

**LIST OF RESPONDENTS TO CONSULTATION ON POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES
OCTOBER 2007**

Councillor Jim Bollan
Councillor Patrick McGlinchey
Councillor Gail Casey

Adam Hay, Labour Election Agent, Clydebank
*Richard Trail, SNP Election Agent, Dumbarton Parliamentary Constituency

West Dunbartonshire Access Panel

* Mr Trail made no observations on particular polling places, but stated that he was satisfied with the all polling places designated within the West Dunbartonshire area of the Dumbarton constituency.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY**REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2007**

Polling Place Name:	Alexandria Community Education Centre
Address:	Main Street, Alexandria G83 9BH
Type of Property:	Local Authority Community Centre
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	Ward 2 - Leven
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD10 – 931 WD11 -1222
Total No of voters served:	2153
No of polling stations for combined Scottish Parliament/local authority elections, May 2007:	3
No of polling stations post review:	2
Note	Canteen area is more satisfactory for polling than the main hall.

Representations from Councillor Jim Bollan:

Councillor Bollan has suggested that the side hall would be a better choice for polling than the canteen area.

Response

That the benefits of using the side hall be assessed and that consideration be given to using it in preference to the canteen, subject to it meeting access and space requirements.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2007**

Polling Place Name:	Bonhill Community Education Centre
Address:	Ladyton, Bonhill G83 9BH
Type of Property:	Local authority community centre
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	2 - Leven
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD15 – 1139 WD16 -1503
Total No of voters served:	2642
No of polling stations May 2007:	4
No of polling stations post review:	3

Representations received from West Dunbartonshire Access Panel

“Some members have advised the entry is quite steep and therefore, help may be required for wheelchair users or ambulant disabled”

Response

The comments will be brought to the attention of the Department that operates the premises. Improvements to the disabled access would involve structural works which would not be funded by central government.

Conclusion

It is recommended that these premises be retained for use as a polling place.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
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Polling Place Name:	Aitkenbar Primary School
Address:	Whiteford Avenue, Dumbarton
Type of Property:	Local authority primary school
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	2 - Leven
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD19 - 2198 WD20 - 1115
Total No of voters served:	3313
No of polling stations for May 2007:	5
No of polling stations post review:	3

Representations from Councillor Bollan

Councillor Bollan has made representations that a new polling place should be created at Howatshaws Community Hall for some of the voters who are assigned to Aitkenbar Primary School and that the number of polling places should not be reduced to 3.

Response

Howatshaws Hall was previously used as a polling place. However, there were complaints about its suitability from agents and voters alike. Accordingly, the hall was dropped from the list of polling places.

It is standard practice to reduce the number of polling stations for a Parliamentary election from the number used for a combined Scottish Parliament/local election. The numbers of voters at each polling place in May 2007 were reduced to particularly low levels because of the complexity of the two polls being combined. With turnout being just over 50% and postal voting increasing to 10% of the overall electorate, it is considered that, for a straightforward first past the post election, 3 stations would be adequate at this polling place. To increase the number of stations here would have implications for the rest of the area.

Conclusion

Retain this polling place as the sole polling place for this area.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2007**

Polling Place Name:	St Michael's Church Hall
Address:	Cardross Road, Dumbarton G82 4JE
Type of Property:	Church premises
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	3- Dumbarton
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD23 - 1346
Total No of voters served:	1346
No of polling stations May 2007:	2
No of polling stations post review:	2

Representations received from West Dunbartonshire Access Panel

The ramp is very steep and wheelchair users may have difficulty getting in the back door.

Response

The Church Hall is served by a permanent ramp up to the front door and it is not possible for the Council to effect temporary improvements for polling day.

Conclusion

It is recommended that the Church be retained as a polling place.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
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Polling Place Name:	Crosslet Centre
Address:	226 Crosslet Road, Dumbarton G82 1QU
Type of Property:	Community run community centre
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	3 - Dumbarton
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD31 - 1283
Total No of voters served:	1283
No of polling stations May 2007:	2
No of polling stations post review:	1
Note	This community hall was used as a polling place for the first time in May 2007 and proved very satisfactory. It is regularly used by Dumbarton Age Concern and the layout of the premises is suited to electors with limited mobility.

Representations received from West Dunbartonshire Access Panel

The ramp is problematic with tight corners. The pavement kerbs should be lowered and there may be problems with parking.

Response

These are private premises with a permanent ramp. It is not possible for the Council to make improvements. There is only on-street parking, so it is recognised that it may be difficult for disabled voters to park directly at the door.

Conclusion

It is recommended that the Council continue to use the premises for polling.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
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Polling Place Name:	Bowling Public Hall
Address:	Dumbarton Road, Bowling G80 1UA
Type of Property:	Local authority hall
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Dumbarton
Local Authority Wards Served:	3 – Dumbarton (WD33) 4 – Kilpatrick (WD34)
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WD33 – 351 WD34 - 10
Total No of voters served:	361
No of polling stations May 2007:	1*
No of polling stations post review:	1*
Note	The polling arrangements at Bowling Public Hall result from a misalignment between the Scottish parliamentary constituency boundaries and the ward boundary. 10 voters in Kilpatrick Ward (a Clydebank ward) are in the Dumbarton constituency. For Parliamentary elections, this does not cause a problem and the voters can easily be accommodated by using the same ballot box as the WD33 voters. For the combined poll, however, the voters for WD34 use a separate local election ballot box and are issued with papers for the Kilpatrick ward.

Representations received from West Dunbartonshire Access Panel

The ramp is steep

Response

The ramp is permanent and cannot be improved by temporary measures.

Conclusion

It is recommended that the Hall continues in use as a polling place.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2007**

Polling Place Name:	Faifley Parish Church Hall
Address:	Faifley Road, Faifley, Clydebank G81 5AR
Type of Property:	Church premises
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie
Local Authority Wards Served:	4 - Kilpatrick
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WC04 - 1942
Total No of voters served:	1942
No of polling stations May 2007:	3
No of polling stations post review:	2
Note	This polling place was used for the first time in May 2007 and was highly satisfactory

Representations received from West Dunbartonshire Access Panel

The ramp is steep.

Response

The premises are privately owned and the ramp is a permanent one. There is no temporary improvement which can be made for polling.

Conclusion

The hall should still be used for polling.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2007**

Polling Place Name:	Dalmuir Barclay Parish Church Hall
Address:	Durban Avenue, Clydebank G81 4JH
Type of Property:	Church premises
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie
Local Authority Wards Served:	5 – Clydebank Central (WC07,08) 6 – Clydebank Waterfront (WC22, 23)
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WC07 – 1144 WC22 – 1301 WC08 – 402 WC23 - 2270
Total No of voters served:	5117
No of polling stations in May 2007:	9
No of polling stations for parliamentary election	6 - Fewer polling stations are needed at a General election because voters do not have to be divided by ward
Notes	Large polling place serving Wards 5 & 6.

Representations received from:

1) Adam Hay, Labour Agent, Clydebank

A few complaints have been received from elderly voters in North Mountblow on the distance from their homes. The temporary voting station at Littleholm was considered more suitable.

Response

We have been unable to identify suitable alternative premises. The temporary polling place at Littleholm was discontinued because of long-running problems and objections from the Fire Service about emergency access.

2) Councillor Patrick McGlinchey

Suggested Melbourne Avenue Community Centre as an alternative.

Response

The Community Centre is not large enough for polling. The view of the Access Panel was sought and the Secretary has confirmed that the premises would be unsuitable as a polling place.

3) West Dunbartonshire Access Panel

There may be problems with parking and pavement kerbs should be lowered.

Response

The parking area is unsuitable for disabled access, so disabled persons have to park at the front of the church.

Conclusion

The Hall should continue to be used for polling.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2007**

Polling Place Name:	Parkhall Library
Address:	Hawthorn Street, Clydebank, G81 3EF
Type of Property:	Local authority library
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie
Local Authority Wards Served:	5 – Clydebank Central
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WC10 – 1229 WC13 - 785
Total No of voters served:	2014
No of polling stations May 2007:	3
No of polling stations post review:	2
Note	In previous years, temporary improvements were made to the library entrances to improve access for polling day. However the entrance and access facilities to the library are now so much improved that no temporary adaptations are required.

Representations received from West Dunbartonshire Access Panel

The pavements need dropped kerbs.

Response

Since the premises are in council ownership, the issue of dropped kerbs will be investigated, but there is no guarantee that funding can be identified to carry out this improvement in the short term.

Conclusion

These premises should continue to be used for polling.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
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Polling Place Name:	St Stephen's Church Hall
Address:	Park Road, Clydebank G81 3ED
Type of Property:	Church premises
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie
Local Authority Wards Served:	5 – Clydebank Central
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WC11 – 691 WC12 - 1102
Total No of voters served:	1793
No of polling stations in May 2007:	3
No of polling stations post review:	2
Note	There is a separate access for disabled electors to the side of the building. The configuration of the front entrance does not permit the use of a ramp

Representations received:

1) Adam Hay, Labour Agent, Clydebank

Several complaints re parking difficulties near a dangerous bend. Otherwise satisfactory.

Response

The parking difficulties are not unique to polling in the area and must also be experienced when other events are being held there.

2) West Dunbartonshire Access Panel

There may be problems for visually impaired with the lighting outside.

Response

This problem will not be unique to polling as wheelchair access to the hall is from the side door. (The configuration of the steps at the front of the hall is not suited to a temporary ramp.) As the premises are privately owned, it is unlikely that there is any action that can be taken by the Council to improve the lighting on polling day, but this will be investigated further.

Conclusion

The premises should be retained for polling.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2007**

Polling Place Name:	St Eunan's Church Hall
Address:	Gilmour Street, Clydebank G81 2BW
Type of Property:	Church premises
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie
Local Authority Wards Served:	5 - Clydebank Central
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WC15 - 811
Total No of voters served:	811
No of polling stations May 2007:	1
No of polling stations post review:	1

Representations received:

1) Adam Hay, Labour Agent, Clydebank

These premises received most complaints on the grounds that they and Drumry Bowling Pavilion were too close, leaving many voters with considerable distances to travel.

Response

St Eunan's Church Hall and Drumry Bowling Pavilion are now established polling places and it is not recommended that either of these should close.

2) West Dunbartonshire Access Panel

The lighting at the ramp may be problematic. There is a steep incline up to the Church.

Response

Since the premises are privately owned, it is unlikely that the Council will be able to effect temporary works to improve the lighting for polling day. No alternative premises have been identified that would eliminate the steep incline.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY
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Polling Place Name:	Abbotsford Church Hall
Address:	Abbotsford Road, Clydebank G81 1PA
Type of Property:	Church premises
Scottish Parliament Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie
Local Authority Wards Served:	6 – Clydebank Waterfront
Polling Districts at this place with number of voters:	WC24 - 1372
Total No of voters served:	1372
No of polling stations May 2007:	2
No of polling stations post review:	2

Representations have been received from:

1) Adam Hay, Labour Agent, Clydebank

Several complaints received re the distance from voters' homes in Whitecrook.

2) Councillor Gail Casey

Concern about distances voters have to travel within Whitecrook.

Response

We have been unable to identify a preferable alternative. It is understood that new community premises will be opening in the area shortly and these will be investigated but they cannot be considered for polling until they have been inspected and their suitability assessed.

2) West Dunbartonshire Access Panel

There may be a problem with parking and the dropped kerbs are not directly outside the church hall.

Response

The church is in an area where parking is plentiful although it may not always be possible to park directly outside the church hall.

Conclusion

The premises should be retained for polling.

POLLING PLACES FOR THE WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY

Ward 1 – Lomond

PD No	Polling Place	No of stations post review	No of voters
WD01	Millennium Hall, Gartocharn	1	538
WD02	Lennox Hall, Carrochan Road, Balloch G83	2	1535
WD03	Lennox Hall, Carrochan Road, Balloch G83	1	933
WD04	Lennox Hall, Carrochan Road, Balloch G83	1 shared with WD09	516
WD05	Vale of Leven Swimming Pool, North Main Street, Alexandria G83 9SJ	1	804
WD06	St Kessog's Church Hall, Balloch Road, Balloch G83 8LQ	1	1224
WD07	Alexandria Parish Church Hall, Lomond Road, Balloch G83 8SJ	1	699
WD08	Vale of Leven Swimming Pool, North Main Street, Alexandria G83 9SJ	3	2462
WD09	Lennox Hall, Carrochan Road, Balloch G83	1 shared with WD04	478

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Ward 2 – Leven

PD No	Polling Place	No of stations post review	No of voters
WD10	Alexandria Community Education Centre, Main Street, Alexandria G83 9BH	1	931
WD11	Alexandria Community Education Centre, Main Street, Alexandria G83 9BH	1	1222
WD12	St Martin's Church Hall, Main Street, Renton G82 4PZ	1	765
WD13	Renton Primary School, Main Street, Renton G82 4NA	1	872
WD14	Dalmonach Community Education Centre, First Avenue, Bonhill, G82 9AU	1	1225
WD15	Bonhill Community Education Centre, Ladyton, Bonhill G83 9BH	1	1139
WD16	Bonhill Community Education Centre, Ladyton, Bonhill G83 9BH	2	1503
WD17	Loch Lomond Rugby Football Club, Beechwood Drive, Bonhill G83 9LY	1	799
WD18	Bonhill Primary School, Main Street, Bonhill, G83 9AF	2	1423
WD19	Aitkenbar Primary School, Whiteford Avenue, Dumbarton G82 3JL	2	2198
WD20	Aitkenbar Primary School, Whiteford Avenue, Dumbarton G82 3JL	1	1115

POLLING PLACES FOR THE WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY

Ward 3 – Dumbarton

PD No	Polling Place	No of stations post review	No of voters
WD21	Westbridgend Community Hall, Westbridgend, Dumbarton G82 4EN	1	891
WD22	United Free Church Hall, Hawthornhill Road, Dumbarton G82 5AS	1	988
WD23	St Michael's Church Hall, Cardross Road, Dumbarton G82 4JE	2	1346
WD24	West Dumbarton Activity Centre, Ardoch Crescent, Dumbarton G82 4EN	1	953
WD25	Braehead Primary School, Meadow Road, Dumbarton G82 2BL	1 shared with WD26	423
WD26	Braehead Primary School, Meadow Road, Dumbarton G82 2BL	1 plus one shared with WD25	1698
WD27	Concord Community Education Centre, St Mary's Way, Dumbarton G82 1JL	1	546
WD28	St Patrick's Church Hall, Strathleven Place, Dumbarton G82 1BA	1	1020
WD29	St Patrick's Primary School, Crosslet Road, Dumbarton, G82 2LQ	2	1435
WD30	Knoxland Primary School, Glasgow Road, Dumbarton G82 1QU	2	1384
WD31	Crosslet Centre, 226 Crosslet Road, Dumbarton G82 2LQ	1	1283

Ward 3 – Dumbarton continued

PD No	Polling Place	No of stations post review	No of voters
WD32	Milton Mobile Polling Place, Colquhoun Road, Milton G82 2TH	1	472
WD33	Bowling Hall, Dumbarton Road, Bowling G80 1UA	1	351

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Ward 4 – Kilpatrick

PD No	Polling Place	No of stations post review	No of voters
WC01	Glenhead Community Centre, Duntiglennan Road, Duntocher, Clydebank G81 6AH	2	2372
WC02	Glenhead Community Centre, Duntiglennan Road, Duntocher, Clydebank G81 6AH	2	1242
WC03	Goldenhill Primary School, Stewart Drive, Hardgate, Clydebank G81 6AH	1 shared with WC06	792
WC04	Faifley Parish Church Hall, Faifley Road, Clydebank G81 5AR	2	1942
WC05	St Joseph's Church Hall, Faifley Road, Clydebank G81 5EZ	2	1302
WC06	Goldenhill Primary School, Stewart Drive, Hardgate, Clydebank G81 6AH	1 plus 1 shared with WC03	1437
WD34	Bowling Public Hall, Dumbarton Road, Bowling G60 1UA	As before	10

POLLING PLACES FOR THE WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY

Ward 5 – Clydebank Central

PD No	Polling Place	No of stations post review	No of voters
WC07	Dalmuir Barclay Parish Church Hall, Durban Avenue, Clydebank G81 4JH	1 Plus 1 shared with WC08	1144
WC08	Dalmuir Barclay Parish Church Hall, Durban Avenue, Clydebank G81 4JH	1 shared with WC07	402
WC10	Parkhall Library, Hawthorn Street, Clydebank G81 3EF	1 Plus 1 shared with WC13	1229
WC11	St Stephen's Church Hall, Park Road, Clydebank G81 3ED	1	691
WC12	St Stephen's Church Hall, Park Road, Clydebank G81 3ED	1	1102
WC13	Parkhall Library, Hawthorn Street, Clydebank G81 3EF	1 shared with WC10	785
WC14	Kilbowie Primary School, West Thomson Street, Clydebank G81 3AE	2	1697
WC15	St Eunan's Church Hall, Gilmour Street, Clydebank G81 2BW	1	811
WC16	Drumry Bowling Pavilion, Kirkoswald Drive, Clydebank G81 2DA	1	1195
WC17	St Eunan's Primary School, Melfort Avenue, Clydebank G81 2HS	2	1696
WC18	Linnvale Primary School, Livingstone Street, Clydebank G81 2RL	2	1309

POLLING PLACES FOR THE WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY

Ward 6 – Clydebank Waterfront

PD No	Polling Place	No of stations post review	No of voters
WC19	Gavinburn Library, Dumbarton Road, Old Kilpatrick G60 5NE	1	674
WC20	Napier Hall, Dumbarton Road, Old Kilpatrick G60 5JH	2	1734
WC21	Napier Hall, Dumbarton Road, Old Kilpatrick G60 5JH	2	1533
WC22	Dalmuir Barclay Parish Church Hall, Durban Avenue, Clydebank G81 4JH	1 Plus 1 shared with WC23	1301
WC23	Dalmuir Barclay Parish Church Hall, Durban Avenue, Clydebank G81 4JH	2 Plus 1 shared with WC22	2270
WC24	Abbotsford Church Hall, Abbotsford Rd, Clydebank G81 1PA	2	1372
WC25	St Margaret's Church Hall, Sinclair Street, Clydebank G81 1AE	3	3007