

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

23 March 2007

**REQUISITIONED MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**WEDNESDAY, 28 MARCH 2007**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**COUNCIL OFFICES**  
**GARSHAKE ROAD**  
**DUMBARTON**

Dear Member,

Please attend a Requisitioned Meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** to be held in the **Council Chambers, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton**, on Wednesday, 28 March 2007 at 2.00 p.m. to consider the business shown on the enclosed Agenda.

Yours faithfully

**DAVID MCMILLAN**

Chief Executive

**Distribution:-**

All Members of West Dunbartonshire Council.

Chief Executive

Director of Education and Cultural Services

Director of Social Work Services

Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing and Regeneration Services)

Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land and Environmental Services)

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**AGENDA**

**1. APOLOGIES**

**2. BALLOCH TOILETS**

**(a) Report by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land and Environmental Services)**

Submit report by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land and Environmental Services) providing the Council with information relevant to the undernoted item of business.

**(b) Requisitioned Item of Business**

The Council is asked to agree that the closure of the Balloch Toilets has had a devastating effect on the local economy and environment of the Balloch Community.

To that end, the Council agrees to instruct officers to re-open the toilets throughout the summer period and prepare a report for the first available Council meeting after the elections for continued funding of Balloch, Levensgrove and Christie Park toilets over the entire year.

**3. WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXIS**

**The Council is asked to note that the suspension of Standing Order 16 is required in order to consider the undernoted item as a period of six months has not passed since the Licensing Committee made a decision to approve the policy referred to therein.**

**(a) Report by the Head of Legal and Administrative Services**

Submit report by the Head of Legal and Administrative Services providing the Council with information relevant to the undernoted item of business.

**(b) Requisitioned Item of Business**

The Council is asked to agree that the requirement for Taxis to be 100% wheelchair accessible, while a worthwhile target, has had an unforeseen and significant impact on elderly members of the community.

The Council accepts that the policy of 100% compliance is using a sledgehammer to crack a nut and is not a sustainable policy. The Council also accepts that the taxi trades initial reluctance to deliver more wheelchair accessible vehicles has led to this position. However after the independent report commissioned by the Council found that 23 wheelchair accessible taxis is the general ideal figure at this time to meet the current demand, it is felt that 100% compliance cannot be justified at the present time.

The Council agrees that the taxi trade must accept responsibility for ensuring that the primary role for designated wheelchair accessible taxis is to transport wheelchair users and other disabled patrons, and failure to do so may well result in the re-implementation of a requirement for the total compliance.

Therefore, this Council agrees to revoke the recent 100% compliance policy, which was introduced requiring all taxis to be wheelchair accessible. The Council agrees to look at the feasibility of creating/converting 23 wheelchair accessible taxis in order to ensure that there are sufficient wheelchair accessible vehicles on the road. A report should be submitted to the relevant Committee of the Council after the Head of Legal and Administrative Services has liaised with the taxi trade and elderly and disabled groups on the matter of compliance, conversion and enforcement.

**4. CORDALE HOUSING ASSOCIATION AND PROPERTIES IN RENTON AND ALEXANDRIA**

**The Council is asked to note that it is necessary to suspend Standing Order 16 in order to consider the undernoted item as a period of six months has not passed since the Community Safety and Environmental Services Committee made a decision in respect of the Millburn Depot.**

**(a) Report by Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing and Regeneration Services)**

Submit report by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing and Regeneration Services) providing the Council with information relevant to the undernoted item of business.

**(b) Requisitioned Item of Business**

The Council gives consideration to requests to the disposal of the following sites in Renton and Alexandria at market value to Cordale Housing:-

**Site A - Small semi derelict unused open space at the rear of Tontine Crescent to facilitate the construction of a mixed housing development in Dalquhurn, Renton.**

**Site B - Millburn Depot in Renton again to facilitate a mixed housing development on that site when the land is vacated by Argyll & Bute Council.**

**Site C - The Kippen Dairy Site in Alexandria.**

**5. REQUISITIONED ITEM OF BUSINESS – AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

Given the resignation of Denis Agnew as the Chair/Convener of Audit due to his new post as Leader of the Council, the Council agrees that Councillor Dennis Brogan be appointed as the new Chair/Convener.

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