

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

20 November 2003

**MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2003
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
COLLEGE STREET (OFF STATION ROAD)
DUMBARTON**

Dear Member,

Please attend a Meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** to be held in the **Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, College Street (Off Station Road), Dumbarton** on Wednesday, 26 November 2003 at 7.00 p.m.

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 AND SAFETY - PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Provost Macdonald will present Certificates of Merit to the undernoted officers/teams in recognition of their contributions to the development of Health and Safety in their workplace:-

Anne Brennan, Deputy Manager, Langcraigs Older Care Centre, Social Work and Housing Services.

Risk Assessment Group, Clydebank – DLO, Social Work and Housing Services.

Risk Assessment Group, Dumbarton – DLO, Social Work and Housing Services.

James Kerr, Area Supervisor Cleansing, Commercial and Technical Services.

3. OPEN FORUM

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

(a) Jacqueline Murray, Autism A.W.A.R.E, 9 (G/R) Knoxland Square, Dumbarton - Change Fund

How much Change Fund money did our local authority receive?
How was this money spent? How did people with learning disabilities and carers help to decide this? What did this Council do for Autism Awareness Week? The Scottish Executive did set out specific tasks for Councils.

**(b) Gillian Bolton, 85 Westcliff, Dumbarton -
Conduct Disorder (Pilot Project)**

Who initiated the pilot project? Why? Who was the Clinical Psychologist assessing these children? How many children are involved? What are the strategies set out for the individual child?

As a parent of an autistic boy, I believe my son would so benefit from therapies such as Behavioural Management, Self Control Instruction, Social Skills Enhancement, all therapies that will be made available to the children who enter the project although for different types of problems these therapies are beneficial to our children's development and opens the opportunity for Inclusion. As a parent I would like to see the Draft for the Pilot Project on Conduct Disorder.

**(c) Rosemary A. Harvie, 82 Bonhill Road, Dumbarton -
Unstable Drain Covers in the roads of Dumbarton**

Can anything be done to alleviate the problem of unstable drain covers in the roads of Dumbarton?

The residents of Bonhill road have suffered from the noise of rattling drain covers for many months, in spite of reporting this on numerous occasions. I have spoken to Scottish Water on at least five occasions and been assured that the matter is being dealt with. Earlier this year four drain covers were reported, 2 at the top of Bonhill Road and 2 at the junction with Round Riding Road. Within a few days one of the covers was repaired, but the others were not touched. I have spoken to Scottish water again this week and been told that sometimes permission is required from the local council to close the road in order to effect a repair on a drain cover.

Could the Council please investigate this matter and do whatever is necessary to ensure that Scottish Water carries out inspections and repairs pro-actively, rather than relying on residents to report rattling drain covers and to ensure that council officials co-operate with Scottish Water whenever necessary?

4. SCOTTISH WATER - PRESENTATION

Mr Jon Hargreaves (Chief Executive), Mr Peter Farrer (GM Operations – SW Scotland) and Mr Alan Thomson (Head of Strategic Liaison) from Scottish Water will be in attendance to provide information on recent developments and to answer questions for Members.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 1 - 10)

Submit for approval as a correct record, Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 29 October 2003.

6. MINUTES OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE (Pages 11 - 15)

Submit for information and where necessary ratification, Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 8 October 2003.

7. BARLINNIE PRISON VISITING COMMITTEE

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of Council on 25 June 2003, when a report on Representation on Outside Bodies had been considered, Council is asked to note that the nomination of a lay person to serve on the Barlinnie Prison Visiting Committee is still to be determined.

In the event that Council is unable to nominate suitable person, it is recommended that an advert be placed in the local press and thereafter the Chief Executive be delegated responsibility to select a suitable person.

8. REMIT FROM LICENSING COMMITTEE – FEE FOR LICENSING LATE HOURS CATERING

With reference to the Minutes of Meetings of the Licensing Committee held on 6 August 2003 and 1 October 2003, it is recommended that the fee for the Licensing of Late Hours Catering be set at £220.

Council is asked to note that in accordance with the relevant Legislation, the Resolution was published in local press and subsequently the Licensing Committee agreed to recommend the Resolution to Council.

9. REMIT FROM CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE: HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES (Pages 17 - 20)

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Children's Services Committee held on 19 November 2003, submit excerpt minute and report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services recommending that a senior officer from each of Argyll and Clyde and Greater Glasgow Health Boards be in attendance at future meetings of the Children's Services Committee in a non-voting capacity.

10. PROVISION FOR PUPILS WITH LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATIONS DISORDERS AT THE SECONDARY SCHOOL STAGE

(Pages 21 - 27)

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Children's Services Committee held on 19 November 2003, submit excerpt minute and report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services recommending that Council approves increased capital and revenue budgetary provision to meet the implementation of the plans for a Communications Support Service in the Vale of Leven Academy.

11. BUILDING OUR FUTURE: THE REGENERATION OF THE SCHOOL'S ESTATE

(Pages 29 - 37)

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of Council on 25 June 2003, submit report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services setting the context in which the regeneration of schools' estate requires to be taken forward.

12. FIRE DAMAGE AT HILL STREET, BRUCEHILL

(Pages 39 - 40)

Submit report by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services seeking approval to demolish 8 four-in-a-block flats at 10, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19 and 23 Hill Street, Brucehill, Dumbarton, following a series of fires.

13. CONSULTATION ON SCOTLAND'S TRANSPORT PROPOSALS FOR A NEW APPROACH TO TRANSPORT IN SCOTLAND

(Pages 41 - 51)

Submit report by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services seeking approval of a response to the 7 consultation questions contained within Section C of Scotland's Transport – Proposals for a new approach to Transport in Scotland.

14. ROYAL SCOTTISH PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIP – MAY 2005

(Pages 53 - 58)

Submit report by the Director of Corporate Services:-

- (a) providing an update on the request by the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association (RSPBA) for West Dunbartonshire Council to host the 2005 Scottish Pipe Band Championship; and
- (b) requesting that further consideration be given to the level of sponsorship offered by this Council.

15. ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 2002-2003 (Pages 59 - 97)

Submit report by the Director of Corporate Services on the audited Abstract of Accounts for the Year to 31 March 2003.

16. AUDIT SCOTLAND – FINAL AUDIT REPORT FOR MEMBERS 2002/2003 (Pages 99 - 132)

Submit report by the Director of Corporate Services requesting the Council to consider the Auditor's Final Audit Report for 2002/2003.

17. CIVIL PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION: A LEGAL STATUS FOR COMMITTED SAME-SEX COUPLES IN SCOTLAND (Pages 133 - 140)

Submit report by the Chief Executive informing the Council of proposals to introduce Civil Partnership Registration in Scotland and seeking approval of a proposed response to the Scottish Executive Consultation Document "Civil Partnership Registration: A legal Status for Committed Same-Sex Couples in Scotland".

18. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CLYDEBANK ASBESTOS GROUP: PROTEST AGAINST AMERICAN CARGO SHIP (Page 141)

Submit correspondence received from the Clydebank Asbestos Group seeking this Council support of Hartlepool Council's stance to oppose American Cargo Ships being sent to Hartlepool to be broken up.

19. ST. ANDREW'S DAY MARCH AND RALLY AGAINST RACISM AND FASCISM (Pages 143 - 146)

Submit correspondence from the Scottish Trades Union Congress informing Council of the Annual St Andrew's Day March and Rally Against Racism and Fascism which will be held on Saturday 29 November 2003 in the Square, Salt Market (near Glasgow Green) at approximately 12 noon.

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**20. ATTENDANCE OF PROVOST MACDONALD AT MEETING TO DEBATE
GAELIC LANGUAGE BILL (Page 147)**

Submit report by the Director of Corporate Services seeking approval of the attendance of Provost Macdonald at a meeting convened to debate the provisions of a proposed Gaelic Language Bill.

21. CONFERENCES:-

**(a) INVOLVING OLDER PEOPLE: LESSONS FOR COMMUNITY
PLANNING & THE WAY AHEAD**

Council is invited to nominate a Member to attend the above COSLA Conference which will take place on 1 December 2003 in the Thistle Hotel, Cambridge Street, Glasgow. The Conference will focus on research on how Scottish Local authorities and their partners involve older people and will consider what is needed to support the involvement of older people in developing better governance and services for older people. The cost per delegate is £150 plus VAT.

**(b) EQUAL FUTURES: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE BUILDING
RACIAL EQUALITY**

Council is invited to nominate a Member to attend the above Conference which will take place on 2 December 2003 in the SECC, Glasgow. The purpose of the Conference is to emphasise the roles, contributions, expectations and needs of children and young people, and will bring together children, young people and practitioners from all sectors to illustrate the principles of translating racial equality into practice.

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