

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

At the Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held in the Main Hall, Abbotsford Church Hall, Abbotsford Road, Clydebank, on Wednesday, 27 April 2011 at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Provost Denis Agnew and Councillors George Black, Jim Bolla, Jim Brown, Geoff Calvert, Gail Casey, William Hendrie, Douglas McAllister, David McBride, Jonathan McColl, Ronnie McColl, Jim McElhill, Patrick McGlinchey, Craig McLaughlin, Willie McLaughlin, Marie McNair, John Millar, Iain Robertson, Martin Rooney and May Smillie.

Attending: David McMillan, Chief Executive; Elaine Melrose, Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development; Keith Redpath, Director of West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership; Lynn Townsend, Head of Service (Support); David Connell, Head of Finance and ICT; Jim McAloon, Head of Regeneration and Economic Development; Andrew Fraser, Head of Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

Provost Denis Agnew in the Chair

PROVOST'S REMARKS

At the commencement of the meeting Provost Agnew informed the Council that there would be 2 minutes of silence in remembrance of former Councillor Margaret Bootland who sadly passed away recently after illness and intimated that the funeral service would be held in the Clydebank Crematorium on Tuesday, 3 May 2010 at 3.30 p.m.

Provost Agnew, on behalf of the Council, expressed his sincere condolences to Margaret's family and friends and remarked that she would be greatly missed by all who knew her.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest.

URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS

Provost Agnew informed the Council that he had received a request for an Emergency Notice of Motion and asked the mover of the Motion, Councillor Rooney, to state its terms. Having heard Councillor Rooney inform the Council of the nature of the Emergency Motion and the urgency and having heard from the Legal Officer, the Provost agreed in light of special circumstances and urgency that it would be dealt with at an appropriate point later in the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(a) Special Meeting held on 30 March 2011

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 30 March 2011 were submitted and approved as a correct record, subject to the addition of Councillors Black and O'Neill's name in the sederunt of the meeting.

(b) Ordinary Meeting held on 30 March 2011

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 30 March 2011 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

OPEN FORUM

The Council noted that no open forum questions had been submitted by members of the public.

MINUTES OF THE AUDIT & PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE HELD ON 16 MARCH 2011

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit & Performance Review Committee held on 16 March 2011 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 23 MARCH 2011

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 23 March 2011 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

In relation to the item under the heading 'West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership (CHCP) – Community Engagement Review', the Council agreed to approve an amendment to the Council's Standing Orders in respect of the change to the Community Participation Committee's (CPC's) membership as follows:-

That the membership of the CPC should include formal and specified representation from the Community Health and Care Partnership's Public Partnership Forum.

NOMINATION OF ONE MEMBER TO SERVE ON DUNBRITTON HOUSING ASSOCIATION

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 30 March 2011, the Council agreed to take no action on the nomination of one Member to serve on Dunbritton Housing Association.

CLYDE VALLEY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2011-2016

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development seeking approval for a new 5 year Economic Development Strategy for the Clyde Valley Community Planning Partnership Area.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Regeneration and Economic Development in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Council agreed:-

- (1) to note the terms of the discussion that had taken in respect of this matter;
- (2) to approve the Clyde Valley Community Planning Partnership's Economic Development Strategy 2011-2016; and
- (3) to approve the request of £3,000 Council contribution in year one to develop the Action Plan and design and implement a monitoring and evaluation framework and support the three new Thematic Groups.

CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF POLICING IN SCOTLAND & CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF FIRE AND RESCUE IN SCOTLAND

A report was submitted by the Chief Executive seeking approval for a response to formal consultation on the future of Policing and Fire and Rescue in Scotland. The deadline for responses to the two consultation documents is 5 May 2011.

Following discussion, the Council agreed that individual Members and/or groups would put in their own submissions on the two consultation documents.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE REPROVISION OF AUCHENTOSHAN DAY CENTRE

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 30 March 2011, a report was submitted by the Chief Executive providing Council with an update on the re-provision of Auchentoshan Day Services.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Executive in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Council agreed:-

- (1) to note the terms of the verbal update given by the Chief Executive on the option of utilising Skypoint, Faifley that had received support from service users; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP INVESTMENT 2011/12

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 30 March 2011, submit report by the Chief Executive 'outlining the full details of the £1,397,190 of cuts to the Community Planning Investment Programme'.

The Council agreed to note the contents of the report.

GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT: PERIOD 11 (2010/11)

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing the Council with an update on the Capital Plan for 2010/2011.

The Council agreed to note the position to date as outlined in Appendices I and II of the report.

GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT: PERIOD 11 (2010/11)

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services informing the Council of the performance of the General Services Revenue budget for the period ending 28 February 2011.

After discussion and having heard the relevant officers in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Council agreed to note the contents of the report.

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2010/11 - BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT TO 28 FEBRUARY 2011 (PERIOD 11)

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development providing the Council with an update on the financial performance of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for the period ending 28 February 2011.

The Council agreed to note the contents of the report.

HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010/11 BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT TO 28 FEBRUARY 2011 (PERIOD 11)

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development advising the Council of the progress made on the HRA Capital Programme 2010/11.

After discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development in answer to Members' questions, the Council agreed to note the contents of the report.

EMERGENCY NOTICE OF MOTION

Motion by Councillor Martin Rooney – Leisure Services Staff Concessionary Membership

This Council notes that 59% of Council staff have withdrawn from the Leisure Services concessionary scheme with effect 26 April 2011.

The withdrawals mean that instead of generating income of £100,000 the removal of the concessionary memberships have resulted in the loss of £55,000 revenue.

Council therefore calls on the Chief Executive to bring forward a report to the May Council to facilitate a change to this decision.

Councillor R. McColl asked Councillor Rooney whether he would be willing to accept as an addendum that the report be brought forward to the next meeting of the Housing, Environmental and Economic Development Committee instead of Council. Councillor Rooney indicated he was willing to accept the addendum and, thereafter, the Council agreed to approve the motion by Councillor Rooney, as amended.

The Meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.