

Scottish Socialist Party

West
Dunbartonshire
Socialist
Voice



Fight the SNP cuts!

stand up for a people's budget - not a bankers' budget

The ruling SNP council in West Dunbartonshire have a nasty Christmas present for you.

Scrooge's National Party want to hammer local people with rent rises, service cuts, increased charges, and new charges on vital services. Up to 10% cuts across the board. And they want to rush their cuts through in December and on April Fools Day! Nobody is safe! They are attacking the most vulnerable people - with callous cuts from the cradle to the grave.

Here are just some of the package of attacks you need to unite and fight to stop - before it's too late:

- rent rises for the majority of Council tenants - up to £8 a week
- a mass housing stock transfer without even a tenants' vote
- increased charges for childcare - both nurseries and Out of School Services
- instead of £2.75 an hour in nurseries now, they want to charge £3.50 an hour for the first 3 hours; £19 for a half day; £33 for a full day; £160 for a week.
- they are abolishing the half-price discount to second and subsequent children in a family
- a new charge of £1.50 for a hot meal delivered to the vulnerable elderly
- a rise in the charge for Homecare practical support - up 25% to £25 a week
- a hike in charges for food in Day Care services - from £1.33 to £2.20
- a vicious new charge of £5 per round trip for transport to and from Day Care

The SNP has the cheek to call themselves 'Scotland's party'. Bankers' party more like!

They favoured Labour's bail-out of the greedy, reckless bankers, when their high-class gambling brought the economy to the brink of collapse. **That handout to the bankers has cost the public purse £1.3trillion!**



Scottish Socialist Party councillor JIM BOLLAN is fighting alongside trade unions and communities for funds to defend jobs and services. The SNP council suspended Jim for 9 months from the council - for speaking out! He won't be gagged!

Labour's London government is making us pay for the bankers' rescue with a slaughter of jobs, a pay freeze, price rises, an assault on public services. New Labour is the shameless friend of billionaires and bankers.

But instead of standing up for Scotland, instead of defying London's cuts to jobs and services, the SNP Edinburgh government is handing down these brutal cuts to local councils. And in turn, instead of setting a People's Budget - with no cuts, no rent rises, no job losses, no rise in service charges - and putting up a massive fight for extra funding off the government - the West Dunbartonshire SNP council are acting like obedient lapdogs to their masters in Edinburgh.

Labour and the SNP are conducting an obscene competition with the cry "Our cuts are better than your cuts!"

Scottish Socialist Party councillor for Leven, JIM BOLLAN is a fighter they cannot silence! Jim - and the entire Scottish Socialist Party - has a track record of standing up for council workers' jobs, wages and rights - for local tenants, their housing conditions and services - for young and old alike. **We ask you to join a united campaign of tenants, communities and unions to Save Our Services - to demand a People's Budget - not the SNP's Cuts Budget. And join the SSP!**

for more material on community and trade union struggles - and socialist policies to combat mass unemployment, low pay, rent rises, public service cuts, privatisation, and the attempts to make workers pay for the bosses' crisis, visit:

www.scottishsocialistparty.org

bail out services - not bankers' profits!

SSP Councillor JIM BOLLAN says:

**“Stop the SNP’s elected dictatorship!
Stop their cuts!”**

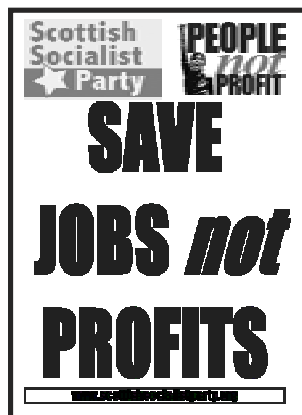
“The SNP Council have agreed to transfer 5,000 Council Houses out of Council ownership, while there are 7,000 people waiting on a Council House, without even giving all Council Tenants a vote.

The SSP oppose this wholesale stock transfer and demand every single tenant is given a vote on this critical matter now!

“The SNP are transferring a £4million surplus from the Rent account over to the Council Tax account.

In effect they are subsidising the likes of local MP John McFaul in his million pound house.

“The SNP are proposing to merge services with 7 other Councils. This will result in massive job losses for Council workers. The SSP will work with the Council Unions and the wider community to oppose this butchery of services and local jobs.”



**RE-INSTATE
SOCIALIST
COUNCILLOR
JIM BOLLAN
- he won't be
gagged by the
SNP!**

SSP councillor JIM BOLLAN was suspended from official Council meetings by the SNP for an outrageous 9 months. Why? Because he fought alongside council workers’ unions against the daylight robbery of workers’ wages by the same SNP council. They robbed thousands of workers of millions of pounds due to them - payments previously agreed by the Council as part-compensation for decades of wage discrimination against women workers.

Jim will not be gagged by the elected dictatorship of the SNP. He has continued to expose their attacks on tenants and staff, their planned privatisation of 5,000 council houses, their savage cuts plans.

JOIN the campaign to RE-INSTATE JIM BOLLAN.

SSP STANDS UP FOR SCOTLAND

The Scottish Socialist Party stands up for working class people. As part of our battle for a democratic, nuclear-free, poverty-free, independent socialist Scotland, we demand:

- freeze rents - cancel the councils’ housing debts - bail out tenants, not bankers
- no cuts to jobs and services - demand the funds off Holyrood and Westminster - tax the rich instead of punishing the poor
- for free, quality child-care provision, round the clock
- cut class sizes - not schools and education - 20’s plenty in any class - save our schools and communities
- increase pensions and benefits £50 a week as an immediate emergency step towards a living income for all
- for an £8 national minimum wage for all workers and trainees over 16 - end age wage discrimination - equal pay for women
- cuts hours - not jobs or pay - for a 35hour maximum working week without loss of earnings
- scrap Trident - invest in homes, hospitals and schools - not weapons of mass destruction - with jobs guaranteed through peaceful alternative work for all at Faslane
- tax the rich! For a 10% Wealth Tax/Greed Tax on the millionaires - which would raise enough to create 80,000 new Scottish jobs and sustain them for 3 years, on salaries of £25,000
- reverse Tory and Labour privatisation - for democratic public ownership and control of services, banks, transport, construction, major industries, N Sea oil - for people not profit
- for an independent socialist Scotland - as part of a socialist Europe



On 14th November, the SSP helped lead mass demos in Glasgow, peacefully taking over the streets, stopping the racist and fascist thugs of the BNP/Scottish Defence League from marching. They want to whip up violent division in communities. Unite against racism and fascism! No Pasaran!

JOIN THE SSP TODAY - the party of workers’ unity, public ownership and socialism

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