

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

At a Special Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held in the Civic Space, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 25 May 2022 at 4.00 p.m.

Present: Provost Douglas McAllister and Councillors Jim Bollan, Karen Conaghan, Ian Dickson, Diane Docherty, Craig Edward, Gurpreet Johal, Daniel Lennie, David McBride, Jonathan McColl, James McElhill, Michelle McGinty, June McKay, John Millar, Lauren Oxley, Chris Pollock, Martin Rooney, Gordon Scanlan, Hazel Sorrell, Clare Steel and Sophie Traynor.

Attending: Joyce White, Chief Executive; Peter Hessem, Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration (Legal Officer); Peter Barry, Chief Officer – Housing and Employability; Clare English, Communities Manager; Suzanne Mason, Community Empowerment Officer; George Hawthorn, Manager – Democratic and Registration Services and Christine McCaffary, Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Also Attending: Mick Doyle, Scottish Community Development Centre.

Apologies: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Lawrence O'Neill.

STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Provost Douglas McAllister advised that the meeting was being audio streamed and broadcast live to the internet and would be available for playback.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda at this point in the meeting.

RECORDING OF VOTES

The Provost advised that as all Elected Members were present in the Civic Space there was no requirement for any votes to be taken by roll call, unless this was requested in accordance with Standing Order 26.

REVIEW OF THE SCHEME FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Housing and Employability providing an update on the third and final phase of consultation on the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils (the Scheme) which ran for 4 weeks from 9 March until 5 April 2022 and presenting the conclusions and the final documents produced.

Having heard officers and Mick Doyle, Scottish Community Development Centre in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Council agreed:-

- (1) to review the findings of the third phase of consultation, as outlined in the SCDC report shown as Appendix 1 to the report, including proposed changes to boundaries;
- (2) to approve the final Scheme (Appendix 2 to the report), Model Constitution, Code of Conduct and Standing orders (Appendix 3 to the report);
- (3) to approve the Handbook for Community Councils, for publication online and in paper format, as supplementary guidance to the Scheme; and
- (4) to agree to implement the Scheme and associated documents and support Community Council elections in October 2022.

The meeting closed at 4.24 p.m.