

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU

20 June 2008

MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

**WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2008
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COUNCIL OFFICES
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Dear Member,

Please attend a Meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** to be held in the **Council Chambers, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton, on Wednesday, 25 June 2008 at 7.00 p.m.**

The business is as shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

DAVID MCMILLAN

Chief Executive

Distribution:-

All Members of West Dunbartonshire Council.

Chief Executive

Executive Director of Corporate Services

Executive Director of Educational Services

Executive Director of Social Work and Health

Executive Director of Housing, Environmental & Economic Development

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Submit for approval, as a correct record, the Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 28 May 2008.

3. CORPORATE PARENTING – PRESENTATION BY ANNA FOWLIE, SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

Anna Fowlie, Care and Justice Division, Scottish Government, will give a presentation on Corporate Parenting.

Submit for information, an excerpt from the Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on 26 March 2008 together with the joint report by the Executive Director of Social Work and Health and the Executive Director of Educational Services providing the Council with information on the Report “Looked After Children and Young People – We Can and Must Do Much Better”.

4. OPEN FORUM

The undernoted question has been submitted to the Council:-

Walter Graham, Parkhall, North Kilbowie & Central Community Council – Final Draft of Local Plan

We wish to ask the following question with regards to the final draft of the local plan which advocates a change of status for the “Dalmuir Wedge” (the area of Auchentoshan Wood, Dalmuir Golf Course and Dalmuir Park) from Green belt to Public Open Space.

If “Public Open Space” affords equal protection to Green Belt as claimed, why do Council officials want to change the status, and spend public money on consultants to justify this change when Scottish Executive Planning Policy documents SPP11 and SPP21 suggest that green belt wedges are allowable and desirable in built up areas, yet there is so much emphasis on removing the green wedge, which is a major asset to our town’s environment.

5. MINUTES OF THE AUDIT & PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON 11 JUNE 2008

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of meeting of the Audit & Performance Review Committee held on 11 June 2008.

6. BUDGET 2008/2009 – ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTAL SAVINGS

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing an update on developments to address the budget decision to identify a further 1% efficiency savings by April 2009.

7. CLASS SIZE REDUCTION

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on 27 February 2008, submit report by the Executive Director of Educational Services advising the Council of the costs of implementing the Scottish Government's policy to reduce class sizes in P1, P2 and P3 to a maximum of 18.

8. BUILDING OUR FUTURE (SCHOOLS PPP) PROJECT UPDATE

Submit report by the Executive Director of Educational Services providing the Council with an update on progress in the Building Our Future (Schools PPP) Project.

9. LOMOND COURT EVACUATION – 19/20 MAY 2008

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on 28 May 2008, submit report by the Chief Executive providing the Council with an update on the Council's response to the evacuation of Lomond Court, Dumbarton on 19 May 2008.

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10. TAXI CARD SCHEME

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on 26 March 2008, submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing the Council with information on the possible introduction of a Taxi Card Scheme.

11. DRAFT STANDARD DELIVERY PLAN

Submit report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development:-

- (a) advising the Council of the issues raised in the Draft Standard Delivery Plan;
- (b) seeking in principle agreement to progress the development of the recommended option for the future viability of the Council's housing stock; and
- (c) asking the Council if it wishes all regeneration areas to be added to the recommended option and seeking approval to consult on this plan and report back to the October Council meeting.

12. MILTON COMMUNITY FACILITY

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on 30 January 2008, submit report by Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development providing the Council with an update on the progress to date in engaging with the local community to determine a way forward in providing a community facility in Milton.

13. HOUSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006 – CONSULTATION ON DRAFT GUIDANCE AND REGULATIONS

Submit report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development providing information on a consultation on the implications of major changes being introduced which affect the private housing sector and seeking agreement for officers to compile an appropriate response by the deadline of 1 July 2008.

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14. BEST VALUE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing an update on progress on the Council's Best Value Improvement Plan.

15. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENTS

Submit report by the Chief Executive presenting the West Dunbartonshire Council Single Outcome Agreement for 2008.

16. PROPOSALS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SINGLE STATUS AGREEMENT

Submit report by the Chief Executive:-

- (a) providing an update on the decision taken by Council at the Special Meeting on 14 May 2008 in relation to implementation of the Single Status Agreement;
- (b) highlighting the significant financial implications associated with the Council decision; and
- (c) identifying key risks in relation to the continued delivery of best value and affordable services including the potential impact on staffing levels resulting directly from the proposed changes to Terms & Conditions of Service.

17. PROPOSED CHANGES TO COMMITTEE TIMETABLE

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services asking the Council to consider making changes to the existing Committee timetable.

18. CHANGES TO OUTSIDE BODIES/JOINT BOARDS/PARTNERSHIPS

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services asking the Council to consider making changes to nominations to outside bodies/joint boards/partnerships.

19. A FAIRER LOCAL TAX FOR SCOTLAND – CONSULTATION PAPER

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services recommending a Council response to the consultation paper issued by the Scottish Government titled 'A Fairer Local Tax for Scotland'.

20. SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services making recommendations on the Draft Model Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils and Draft Code of Conduct for Community Councils.

21. TAKING FORWARD THE GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC STRATEGY: TACKLING POVERTY, INEQUALITY AND DEPRIVATION IN SCOTLAND - COUNCIL RESPONSE

Submit report by the Chief Executive:-

- (a) informing the Council of the results of the consultation process within the Council on a Scottish Executive discussion paper entitled 'Taking forward the Government Economic Strategy (GES): A discussion paper on Tackling Poverty, Inequality and Deprivation in Scotland'; and
- (b) outlining proposed actions to tackle poverty and draft principles contained in the Government's discussion paper and detailing the results of the consultation.

22. QUESTION

Question by Councillor Rooney to Councillor Robertson, Leader of the Council, on Community Planning Partnership – Services to Users

I recognise that the Community Planning Partnership has decided to end staff contracts and terminate a number of community projects. I believe that the loss of community support capacity and the loss of the experienced and helpful staff will be greatly missed by the many community groups in West Dunbartonshire.

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I also acknowledge the commitment and high quality support that has been provided to the many community groups through the three community resource bases in Alexandria, Clydebank, and Dumbarton, and I would like to record my thanks to the staff for their many years of dedicated service to our communities.

What assurances will the Leader of the Council give to ensure that services to user groups will be maintained once the community bases are closed down by the CPP? Furthermore, what will be the long term future for the three community bases?

23. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Motion by Councillor Jonathan McColl – Disabled Parking Bays

Council supports our Constituency MSP's bill to make disabled parking bays legally enforceable.

This is an issue that all parties should be able to back and as such Council agrees that Cllr Jonathan McColl, Co-Chair of the Equality and Diversity Working Group should write to Jackie Baillie expressing this view and offering any assistance he can.

(b) Motion by Councillor Jonathan McColl – C. Diff at the Vale of Leven Hospital

Council notes with concern the number of people who have died as a result of C. Diff at the Vale of Leven Hospital and we express our condolences to their families and friends.

Council is concerned that NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde appear to have ignored key safety systems, designed to identify and control outbreaks of this nature, over a significant period of time this year.

Council further notes with concern the time NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde have taken to fully inform the Cabinet Secretary for Health & Wellbeing of the extent of the problem.

Council agrees that it was proper for the Cabinet Secretary to wait until she had sight of the Health Board's report before making any announcement regarding an independent enquiry.

Council now calls on the Cabinet Secretary for Health & Wellbeing to announce an independent enquiry into the C. Diff outbreak at the Vale of Leven Hospital.

(c) Motion by Councillor John Millar – Geared Up Club

This Council notes the plan to relocate the Geared Up Club from Central Alexandria to The Network in Haldane.

Council notes that the Geared Up Club have recently been successful in being awarded £9,300 from the Lottery in order to expand their activities in Central Alexandria.

Council further notes that one of the main aspects of the successful funding bid to the Lottery was the fact that the Geared Up Club broke down territorial barriers and was accessible to all young people in the Vale of Leven area that met the Club's age criteria.

Given all the hard work by the members of the Geared Up Club, who have been very well supported by the Community Resource Base Staff, this Council instructs the Chief Executive to bring forward a report that looks at providing the Geared Up Club with suitable premises in Central Alexandria.