

Agenda



West Dunbartonshire Council

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Dear Member

Please attend a meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** as detailed above.

The Convener has directed that the powers contained in Section 43 of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 will be used and Members will attend the meeting remotely.

The business is shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

JOYCE WHITE

Chief Executive

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WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 26 MAY 2021

AGENDA

1 STATEMENT BY CHAIR

2 APOLOGIES

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to declare if they have an interest in any of the items of business on this agenda and the reasons for such declarations.

4 RECORDING OF VOTES

The Council is asked to agree that all votes taken during the meeting will be done by roll call vote to ensure an accurate record.

5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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Submit for approval the undernoted Minutes of Meetings of West Dunbartonshire Council:-

- (a) Special Meeting - 24 February 2021
- (b) Ordinary Meeting – 24 February 2021
- (c) Ordinary Meeting – 3 March 2021 and
- (d) Ordinary Meeting - 22 March 2021

6 MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

43 - 46

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of Meeting of the Audit Committee held on 18 November 2020.

7 OPEN FORUM

The following questions have been submitted:-

(a)/

(a) Question from Susan Dick – Land owned by Susan Dick

I would like to know what actual steps are being taken to come to an amicable solution to the situation in regards to removal of land from my ownership.

I don't want to know what you are saying you are doing I want to know what you are actually doing as up to now these have been very different activities and nothing has moved on in the last 8 yrs - since our knowledge of these plans came to light.

I'd like the answer to include what has been and what will be done to source suitable alternative land, visits to potential suitable sites and testing/preparation of suitable sites. I do not wish to be told of the offering of unsuitable land on a leased basis as that's not an attempt to come to an amicable solution.

The answer should also include what do you intend to do to resolve amicably the issue of the graves and bodies of the 2 deceased ponies on site.

Timescales should also be included in the answer.

The main but not the only concerns I have are the provision of a suitable forever home for my chronically ill ponies, the safeguarding of the graves of the 2 ponies buried on site and the provision of a suitable venue which will allow me to continue with the pony therapy business.

(b) Question from Graham Parton – Land at Milton as part of Exxon Deal

I am the partner of Susan Dick who is the owner of the land you wish to acquire. Land at Milton as part of Exxon deal.

Susan and myself have been nothing other than accommodating over this issue, we have always answered promptly and supplied all information asked for.

A few weeks ago and not for the first time more contractors have accessed our land seemingly under the impression that it belonged to West Dunbartonshire Council.

They have actually dug up our road, destroyed trees and fencing and dumped rubble onto the field. We have confirmation that this was caused by WDC.

There have as mentioned above been other occasions when either damage has been caused by your contractors or contractors have been on our land without prior notification and of course surveys have also been carried out without our prior knowledge or consent. The damage caused during soil testing by WDC contractors which I am not allowed to mention is a separate incident to this most recent one.

A partial flood survey was carried out without permission and damage was caused a few years ago, a tree survey carried out without permission and a bat survey again without permission. These are just the ones we know about. Either discovered due to the resultant damage caused or because we read the reports in the Exxon planning documents.

Why are we not notified of these excursions onto our land and why is the damage not owned up to and compensated for?

You all know our contact details and so I'd like to know why you don't notify us beforehand nor pay for the resultant damage

8 GLASGOW CITY REGION CITY DEAL - UPDATE 47 - 132

Submit report by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration providing an update on the implementation of the Glasgow City Region, City Deal.

9 COVID-19 UPDATE To Follow

Submit report by the Chief Executive on the above.

10 RESPONSE TO MOTION TO COUNCIL – 3 MARCH 2021 133 - 137
KILPATRICK HILLS

Submit report by the Chief Officer – Shared Services Roads and Neighbourhood providing a response to the motion approved at the West Dunbartonshire Council meeting held on 3 March 2021 in relation to the use of Kilpatrick Hills.

11 USE AND PAYMENT OF CASUAL WORKERS 139 - 150

Submit report by the Chief Officer – People and Technology providing a summary of the use and payment of casual workers over the last year (2020/21).

12 OLDER PEOPLE'S CHAMPION 151 - 160

Submit report by the Chief Officer – Citizens, Culture & Facilities on a request from the Scottish Older People's Assembly (SOPA) and Age Scotland for all local authorities to consider appointing an Elected Member as an Older People's Champion.

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13 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

(a) Motion by Councillor Jim Bolla – Leamy Foundation

Council agrees in principle to accept the Leamy Foundation, a registered charity, No SC045684, as a "Strategic Partner" subject to successful negotiations between the relevant Council officers, the Leamy trustees, plus final approval by WDC. The Leamy Foundation currently works in partnership with WDC Greenspace on various projects and with Education on the "Learn & Grow" project across our Schools and Nurseries. Council agrees discussions between both parties should start as soon as practicable

(b) Motion by Councillor Daniel Lennie - Proposed Memorials at Clydebank, Dumbarton and Vale of Leven

The Council acknowledges the heartache, pain and suffering that the Covid19 pandemic inflicted upon local residents in both halves of the local authority area.

Council recognises the calls by our communities for some sort of memorial to allow us to recognise and commemorate the loss of loved ones.

The memorial could be in the form of a garden, a plaque, a public artwork or other physical representation where families could attend throughout the year at a time of significance to them such as a birthday, religious holiday or the date the family member died.

There could also be an option of an annual day of remembrance, where family and friends come together for a service of remembrance.

In addition, the commemoration could also make reference to all the key workers who provided help and support throughout the public health emergency and who often comforted families and loved ones in their time of need.

The location and type of memorial should be decided by the residents of Clydebank and Dumbarton and the Vale of Leven respectively.

The council should contribute to the costs but we should also open this up to public subscription so that individuals and groups can have an opportunity to contribute and so they can help to shape the final memorial for Clydebank and the one for Dumbarton and the Vale of Leven.

A full report should be brought to a future Council meeting for consideration by Councillors which should include feedback from our communities.

The report should be mindful that some vulnerable people may have died in the early pandemic in our communities and in care homes when testing was not readily available.

(c) Motion by Councillor David McBride – Delivery of Services during Public Health Emergency

This Council acknowledges the challenges faced by all our staff in delivering effective services to residents during the public health emergency.

A concern highlighted by residents has been the difficulty in contacting the council, this has included the phones going unanswered; and for those who do get through they can find themselves being passed from pillar to post with no resolution.

In addition, tenants who have submitted enquires via email, have also highlighted that they have been unlikely to receive a response from Council staff.

There are issues of concern around claims that Occupational Therapy assessments now have waiting lists over a year long. This service is vital to vulnerable adults who have suffered health issues such as a stroke which has impacted on their mobility and independence. Without an OT assessment, they are unable to receive the aids and adaptation needed to allow them to live comfortably at home.

Another concern raised by residents are the delays for those who are awaiting notification about council housing or a move to another tenancy. It appears that these families have been significantly impacted during COVID. An example of this is that tenants are experiencing stress and anxiety as they have often all been stuck at home during the pandemic in housing which is overcrowded and have nowhere else to go to causing a detrimental effect on their mental health.

This Council is also concerned about the backlog in housing repairs. In particular tenants want to know how long it will take to clear the existing emergency repairs; they also want a timeline of when outstanding routine repairs that are already in the system will be completed; and finally, they want to know when the council will open up to taking on new repairs which they have been unable to report over the last year.

Given the above concerns, this Council calls for a full report to be presented to the June Council meeting for consideration by elected members.

