

COMMUNITY SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Community Safety & Environmental Services Committee held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Station Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 6 April 2005 at 11.17 a.m.

Present: Provost Alistair Macdonald and Councillors Jim Bolla, Geoff Calvert, Gail Casey, Linda McColl, Duncan McDonald, Craig McLaughlin and Connie O'Sullivan.

Attending: Dan Henderson, Director of Development & Environmental Services; David McMillan, Director of Housing & Technical Services; Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor; Irving Hodgson, Head of Planning and Development; John McKerracher, Head of Technical Services; Angus Bodie, Manager of Transportation; Jim Pow, Finance Manager, Housing & Technical Services; Don Findlay, Manager of Building Services; and Craig Stewart, Administrative Assistant.

Councillor Duncan McDonald in the Chair

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 5702 The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 2 February 2005 were submitted and approved as a correct record.
- 5703 In relation to a point raised by Councillor McLaughlin on "Ownership Issues concerning the River Leven", it was noted that a further report giving an update on the position would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT - BUDGETARY CONTROL

- 5704 A report was submitted by the Director of Development and Environmental Services informing on how the budgets controlled by the Development and Environmental Services Department performed against projections for the period up until 15 February 2005.
- 5705 The Committee agreed to note the report.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE STRATEGIC COMMUNITY SAFETY
PARTNERSHIP – PROBLEM SOLVING PLAN**

- 5706 A report was submitted by the Director of Development and Environmental Services providing an update on the West Dunbartonshire Strategic Community Safety Partnership's proposed Problem-Solving Plan for 2005-8.
- 5707 After discussion, Councillor O'Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McColl, moved:-
- 5708 That the Committee agrees and notes the three local priorities that would provide the focus for the work of the Community Safety Partnership for the period 2005-8.
- 5709 As an amendment, Councillor Bollan, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin, moved:-
- 5710 That, with regard to Priority 3: Address substance misuse within target groups in West Dunbartonshire, consideration be given to utilising recovering addicts in secondary schools as a way forward on this issue, together with ascertaining the current position in primary schools in order to enhance and strengthen prevention measures in place.
- 5711 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 6 Members voted for the motion. The motion was accordingly declared carried.

LOCH LOMOND BYELAW REVIEW – POLICY CONSULTATION

- 5712 A report was submitted by the Director of Development and Environmental Services informing of the Loch Lomond Byelaw Review being carried out by Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority and recommending the Council's response thereto.
- 5713 After discussion and having heard the Director of Development and Environmental Services in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to approve the report and attached Appendix as West Dunbartonshire Council's response to the "Loch Lomond Byelaw Review – Policy Consultation" subject to some further revisions taking into account Members' concerns in relation to this matter.

**REGULATION OF SEAPLANE OPERATIONS ON LOCH LOMOND –
CONSULTATION ON THE MAKING OF A NEW BYELAW UNDER THE
NATIONAL PARKS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000**

- 5714 A report was submitted by the Director of Development and Environmental Services informing of a consultation by Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority on the regulation of seaplane operations on Loch Lomond and recommending a response thereto.

- 5715 The Committee agreed to support the introduction of a byelaw by the National Park Authority to provide that “no person shall knowingly cause or permit to be landed on or taken off from the surface of Loch Lomond any vessel which is an aeroplane unless the prior written approval of the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority has first been obtained”.

SOMERFIELD, 485 GLASGOW ROAD, CLYDEBANK

- 5716 A report was submitted by the Director of Development and Environmental Services advising of the details of a proposal received from Somerfield Plc and recommending the Council’s response thereto.
- 5717 After discussion and having heard the Director of Development and Environmental Services and the Principal Solicitor, Councillor O’Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McColl, moved:-
- 5718 That the proposals contained within the report be approved and that the Director of Development and Environmental Services be authorised, in conjunction with the Head of Legal and Administrative Services, to conclude matters.
- 5719 As an amendment, Councillor Bollan, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin, moved:-
- 5720 That the Committee agrees, in principle, to transfer the land but the price should reflect the loss of the current revenue income of £35,000 per annum for the remainder of the period of 125 years.
- 5721 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 6 Members voted for the motion. The motion was accordingly declared carried.

**PROPOSED EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT CONCERNING 2.24 ACRES
OR THEREBY OF GROUND ADJACENT TO SANDPOINT MARINA,
WOODYARD ROAD, DUMBARTON**

- 5722 A report was submitted by the Director of Development and Environmental Services advising of a further opportunity to extend the existing agreement between the Council and Mr. and Mrs. P. Doherty with regard to the tipping of inert materials at Woodyard Road, Dumbarton.
- 5723 Following discussion, Councillor O’Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Calvert, moved:-
- (1) That the Committee agrees to amend the terms of the agreement with Mr. and Mrs. Doherty to extend the period during which the Council could use the 2.24 acres of ground at Woodyard Road, Dumbarton for free tipping subject to the terms contained in the report; and

- (2) that authority be delegated to the Director of Development and Environmental Services to agree future extensions of the tipping agreement as appropriate.

5724 As an amendment, Councillor Bollan, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin, moved:-

5725 That consideration of this matter be continued to the next meeting of the Committee, in order to enable a site visitation to be carried out.

5726 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 6 Members voted for the motion. The motion was accordingly declared carried.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990 – RECURRENCE OF NUISANCE AT DRUMS ESTATE, OLD KILPATRICK

5727 A report was submitted by the Director of Development and Environmental Services:-

- (a) requesting consideration on whether the Council should carry out works to abate (and ensure the non-recurrence of) a Statutory Nuisance that appeared to have been abated but which had recurred, the owners of the properties involved having failed, or been unable, to comply with an Abatement Notice that was served on them; and
- (b) seeking approval for the submission of a Report to the Procurator Fiscal, to consider raising proceedings for an Offence in respect of failure to comply with a Notice issued in terms of Section 80 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

5728 Having heard the Director of Development and Environmental Services advise that the person whose property is affected by the Statutory Nuisance, Mr. Nelson of Stables Cottage, Old Kilpatrick, had requested to be heard in respect of this matter, it was agreed to continue consideration of this item to the next meeting of the Committee in order to enable all involved parties to be invited to attend and make representations, as necessary.

HEALTH PROMOTION IN SCHOOLS

5729 A report was submitted by the Director of Housing and Technical Services and the Director of Education and Cultural Services advising of a partnership initiative between Leisure Services, the Department of Education and Cultural Services and health promotion professionals which encourages pupils and parents within the Vale of Leven Academy cluster to become involved in business and enterprise activities including involvement with the Council's Cosmopolitan Health and Fitness Clubs.

5730 The Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

**HOUSING & TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT –
FINANCIAL REPORT PERIOD 10 2004/2005**

- 5731 A report was submitted by the Director of Housing and Technical Services providing an update on the financial performance of the Housing and Technical Services Department to 15 February 2005 (Period 10).
- 5732 The Committee noted the financial performance of the Housing and Technical Services Department.

HOUSING & TECHNICAL SERVICES – PERFORMANCE REPORT

- 5733 A report was submitted by the Director of Housing and Technical Services providing information on the performance of the Housing and Technical Services Department.
- 5734 After discussion and having heard the Director of Housing and Technical Services, the Committee agreed to note the content of the report.
- 5735 In relation to a point raised by Councillor McLaughlin concerning the replacement of signs attached to street lighting columns that were being replaced, it was noted that the signs would be reused as necessary.

NOTE: Provost Macdonald left the meeting at this point in the proceedings.

ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME 2005/2006

- 5736 A report was submitted by the Director of Housing and Technical Services seeking approval for the proposed programme of road maintenance works to be carried out in 2005/2006.
- 5737 Following discussion the Committee agreed:-
- (1) to note the progress made to date, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
 - (2) that the Road Maintenance Programme 2005/2006 be approved, as outlined in Appendix 2 to the report; and
 - (3) that authority be delegated to the Director of Housing and Technical Services to take appropriate action in the event of the programme being delayed as a consequence of public utility operations and/or adverse weather conditions.

STREET LIGHTING PROGRAMME OF WORKS 2005/2006

- 5738 A report was submitted by the Director of Housing and Technical Services seeking approval for the proposed programme of street lighting revenue and non-HRA capital works to be carried out in the financial year 2005/2006.
- 5739 Following discussion, the Committee approved the proposed street lighting programme of works as detailed in the appendix to the report.
- 5740 In relation to a point raised by Councillor Bollan concerning "Allan Crescent (new carriageway)", it was noted that the Director of Housing and Technical Services would respond direct to Councillor Bollan on this matter.

WESTRANS FUNDING 2004/2005 FOR PUBLIC AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT SCHEMES

- 5741 A report was submitted by the Director of Housing and Technical Services advising of the funding being provided by the Scottish Executive to WESTRANS for local/regional transportation schemes in 2004/2005 and detailing the use made of the allocation for work in West Dunbartonshire.
- 5742 Having heard the Convener, Councillor McDonald, the Committee agreed:-
- (1) to note and welcome the high level of funding obtained for use in developing improved public transport facilities and patronage in West Dunbartonshire;
 - (2) to note the schemes listed in the Appendix to the report and that spend against these items would be maximised given the last-minute nature of the funding; and
 - (3) to convey thanks to the Manager of Roads for the excellent work undertaken in securing £335,000 of funding.

CENTRAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUND

- 5743 A report was submitted by the Director of Housing and Technical Services advising of the progress in identifying possible projects which could be funded from the Council's Central Energy Efficiency Fund (CEEF).
- 5744 The Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

LEISURE SERVICES BUSINESS PLAN 2004 - 2007

5745 A report was submitted by the Director of Housing and Technical Services seeking approval for the Leisure Services Business Plan for 2004-2007.

5746 The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the Leisure Services Business Plan for 2004-2007; and
- (2) that the Director of Housing and Technical Services be requested to submit a further update on progress to a future meeting of the Committee.

CATERING SERVICES BUSINESS PLAN 2004 – 2007

5747 A report was submitted by the Director of Housing and Technical Services seeking approval for the Catering Services Business Plan for 2004 – 2007.

5748 The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the Catering Services Business Plan for 2004 – 2007; and
- (2) that the Director of Housing and Technical Services be requested to submit a further update on progress to a future meeting of the Committee.

The meeting closed at 12.26 p.m.