

APPEALS COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Appeals Committee held in the Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Thursday 11 May 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

Present: Councillors George Black, Margaret Bootland, Jackie Maceira and James McCallum.

Attending: Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor.

Apology: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Martin Rooney.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

9041 There being no Convener, it was agreed that the meeting be chaired by Councillor Margaret Bootland. Accordingly, Councillor Bootland assumed the Chair for the duration of the meeting.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

9042 The Committee approved the following resolution:-

“That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Act”.

GRIEVANCE APPEAL (REF: APP/06/02)

9043 There were submitted background papers relating to an Appeal which had been submitted to the Council in relation to a grievance. There was also submitted a Note of the procedure to be followed at the Hearing of the Appeal.

9044 The Appellants were represented by Charlie McDonald of the TGWU. The department in which the Appellants were employed was represented by Gavin Walsh, Solicitor.

9045 Mr McDonald presented the case for the Appellants and was then questioned by Mr Walsh and Members of the Committee.

9046 Mr Walsh called Ronald Dinnie, Head of Land Services, as a witness. Mr Dinnie was questioned by Mr Walsh, Mr McDonald and Members of the Committee.

9047 Mr Walsh and then Mr McDonald summed up their respective cases and thereafter both parties withdrew from the meeting. After the Committee had deliberated the matter in private, both parties were re-admitted to the meeting and advised that the Committee found that the grounds of the complaint had not been substantiated and therefore recommended that no compensation be awarded to the Appellants.

The meeting closed at 12.25 pm.