On 13 May, 2015 a paper was presented to a Special Meeting of Council, outlining the feedback received on the first stage of consultation on the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils.

From this, a number of proposals have been made in relation to boundaries. In addition some amendments to the content of the Scheme have been suggested. These are laid out below for consultation.

Responses to these proposals should be made in writing to: Anne Clegg, Communities Officer, West Dunbartonshire Council, Corporate and Community Planning, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU, email: anne.clegg@west-dunbarton.gov.uk

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1. Proposed Changes to Boundaries

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<th>Boundary Change Proposal: Kilmaronock/Balloch &amp; Haldane proposed by Mr Robert Bain</th>
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<td>“The present boundary between Kilmaronock, and Balloch and Haldane is Boturich Road, obviously chosen to be an easily identifiable line.</td>
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<td>The road splits the Overballoch holding into two parts, one in a rural community council area and the other, similar in setting and use but included in a mainly urban community council area by the line of the road.</td>
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<td>The four fields to the west of Boturich Road would fit more appropriately in the rural Kilmaronock Community Council area, putting all of Overballoch into a single rural community council area. The new boundary would be the march between Overballoch and the Country Park.</td>
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<td>The change would simplify any planning matters that might arise and tidy up what to me is an anomalous situation.”</td>
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<td>The above revised boundary change is shown as Option 1 in the maps which accompany this consultation paper.</td>
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1.2 Change proposed by West Dunbartonshire Council, as part of the Ward Boundaries Review, resulting in proposals to change the boundaries of Alexandria, Renton, Bonhill & Dalmonach and Balloch & Haldane Community Councils:

At its meeting on 29 April 2015, West Dunbartonshire Council considered proposals by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland (LGBCS) to amend the Ward boundaries in West Dunbartonshire to incorporate the whole of the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park within Ward 1 (Lomond) and to align various ward boundaries with community council boundaries.

The Council responded with a proposal to realign the boundary between Lomond and Leven wards, as described below:

“The boundary to the West from the corner of Park Street and Main Street (B857) Alexandria should continue South, bearing East towards the River Leven down the centre of North Street and passing to the North of, and not encompassing, India Street …..

From where we left off in the vicinity of India Street, the boundary should make its way to the centre of the River Leven from where it should follow the current boundary until it joins the boundary part way along Auchincarroch Road.”

To ensure that ward and community council boundaries are aligned as far as possible West Dunbartonshire Council is recommending that the ward boundary proposal outlined above also be reflected by a change to the Community Council boundaries for Alexandria, Renton, Bonhill & Dalmonach and Balloch & Haldane Community Council areas.

The proposed revised boundary changes, as they affect Community Council boundaries, are shown as Option 2 in the maps which accompany this consultation paper. The proposed change would see the areas highlighted in option 2 on the map move from one community council area to another; with an area currently within Alexandria Community Council moving into Renton and an area currently in Bonhill & Dalmonach Community Council moving into Balloch & Haldane. If these proposals are accepted there may be a need to review the names of these Community Councils to reflect the area they cover.
2. Comments on operational matters e.g. arrangements for meetings
These should be read in conjunction with the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils (attached)

| 2.1 | P10, second para, Quorum – suggestion quorum increased to 4 from 3  
Change ‘or three voting members, whichever is the greater.’ To ‘or four voting members, whichever is the greater.’ |
| 2.2 | P13 Code of Conduct, Integrity  
First para, second last sentence delete ‘if it is deemed necessary’ |
| 2.3 | P 18, 9. Election of Office Bearers (b)  
Proposal to limit number of electoral cycles to two (i.e. eight years)  
Delete ‘without limitation of time’ and insert ‘for a maximum of two electoral cycles (8 years).’ |
| 2.4 | P18, 11 Meetings of the Community Council e)  
Amend ‘Copies of all minutes of meetings’ to ‘Copies of the minutes of each meeting’ |
| 2.5 | P19, 11, Meetings of the Community Council  
Add (i) The Community Council must advertise meetings locally. |
| 2.6 | P 19, 13, Information to Local Authority, second last sentence  
P21 Dissolution, first para, fourth sentence  
P23, Model Standing Orders 1. Meetings (all held in public) (b), last sentence  
For all the above - insert ‘working’ in front of ‘days’ |
| 2.7 | P23 Model Standing Orders, 1 Meetings (all held in public) (a)  
Insert separate para (b) at end of first sentence, after (to be entered) and before ‘Special Meetings’  
At third last line of para, after ‘shall call such a meeting’. Insert ‘Only the business on the calling notice can be discussed.’  
Amend current para (b) “The notice of ordinary and annual general meetings etc. to para (c)
| 2.8 | P23 Model Standing Orders 2. Minutes  
First sentence of para. After ‘proceedings of’ replace ‘a’ with ‘each’, so the sentence reads “Minutes of the proceedings of each meeting of the” etc.  
At end of para. Insert ‘Minutes should include a record of numbers of the public in attendance.’ |
| 2.9 | P23, 3, Quorum – see 2.1 above –  
Change ‘or three voting members, whichever is the greater.’ To ‘or four voting members, whichever is the greater.’  
Add: ‘Two of these must be office bearers.’ |
| 2.10 | P24 (iii) Extraordinary General Meeting (b) after ‘for the special meeting.’ Insert ‘This is the only business which can be discussed at the meeting’. |
| 2.11 | P25 Order of Debate (c), (d) and (e)  
‘(c) After a mover of a motion has been called on by the Chairperson to reply, no other members shall speak to the question.  
(d) A motion or amendment once made and seconded shall not be withdrawn without the consent of the mover and seconder thereof.  
(e) A motion or amendment which is contrary to a previous decision of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL shall not be competent within six months of that decision.’  
Replace the above with:  
‘(c) After a mover of a motion has been called on by the Chairperson to reply, and wind up, no other members shall speak to the question.  
(d) A motion or amendment once made and seconded shall not be withdrawn without the consent of the mover and seconder thereof. If the amendment is accepted, it will become the substantive motion.  
(e) A motion or amendment which is contrary to a previous decision of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL shall not be competent within six months of that decision, unless it can be demonstrated the previous decision was based on inaccurate information’. |
| 2.12 | P25 6. Voting (b) delete ‘deliberative’ and replace with ‘personal’. Change the full stop after ‘vote’ to a comma and insert ‘if need be’, so the sentence reads “The Chairperson of a meeting of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL shall have a casting vote as well as a personal vote, if need be.” |

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