers as to whether or not a return to a bus/taxi only situation would be supported.

This Council is aware that significant work is to be carried out on the Artizan Bridge in 2012 and that considerable disruption to traffic is unavoidable. This Council is concerned that the current traffic chaos in the High Street does not compound the disruption that is to come.

(b) Motion by Councillor George Black – Grit bins

This Council is of the opinion that the criteria for placing additional grit bins has been met in relation to the request for an additional grit bin in Lennox road Milton as requested by Councillor George Black.

Any requests for additional grit bins should meet the following criteria:

- a) The proposed location will be (or will service) a public road or footpath.
- b) Any location will only be considered where there is a clear and significant benefit to road users or pedestrians if the location were to remain untreated for a length period within the framework of the Council's gritting procedures.
- c) The proposed location should have a steep gradient or topographical feature which merits consideration.
- d) The proposed location must service and be of benefit to several properties (applications will not normally be considered where only an individual property is being serviced)
- e) Any location which has historically displayed poor drainage locations
- f) The proposed location must be accessible for cleaning and filling the grit bin.
- g) Grit bins will only be provided where a specific location cannot be accommodated within the Council's existing gritting route procedures.
- h) Siting of a grit bin shall be at the discretion of the Council after inspection of the site, and where appropriate in liaison with adjacent residents.

West Dunbartonshire Council reserves the right to remove a grit bin at any time for whatever reason. The Council will maintain the grit bins, i.e. refill, clean the bins of refuse and repair or replace damaged bins as resources permit. Grit bins will remain in position all year, only in exceptional cases where it is established that they are being subjected to vandalism would consideration be given to removing them, outwith the winter period.

Accordingly Members agree that an additional bin be sited at or near this location.