

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

18 September, 2003

**MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2003
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
STATION ROAD
DUMBARTON**

Dear Member,

Please attend a Meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** to be held in the **Council Chambers, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton** on Wednesday, 24 September 2003 at 7.00 p.m. **Please note the change of venue.**

The business is as shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

TIM HUNTINGFORD

Chief Executive

Distribution:-

All Members of West Dunbartonshire Council.

Chief Executive

Director of Corporate Services

Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services

Director of Education and Cultural Services

Director of Commercial and Technical Services

Director of Social Work and Housing Services

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. HEALTH SERVICES

In accordance with the decision of Council on 27 August 2003, John Mullin, Chairman of the Argyll and Clyde NHS Board and Neil Campbell, Chief Executive, Argyll and Clyde NHS, have agreed to attend this meeting to discuss the provision of health services in the West Dunbartonshire area.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 1 - 19)

Submit for approval as a correct record, Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 27 August 2003.

**4. MINUTES OF AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE
(Pages 21 - 32)**

Submit for information and where necessary ratification, Minutes of Meeting the Audit and Performance Review Committee held on 27 August 2003.

5. OPEN FORUM

The following questions have been submitted to Council for consideration:-

**(a) Mr James Anderson, 28A Riddell Street, Clydebank
Installation of Step Lift**

We would like to know why my wife is needing a step lift to enable her to get out of our house? We have to apply for a grant and also planning permission before it can be removed from Beeches Road. The Residents are not having to apply for anything, grant or planning permission because they stay in Council property.

My wife has MS which is incurable. Is MS any different if you stay in a Council House when you have to pay for adaptations?

Why don't the local authority when selling land to housebuilders ask them to include two or three houses suitable for disabled people who are not on the Council housing list?

Why when a house was suitable for people with a disability was it restored to a house suitable for a family? How much did it cost to convert it originally and how much did it cost to restore it to a house suitable for a family. It beggars disbelief.

(b) Mr Charlie McDermott, 6 Crannog Court, Milton, Dumbarton
Quarries near Milton – Planning Applications

What is happening with regards to the 2 applications submitted by the 2 quarries based near the village of Milton, Dumbarton? I ask this not only for myself but for the many concerned residents of Milton.

As far as I'm aware the quarry at Dumbuckhill has been granted permission to carry out its planned work taking the top off the hill, but when has this work to begin? The other at Sheephill, W. Thompson and Son, again has permission to quarry the whole of Sheephill to within 60 feet of the houses at Miltonhill.

Surely the Council is not going to let this happen what with the ancient ruins on the hill never mind the wildlife, trees etc. Is this planned work going to benefit the residents of Milton, if so can you please explain?

**6. RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON LOCAL GOVERNANCE
(SCOTLAND) BILL (Pages 33 - 68)**

In accordance with the recommendations of the Strategic Policy Group held on 10 September 2003, submit report by the Chief Executive providing a draft response to the Scottish Executive consultation on the Local Governance (Scotland) Bill.

**7. STRATEGIC PLANNING AND BUDGET PROCESS -
THE VISION, VALUES, CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES
(Pages 69 - 93)**

In accordance with the recommendations of the Strategic Policy Group held on 10 September 2003, submit report by the Chief Executive providing details of the vision and values and the strategic objectives for the Council for 2003 – 2007 within the context of the draft joint planning and budget guidance.

8. BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (Pages 95 - 108)

Submit report by the Director of Corporate Services seeking the Council's approval of a response to the Scottish Executive's consultation paper on Business Improvement Districts.

9. BUILDING STRONG, SAFE AND ATTRACTIVE COMMUNITIES – COMMUNITY WARDEN SERVICE (Pages 109 - 111)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services seeking Council approval of 6 areas to receive a Community Warden Service from April 2004.

10. SITES AT 1, 3 & 5 STONYFLATT ROAD, 39 – 51 WHITEFORD AVENUE (ODD NUMBERS), BELLSMYRE (Pages 113 - 115)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services seeking approval to dispose the above sites to a preferred developer for private housing as part of the regeneration proposals for Bellsmyre.

11. CONFERENCE/SEMINAR

(a) BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (BIDS) – CAN THEY WORK IN SCOTLAND?

Council is asked to homologate the attendance of Councillor Andrew White at the above Conference which was held in the Radisson SAS Hotel, Glasgow on 23 September 2003. The cost per delegate was £50 plus VAT.

(b) THE NEW ETHICAL FRAMEWORK AND COUNCILLOR'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Council is invited to nominate a member to attend the COSLA/SOLAR Seminar on 'The New Ethical Framework and Councillor's Code Of Conduct' to be held on 3 October 2003 in Rosebery House, Edinburgh. The cost per delegate is £70 plus VAT.

For information on the above agenda please contact George Hawthorn, Senior Administrative Officer, Legal and Administrative Services, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton, G82 3PU on Tel: (01389) 737204 or e-mail: george.hawthorn@west-dunbarton.gov.uk.

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Dear Member,

REPLACEMENT NOTICE – CONFIRMATION OF VENUE

I refer to the notice calling the meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 24 September 2003 which **incorrectly** stated in the heading that the meeting would be held in the Municipal Buildings, Station Road, Dumbarton. Please note that the venue for this meeting has been changed and will be held in the **Council Chambers, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton.**

Please accept my apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

Yours faithfully

TIM HUNTINGFORD

Chief Executive

