

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

At a Requisitioned Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held by video conference on Monday, 31 January 2022 at 1.06 p.m.

Present: Depute Provost Karen Conaghan, Bailie Denis Agnew and Councillors Jim Bolland, Jim Brown, Gail Casey, Ian Dickson, Diane Docherty, Jim Finn, Daniel Lennie, Caroline McAllister, Douglas McAllister, David McBride, Jonathan McColl, Iain McLaren, Marie McNair, John Mooney, Lawrence O'Neill, Sally Page, Martin Rooney and Brian Walker.

Attending: Joyce White, Chief Executive; Peter Hesselton, Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration (Legal Officer); Christine McCaffary, Senior Democratic Services Officer and Lynn Straker, Committee Officer.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Provost William Hendrie and Councillor John Millar

Depute Provost Karen Conaghan in the Chair

STATEMENT BY CHAIR – AUDIO STREAMING

Depute Provost Conaghan 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 the item of business on the agenda.

RECORDING OF VOTES

The Council agreed that all votes taken during the meeting would be done by roll call vote to ensure an accurate record.

OPPOSITION TO PLANNED SCOTRAIL TICKET OFFICE REDUCTIONS IN WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

The Depute Provost advised that, in terms of Standing Order No.3(b), Councillors Douglas McAllister, Martin Rooney, John Millar, David McBride, Lawrence O'Neill, John Mooney, Gail Casey and Daniel Lennie had submitted the following motion:-

Opposition to Planned ScotRail Ticket Office Reductions in West Dunbartonshire.

This Council is concerned with ScotRail's consultation which proposes reductions to train station ticket office and opening hours at the following train stations:

- Clydebank,
- Singer,
- Dalmuir,
- Alexandria,
- Balloch,
- Dumbarton Central, and
- Dalreoch.

Council encourages members of the public to complete the consultation opposing these cuts.

Council notes that a petition has been created by local campaigners against these cuts and members of the public are encouraged to support the petition to protect the services.

Therefore, Council agrees that the Chief Executive should make formal representation to ScotRail's Chief Executive and the Scottish Government's Minister for Transport reaffirming West Dunbartonshire Council's opposition to the ticket office and opening hours reductions in West Dunbartonshire.

Any requisitioned Council meeting must call on or before 2nd Feb 2022, which is the last date to respond to ScotRail's 21 day consultation exercise.

Councillor McColl asked Councillor Douglas McAllister if he would accept the following as an addendum to the motion:-

Insert after the paragraph the references the public petition:-

Council agrees to use its social media to publicise both the consultation and the petition by sharing the following links and asking members of the public to sign and respond.

www.megaphone.org.uk/petitions/stop-the-cuts-to-scotrail-ticket-offices

www.scotrail.co.uk/scotrail-ticket-office-consultation

Council agrees that a 21 day consultation on such major change to services is not enough and calls on ScotRail to extend and properly publicise the consultation.

Bailie Agnew then asked if Drumry Station could added to the list.

Councillor Douglas McAllister confirmed his acceptance to both addendums, and the motion was then seconded by Bailie Agnew.

Following discussion, the Council agreed the motion with addendums.

The meeting closed at 1.53 p.m.