# WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

At a Requisitioned Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Monday, 12 March 2007 at 10.00 a.m.

**Present:** Depute Provost Linda McColl, Councillors Denis Agnew, George Black, Margaret Bootland, Dennis Brogan, Geoff Calvert, Gail Casey, Tony Devine, James Flynn, Jackie Maceira, Douglas McAllister, Duncan McDonald, Margaret McGregor, Craig McLaughlin, Marie McNair, Connie O'Sullivan, Iain Robertson, Martin Rooney and Andy White.

**Attending:** David McMillan, Chief Executive; Stephen Brown, Head of Legal and Administrative Services and Craig Stewart, Administrative Assistant.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Provost Alistair Macdonald and Councillor James McCallum.

**Depute Provost Linda McColl in the Chair**

11798 Councillor Maceira read out a letter informing the Council of the circumstances behind his resignation as Depute Leader of the Council.

11799 Councillor Flynn, seconded by Councillor McDonald, moved:-

11800 Given the changes to Service Spokespersons and the comments made by the former Depute Leader Councillor Maceira regarding the Leader of the Council, the Council has no confidence in the present post holder.

11801 To that end the Council is asked to consider the positions of the Leader and Depute Leader of the Council and that Councillor Denis Agnew be appointed as Leader of the Council and Councillor Jackie Maceira be appointed as Depute Leader of the Council.

11802 Following the moving and seconding of the foregoing motion, Councillor Calvert proposed that the Council consider an amendment addressing the positions not only of the Leader and Depute Leader of the Council but also the Council's Service Spokespersons.

11803 At this stage of the proceedings, the Head of Legal and Administrative Services addressed the Council and indicated that since the Order Paper for the Council made no reference to the Service Spokespersons then Standing Orders would require to be suspended to allow this matter to be addressed as part of the Amendment.

11804 Councillor Calvert therefore called for Standing Orders to be suspended and on a vote being taken, 7 Members voted in favour of the suspension of standing orders and 12 against. The necessary majority not being attained standing orders were not suspended and accordingly the amendment was not considered by the Council.

11805 Following the foregoing, it was noted that there was no amendment proposed to the motion and, accordingly, Councillors Agnew and Maceira were appointed as the Council's Leader and Depute Leader respectively.

The meeting closed at 10.10 a.m.