

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

At a Requisitioned meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held within the Council Chambers, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Thursday, 4th September, 1997.

Present: Provost Patrick O'Neill (LAB) and Councillors Mary Campbell (LAB), Daniel McCafferty (LAB), John Syme (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 (LAB).

Attending: Michael J Watters, Chief Executive; Ian Leitch, Depute Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council; Eric Walker, Director of Finance; Ian Fernie, Director of Economic; Planning and Environmental Services; Ian McMurdo, Director of Education and Leisure Services and Mary Cullen, Head of Corporate Policy and Public Relations.

Apology for Absence: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor James McElhill (SNP)

Councillor Cairney, Depute Provost, in the Chair

DEATH OF DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES

Councillor Cairney referred to the tragic circumstances surrounding the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, Mr Dodi Al Fayed and Mr Henri Paul in a road traffic accident in Paris on 31st August, 1997 and suggested that it would be fitting if the Council observed a one minute silence in honour of the Princess and her companions.

The Council unanimously agreed and all stood for a one minute silence.

EMERGENCY ITEM

Councillor Cairney advised that a report by the Director of Education and Leisure Services in respect of "Ladyton Primary School - Budget for Fire Reinstatement and Associated Works" would be dealt with as an emergency item in view of the urgency attached to this matter.

NOTICE OF MOTION CONVENER OF THE COUNCIL - REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Councillor Mackechnie, seconded by Councillor Wailes, moved:-

"That the Council resolve to remove from office the Convener of the Council."

As an amendment, Councillor White, seconded by Councillor McCallum, moved:-

"That West Dunbartonshire Council note the terms of the motion presented to this meeting by the SNP with disgust. The Council finds it difficult to treat the motion with anything other than contempt.

The Council resolves to congratulate its Convener on the objective and competent manner in which he has conducted the business of Council meetings.

The Council further expresses its appreciation and support to the Convener in his role as Provost."

On a motion by Councillor Wailes, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin, the Council agreed that voting be by way of roll call.

On a vote being taken by calling the roll, 7 members voted for the motion (namely Councillors McCutcheon, Wailes, Mackechnie, McLaughlin, McColl, McGregor and Chirrey) and 14 for the amendment (namely Councillors White, Campbell, McCafferty, Syme, Devine, Macdonald, Doherty, Rice, Cairney, Provost O'Neill and Councillors McCallum, Calvert, Mills and Flynn).

The amendment was accordingly declared carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Cairney moved that the Council agree to adjourn at this point and the meeting resumed a short time thereafter those present being as shown in the sederunt.

CHAIR

Provost Patrick O'Neill took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

LETTER FROM H.M. LORD LIEUTENANT OF DUNBARTONSHIRE DEATH OF DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES

Provost O'Neill advised that on Sunday 31st August, 1997, following the death of Diana, Princess of Wales and her companions he had written to H.M. Lord Lieutenant of Dunbartonshire expressing the Council's sadness on the tragic death of Diana, Princess of Wales, Mr Dodi Al Fayed and Mr Henri Paul and that the Queen's Private Secretary had replied to Provost O'Neill thanking him for the kind wishes expressed on behalf of the Council.

Arising from consideration of this matter it was brought to the attention of the Council that the Vale of Leven Library had no facility for accepting flowers left at those premises in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales.

The Council agreed:-

- (a) that a copy of the letter from H.M. Lord Lieutenant be posted above the Remembrance Books held in the Clydebank, Dumbarton and Vale of Leven libraries; and
- (b) that the relevant officials make arrangements to provide a facility at the Vale of Leven Library to enable anyone who wished, to leave a floral tribute to the Princess of Wales.

**LADYTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
BUDGET FOR FIRE REINSTATEMENT AND ASSOCIATED WORKS**

As an emergency item, there was submitted report by the Director of Education and Leisure Services, outlining the background to a necessary overspend resulting from the variance between the projected costs for the Ladyton Primary School Fire Reinstatement Programme and the lowest tender return as received from John Dickie & Son, Builders and seeking permission to make adjustments, as suggested in the report, to the Education Department's Capital Programme to overcome this problem.

On the motion of Councillor Cairney, seconded by Councillor Flynn, the Council approved the adjustments as suggested to the Education Department's Capital Programme to enable the Ladyton Primary School Fire Reinstatement to proceed as scheduled with the additional expenditure required subject to the Chief Executive revising the Capital Plan for this year to ensure that the displaced expenditure on St Mary's School, Duntocher be accommodated in the Capital Plan for this year.