

## **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

At a meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held within the Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 1997.

**Present:** \*Provost Patrick O'Neill (LAB), Councillors Mary Campbell (LAB), Daniel McCafferty (LAB), Andrew White (LAB), Anthony Devine (LAB), Alistair Macdonald (LAB), \*James Doherty (LAB), Patricia Rice (LAB), George Cairney (LAB), James McCallum (LAB & CO-OP), \*Geoffrey Calvert (LAB & CO-OP), Duncan Mills (LAB), Craig McLaughlin (SNP), Ronald McColl (SNP), \*Margaret McGregor (SNP), James Flynn (LAB) and James Chirrey (SNP)

\* Arrived later in the Meeting.

**Attending:** Michael Watters, Chief Executive, Stephen Brown, Manager, Legal and Administrative Services, Tim Huntingford, Director of Social Work and Housing, Ian Fernie, director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services; Eric Walker, Director of Finance, Alan Findlay, Director of Contract Services, Ian McMurdo, Director of Education and Leisure Services, John Bak, Head of Personnel and Training, Mary Cullen, Head of Corporate Policy and Public Relations, Angela Clements, Head of Information Services and Donald Findlay, Property Services Manager.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors James McElhill (SNP), John McCutcheon (SNP), John Wailes (SNP) and William Mackechnie (SNP).

**Depute Provost George Cairney in the Chair**

### **CONVENER'S REMARKS**

Councillor Cairney informed Members that there had been a serious traffic accident on the A82 near Milton and it was likely that Provost O'Neill and other Members of the Council would arrive later in the Meeting.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1997 were submitted and approved on the motion of Councillor Cairney, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

## **MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES**

### **Community Initiatives Committee**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Initiatives Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 1997 were submitted and approved on the motion of Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

### **Contract Services Policy Board**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Contract Services Policy Board held on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 1997 were submitted and approved on the motion of Councillor Rice, seconded by Councillor McCafferty.

### **Appendices from the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee**

Appendices from the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 1997 which had been omitted from the previous volume, were submitted and noted for information.

### **Environmental Protection and Leisure Services Committee**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Environmental Protection and Leisure Services Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1997 were submitted and noted for information.

### **Roads and Technical Services Committee**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Roads and Technical Services Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1997 were submitted and noted for information.

### **Education Committee**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Education Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 1997 were submitted and noted for information.

### **Planning and Economic Development Committee**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 1997 were submitted and noted for information.

### **Appeals Committee**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Appeals Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 1997 were submitted and noted for information.

### **Excerpt Minute from Finance Committee**

There was tabled an Excerpt Minute from the proceedings of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 1997 (printed as Appendix 1 hereto.).

On the Motion of Councillor Cairney, seconded by Councillor Campbell, the Council agreed to approve the Excerpt Minute and the decisions contained therein.

**Councillor Calvert entered the Meeting prior to consideration of the next item.**

## **MATTERS ARISING OUTWITH DELEGATED POWERS FOR RATIFICATION BY COUNCIL**

The following matter arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee of 9<sup>th</sup> April, 1997 (volume page **2084** refers) was submitted for approval as it was outwith the delegated powers of that Committee:-

### **Strathclyde Structure Plan Review 1995 – Secretary of State’s Proposed Modifications**

On the motion of Councillor Cairney, seconded by Councillor Campbell, the Council approved the recommendation of the Committee, as undernoted:-

“That objections be lodged with the Scottish Office to those Draft Modifications to the Structure Plan which the Director had indicated in his Report as being appropriate.”

## **SERVICES TO ELECTED MEMBERS**

With reference to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1997 (page **2046** refers), there was submitted a Report by the Depute Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council informing Members of the up-to-date situation in relation to services to Elected Members.

Having heard Councillor Campbell the Council agreed to continue consideration of this matter to the next meeting of the Council and that the Report be expanded to include the up-to-date situation concerning Members’ transport and Members’ secretarial services.

## **DUNBARTONSHIRE AND ARGYLL INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**

With reference to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 1996 (page **284** refers), there was submitted a Report by Director of Economic; Planning and Environmental Services requesting the Council to:-

- (1) authorise the appropriate Officer to subscribe on behalf of the Council to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Dunbartonshire and Argyll International Limited (formally known as Strathclyde International); and
- (2) nominate a Member of the Council to serve as a Director of the said Company.

On the Motion of Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor McCafferty, the Council agreed:  
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- (a) to subscribe to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Dunbartonshire and Argyll International Limited; and

- (b) to nominate Councillor Duncan Mills to serve as a Director of that Company.

### **REQUEST FOR A PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO SUICIDES AT CORNTON VALE PRISON**

With reference to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 1997 (page **1678** refers) there was submitted correspondence from the Scottish Office in response to this Council's request for a public inquiry into recent suicides at Cornton Vale Prison.

Having heard Councillor White the Council agreed:-

- (1) to welcome the news that £50,000 had been offered to convert properties operated by the Church of Scotland and SACRO for use as bail accommodation but to note with disappointment that the correspondence made no mention of a public inquiry; and
- (2) otherwise to note the terms of the correspondence.

### **THE PENNINGTON GROUP REPORT**

With reference to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environmental and Protection and Leisure Services Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 1997 (page **1742** refers), there was submitted a Report by the Director of Economic; Planning and Environmental Services informing Members of the content of the Pennington Group Report on the 1996 outbreak of E.Coli 0157 in Central Scotland and commenting on possible resource implications for this Council.

Having heard Councillor Macdonald the Council agreed:-

- (1) to note that the Director of Economic; Planning and Environmental Services would bring forward further reports on this matter as appropriate; and
- (2) to otherwise note the contents of the Report.

**Provost O'Neill entered the Meeting prior to consideration of the next item.**

### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Campbell moved the following:-

“This Council expresses its congratulations to Councillors William Mackay and Murray Hendrie on their recent defection from the SNP to Labour. The Council notes that this was partly due to the unviable economic proposals forwarded by the SNP leadership,

which amount to nothing short of an attempted confidence trick on the people of Scotland.”

“This Council recognises that only the return of a Labour Government can offer the people of West Dunbartonshire the huge benefits which would result from both tiers of government working together for the benefit of local people”.

“This Council warmly invites further SNP Councillors, perhaps closer to home, to follow the path of Councillors Mackay and Hendrie and to cross the bridge from unrealisable fantasy to achievable reality”.

**Councillor James Flynn and Margaret McGregor entered the Meeting whilst Councillor White was moving the aforementioned Motion.**

By way of amendment, Councillor McColl, seconded by Councillor McGregor, moved the following:-

“This item is no the agenda for purely electioneering purposes and as the administration have accused the opposition of the same in the past, I call on the more senior and educated members opposite to ignore Councillor White’s childish attempts to be a politician and join us in moving no action”.

Following a full discussion, on a vote being taken, four Members voted for the Amendment and twelve Members voted for the Motion. The Motion was accordingly declared carried.

### **COMPLAINT OF INJUSTICE**

There was submitted a Report by the Depute Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council advising the Council of a decision by the Local Government Ombudsman in respect of a complaint concerning a second flooding incident due to burst pipes and recommending that the Council implement the Ombudsman’s findings.

Having heard Mr Brown, Manager, Legal and Administrative Services, in response to a question by Councillor McLaughlin the Council agreed:-

- (a) to accept the Ombudsman’s Report and recommendations contained therein; and
- (b) that Reports on what actions the Departments of Social Work and Housing and Contract Services intend taking following upon the Ombudsman’s findings, be submitted to the appropriate service Committees.

## **COSLA – PROPOSAL TO EXTEND VENUES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES**

There was submitted a Report by the Depute Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council informing Members that correspondence had been received from COSLA requesting this Council's opinion on the situation relating to premises for Civil Marriages in Scotland and making a recommendation thereon.

Having heard Councillor Campbell, the Council agreed:-

- (1) to support, in principle, the proposed changes in legislation to allow Civil Marriages to take place in premises other than Registration Offices and that COSLA be advised accordingly; and
- (2) that if the proposed legislation is introduced, Officers should submit Reports to the appropriate Committees of the Council detailing all proposals to use premises other than the existing Registration Offices for Civil Marriages.

## **MILL OF HALDANE CLINIC, BALLOCH**

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing:-

- (1) informing of the proposal by the Lomond Healthcare NHS Trust to permanently close the Mill of Haldane Clinic, Balloch, and to provide replacement services in other NHS facilities and in the community; and
- (2) recommending to Members an appropriate response from this Council.

Having heard Councillors Mills and McGregor, the Council agreed that a written response be sent to the Argyll and Clyde Health Board indicating that the Council accepts the closure of the Clinic, on the understanding that:-

- (a) the building be maintained and sold for housing or a use that will benefit the community; and
- (b) every effort be made by the NHS Trust to ensure that replacement services are accessible and responsive to the needs of local residents.

It was noted that Councillor McGregor had been invited to a meeting with the Health Board and representatives from community organisations/tenant liaison associations from Haldane and would raise these issues with the Board.

**RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL FOR A NATIONAL SYSTEM OF ACCREDITATION AND  
VETTING INFORMATION FOR ADULTS WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND  
YOUNG PEOPLE**

There was submitted a Joint Report by the Director of Education and Leisure Services and the Director of Social Work and Housing recommending approval of a response from this Council to a Scottish Office consultation document setting out proposals for a national system of accreditation and vetting information for adults working with children and young people in Scotland.

Having heard Councillors McCafferty and McColl, the Council agreed unanimously that the comments detailed within the Report be submitted to the Scottish Office Education and Industry Department as this Council's response to the consultation document.

**1997/98 REVENUE ESTIMATES – MONITORING**

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Finance on the 1997/98 Revenue Estimates and monitoring thereof.

On the Motion of Councillor Cairney, seconded by Councillor Campbell, the Council agreed to approve the undernoted proposals:-

- (a) that Departmental Budgetary Control Reports be submitted to the appropriate Committee for each department and that all departmental reports be submitted to the Finance Committee;
- (b) that the first round of Reports be submitted to the first Meeting of the Finance Committee following the summer recess;
- (c) that each Committee will be responsible for adhering to its budget (including the savings agreed in the recent 1997/98 budget exercise); and
- (d) that any unavoidable adverse variances should be funded by equivalent savings elsewhere within a departmental budget.

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME 1997/98 (NON-HOUSING AND  
NON-H.R.A.)**

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Finance providing an update on the Capital Expenditure Programme 1997/98 (Non-Housing and Non-H.R.A.).

Following consideration the Council agreed:-

- (1) to note that it may be necessary to have a Special Meeting of the Council during May in order that the Capital Plan be agreed at an earlier date and appropriate capital commitments entered into; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the Report.

### **COSLA SUBSCRIPTION 1997/98**

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Finance advising Members that the 1997/98 annual subscription to COSLA would be the sum of £40,191.13 (plus VAT) and recommending payment thereof.

The Council agreed to subscribe to COSLA during the financial year 1997/98 and to authorise the Director of Finance to make the appropriate payment.

### **REVIEW OF COSLA'S CONSTITUTION**

There was submitted correspondence from COSLA requesting this Council to submit its comments on the review of the Convention's constitution.

Having heard Councillor McCafferty, the Council agreed that a letter be sent to COSLA making the following points:-

- (a) This Council does not agree that the four meetings of the full Convention which are held each year should be replaced with a single annual meeting of the Convention membership, nor does it agree that the three other meetings be substituted with Meetings of Leaders/Conveners. This Council is of the opinion that in order for these meetings to be meaningful, they must comprise both Leaders and Councillors from all 32 local authorities and attendance should not be restricted in any way;
- (b) This Council does not support the principle of "honorary membership", it feels that membership should be restricted to local authorities, however if such a proposal was to be accepted by the Convention then nominations should be limited to those persons directly involved with bodies affiliated to COSLA; and
- (c) The proposed review of the Constitution and the aforesaid points be the subject of discussion at a full meeting of COSLA.

### **ARMS CONVERSION PROJECT – SPONSORSHIP REQUEST**

The Council agreed to authorise the Director of Finance to pay the sum of £500 to Glasgow City Council in respect of the sponsorship request for the Arms Conversion Project for the financial year 1996/97.



## **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

There was submitted as undernoted, details of two conferences:-

- (a) Children in Scotland “Look, Listen and Learn Conference” – Stirling: 9<sup>th</sup> May, 1997.
- (b) “One Year after: the Impact of Local Government Re-organisation” Conference – Paisley: 9<sup>th</sup> May, 1997.

Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor McCafferty, moved that Councillor Rice should attend the conference referred to at (a) above and Councillor Devine should attend the conference at (b) above. By way of an Amendment, Councillor McColl, seconded by Councillor McGregor, moved that both of the above conferences be noted.

On a vote being taken, four Members voted for the Amendment and thirteen Members voted for the Motion. The Motion was accordingly declared carried.

## **URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

The Convener, in terms of Section 50B (4) (b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 0973, as inserted by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, decided that the following items be considered as matters of urgency on the grounds that the action to be taken required early consideration.

### **PETITION FROM COMBINED VETERANS’ BOWLING CLUBS**

Councillor McColl informed the Council that he had received a petition containing approximately 200 signatures from members of the combined Veterans’ Bowling Clubs in Alexandria, objecting to the decision of the Environmental Protection and Leisure Services Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1997 (pages **2051/2052** refer) to levy a concessionary charge of £12 per club member per season which would bring those clubs affected by the change into line with arrangements existing in respect of other Clubs throughout the area of the authority.

Councillor Cairney informing Members that whilst he did not normally refuse to accept such petitions, in this case it might be more appropriate for the petition to be considered as part of a consultation exercise which the Convener of the Environmental Protection and Leisure Services Committee would arrange. Councillor Macdonald advised that he had been made aware of the concerns and would make the appropriate arrangements to meet with the relevant groups as soon as possible.

Following a brief discussion the Council agreed to approve the aforementioned action.

## **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Council approved the following Resolution:-

“That under Section 50A (4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Act.”

## **EXCERPT MINUTE FROM POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

There was tabled an excerpt Minute from proceedings of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 1997 (printed as Appendix II hereto).

On the Motion of Councillor Cairney, seconded by Councillor Campbell, the Council agreed to approve the excerpt Minute and the decision contained therein.

**APPENDIX I to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on 23rd April, 1997**

EXCERPT MINUTE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE MEETING OF WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL OF 23RD APRIL 1997.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held within the Council Offices, Dumbarton, on Wednesday, 23rd April, 1997.

**Present:** Councillors George Cairney (LAB), Mary Campbell (LAB), Daniel McCafferty (LAB), Andrew White (LAB), Duncan Mills (LAB), James Doherty (LAB), James Flynn (LAB), Alistair Macdonald (LAB), Ronnie McColl (SNP), John Wailes (SNP), John McCutcheon (SNP) and Craig McLaughlin ((SNP) substituting for Councillor Mackechnie).

**Attending:** Michael J. Watters, Chief Executive; Ian Leitch, Depute Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council; Eric Walker, Director of Finance; John Bak, Head of Personnel and Training and Angela Clements, Head of Information Services.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence from the meeting were intimated on behalf of Provost Patrick O'Neill (LAB) and Councillors James McCallum (LAB & CO-OP) and James McElhill (SNP).

**Councillor George Cairney in the Chair**

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**EXCERPT MINUTE**

**GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

There was submitted report by the Director of Finance intimating that the 1997/98 Revenue Estimates had now been approved. A summary of the recommendations by the Member/Officer Working Group on applications received in respect of Local and General grants was attached along with a copy of the list of grants agreed in 1996/97. The Director advised that the budgets available for this financial year were as undernoted.

**Councillors Mills and Macdonald left the meeting during consideration of this item of business**

General Grants/Donations	£ 46,035
Local Grants/Donations	£361,730

**Community Councils**

**£17,532**

There were also submitted reports by the Director of Finance (i) in relation to further information received by the Director relating to various grants in respect of which the Working Group had been unable to make a recommendation as sufficient information had not been available (ii) in relation to payment of grant to the Denny Tank Museum and advising that although no budgetary provision had been made for this in the current financial year, there was scope to meet the payment from the Common Good Fund in view of its reduced contribution to the Book Fund. In addition, there was submitted report by the Depute Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council, intimating. that a request had been received from the Clydebank District Pipe Band for financial assistance towards the travel costs involved in up to six of their members travelling to Argenteuil, France to promote West Dunbartonshire in that Town's 'Scottish Week' to be held between 26th May and 1st June 1997.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to deal with the applications for grant as follows:-

- (a) that the applications for grant continued or retained from the meeting of 26th February 1997 be dealt with as shown in Appendix I to this Minute;
- (b) that the applications for local grants/donations be dealt with as shown in Appendix II to this minute;
- (c) that the applications for general grant/donations be dealt with as shown in Appendix III to this minute;
- (d) that the application for grant for Denny Tank Museum 1997/98 be dealt with as shown in Appendix II to this minute; and
- (e) that, the application by Clydebank District Pipe Band be dealt with as shown in Appendix II to the minute, on a motion by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Cairney, that the sum of £1,200 be met from the grants budget, as against an amendment by Councillor McColl, seconded by Councillor Wailes, that no action be taken on the request due to :the financial circumstances of the Council. On a vote the motion was carried by seven votes to four.

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<b>BROUGHT FORWARD APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT APRIL 1997 FINANCE MEETING</b>					
Organisation	Grant Requested	Previous Grant	Recommendation of Member/Officer Working Group	Comments	Decision
<b>RETAINED FROM 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 1997</b>					
Lomond and Clyde Festival Association (Formerly Dumbarton District Festival Association)	£10,000	£9,500	£9,500.00	To help towards the running of the 1997 festival.	£9,500
Balloch and Loch Lomond Highland Games	not stated	£12,000	Director of Finance to Report	To support the games.	£8,000
Victim Support Clydebank	£6,600	£3,300	£6,600.00	£6,600 promised at meeting of 26/2/97 subject to future budget decisions.	£6,600 for accommodation.
Antonine Sports Centre	£37,200	£36,000	£18,000	To offset the running costs of the centre for 1997.	£18,000 interim payment.
<b>CONTINUED FROM 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 1997</b>					
Strathclyde Youth Club Association	£5,892		Director of Finance to Report	5% of total projected running costs for 1997/98.	£1,000
Clydebank Burgh Band	£2,370		Continue	To restore the heating system. At working Group on 6/2/97 it was decided that E.Walker would try to find out who owned the premises.	Continue
Faifley, Hardgate and Duntocher Area Centre	£39,480	£38,330	£19,165.00	For employee, property and administration costs and supplies and services. At working Group meeting on 6/2/97 it was decided that E.Walker would report.	£19,165 interim payment.
Duntocher Boys Club	£1,500		Continue	For trophies, small sided goals, football strips, refereeing costs and hire of parks. A letter was sent to the group re affiliation with the Clydebank Sports Council, no reply received, Lorraine phoned the Group requesting a reply on 6/2/97.	

**LOCAL APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT APRIL 1997 FINANCE MEETING**

Organisation	Grant Requested	Previous Grant	Recommendation of Member/Officer Working Group	Comments	Decision
<b>Dumbarton Trades union Council</b>	£500		£500	To pay for publicity, food and refreshments and a promotion of Trade Union Principles on May Day.	£500
<b>Vale of Leven Resource Centre</b>	£6,000		Director of Finance to Report.	To pay for wages, insurance, maintenance and repairs, fees and leasing, stationery, postage and advertising, telephone plus purchases. £1,000 interim grant by Director of Education under delegated powers on 27/3/97.	£2,500 for equipment only.
<b>Clydebank Unemployed Community Resource Centre</b>	£56,915	£53,000	£26,500	For employment costs, administration, premises costs and other expenditure	£26,500 interim payment
<b>Knowetop Community Farm</b>	£46,500		Director of Finance to Report.	To provide running costs, ie wages, feeding, electricity, telephone, insurance inland revenue and general costs. £1,000 interim grant by Director of Education under delegated powers on 27/3/97.	£15,000 interim payment.
<b>Brucehill Girls Group</b>	£500		Director of Finance to Report.	To enable the Group to take 20 kids away for a weekend which will instruct them on the dangers of drugs.	Continue
<b>Get Up and Go Group</b>	£650		Director of Finance to Report.	To purchase educational toys, trips to the zoo, transport, swimming and a pantomime.	Continue
<b>The Guide Association – guide County of Dunbarton</b>	£500	£2000	Nil	To enable 36 adults to attend a Scottish training centre	Nil
<b>Saturday Arts Club</b>	£300		£300	To purchase arts and crafts materials.	£300
<b>Vale of Leven Baptist Church</b>	£19,760.04		Nil	To re-roof the church halls	Nil
<b>Haldane Teenage Action Group</b>	£500		Nil	To put towards a day trip to Alton Towers, hire of coach, admission costs and food.	Nil
<b>East Clydebank Credit Union</b>	£3,000		Nil	To upgrade computer equipment.	Nil
<b>West Dunbartonshire Health Promotion Project</b>	£125,237		Director of Finance to Report.	To enable group to continue their current programme. £1,000 interim grant by Director of Education under delegated powers on 27/3/97.	£15,000 interim payment.
<b>Dumbarton and District Citizen's Advice Centre</b>	unstated	£73,133	£36,566.50	To allow the Bureau to continue to work in the coming twelve months.	£36,566.50 interim payment.
<b>Clydebank Citizens Advice Bureau</b>	£64,850	£63,700	£31,850	For 1997/98 administration costs.	£31,850 interim payment.
<b>West of Scotland Playscheme Advisory Forum</b>	£5,820	£5,921	£5,820	For playscheme travel passes and other expenses	£5,820

**LOCAL APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT APRIL 1997 FINANCE MEETING**

Organisation	Grant Requested	Previous Grant	Recommendation of Member/Officer Working Group	Comments	Decision
<b>Local Playschemes</b>			£11,032.00	Per report by Director of Education. (attached)	£11,032
<b>Dalmonach Disabled Club</b>	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000	For one week holiday for 36 people and eight helpers in the two caravans based in Blackpool.	£2,000
<b>Denny Tank Museum</b>	£49,000			Running costs.	£49,000 from the Common Good Fund to be paid by instalments.
<b>Clydebank District Pipe Band</b>	£1,200			For travel and incidental costs to Argenteuil to promote West Dunbartonshire in their Scottish week.	£1,200

**LOCAL APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT APRIL 1997 FINANCE MEETING**

Organisation	Grant Requested	Previous Grant	Recommendation of Member/Officer Working Group	Comments	Decision
<b>Scottish Council for Single homeless</b>	£988		Director of Finance to Report.	Contribution to core activities including the continuing employment of a small staff team plus running costs.	To be passed to the Housing Department.
<b>PHACE West</b>	£2,455		Director of Finance to Report	Proportional contribution to core costs of Service Delivery to local residents who are affected by HIV and AIDS.	Continue.
<b>Sounds of Progress</b>	£1,000		Director of Finance to Report	To cover the costs of 2 music workshops in schools in West Dunbartonshire.	£1,000
<b>The Poverty Alliance</b>	£20,000		Director of Finance to Report	To go towards administration and fieldwork costs.	£10,000 interim payment.
<b>SALVO</b>	see COSLA		Nil	To maintain and develop the arts scene in Scotland and provide advice to local authorities and arts organisations.	Nil
<b>Commonwealth Games Council for Scotland</b>	not stated		Nil	To clothe, equip and transport the Scottish Team to the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur in 1998.	Nil
<b>Scottish Low Pay Unit</b>	£3,050.90	£1,065	£1,065	Contribution to general running costs.	£1,065
<b>The David Tolkein Trust for Stoke Mandeville</b>	£8,000		Nil	To provide equipment and/or services to the National Spinal Injuries Centre at the hospital.	Nil
<b>The West of Scotland Lesbian and Gay Forum</b>	£2,319		Director of Finance to Report	To be allocated proportionately towards the costs of service delivery.	Continue.
<b>Safe Energy Unit</b>	£300		Nil	To contribute towards the core activities of the Safe Energy Unit.	Nil
<b>Council for Scottish Archaeology (CSA)</b>	£200		£200	To help establish a young archaeologists' club in West Dunbartonshire.	£200





**APPENDIX II to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on 23rd April, 1997**

EXCERPT MINUTE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE MEETING OF WEST  
DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL OF 23RD APRIL 1997

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

At a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held within the Council Offices,  
Dumbarton on Wednesday, 23rd April, 1997.

**Present:** Provost Patrick O'Neill (LAB) and Councillors Mary Campbell (LAB), Daniel McCafferty (LAB), Andrew White (LAB), James Doherty (LAB), George Cairney (LAB), James McCallum (LAB & CO-OP), James Flynn (LAB), John Wailes (SNP), Ronnie McColl (SNP), John McCutcheon (SNP) and Craig McLaughlin ((SNP) substituting for Councillor Mackechnie):

**Attending:** Michael J. Watters, Chief Executive; Ian Leitch, Depute Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council; Eric Walker, Director of Finance; John Bak, Head of Personnel and Training; Mary Cullen, Head of Corporate Policy and Public Relations and Angela Clements, Head of Information Services.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence from the meeting were intimated on behalf of Councillors Duncan Mills (LAB), Alistair Macdonald (LAB) and James McElhill (SNP).

**Councillor Mary Campbell in the Chair**

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**EXCERPT MINUTE**

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Committee approved of the following Resolution:

"That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Act."

**COUNCIL ADVERTISING CONTRACT**

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Wailes declared an interest in this item of business and thereafter left the meeting during discussion thereof

There was submitted report by the Head of Corporate Policy and Public Relations advising the Committee of the bids returned from those invited to tender for the Council advertising contract 1997/98. The bids had been invited on the basis of the annual cost of a weekly Council news page and the annual cost of a quarterly eight page Council newspaper appearing as an insert and carrying Licensing Board advertising. The report compared the costs involved and also referred to other matters of relevance to the bids, including circulation in the Clydebank and Dumbarton and Vale of Leven areas and the communication of information to the public. It also outlined the four options available to the Committee and the merits of each.

The Committee, having regard to value for money, agreed that option (iii) in respect of the Lennox Herald and Clydebank Post bid, as outlined in the report by the Head of Corporate Policy and Public Relations, be approved and to recommend accordingly to Council.

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