

Minute of the Parkhall, North Kilbowie & Central Community Council meeting held in public on Tuesday 12th June in the Parkhall Tenants Hall, Parkhall Road, Clydebank

Councillors Present: Diane Docherty Anne Hickey Alex McFarlane
Neil Etherington Gilbert Howatson Drummond McNair
Walter Graham Jim Lindsay

Ex Officio: WDC Provost Denis Agnew
WDC Councillor Patrick McGlinchey

Community Police: Sgt. 302 George Stewart – Clydebank Police Office
Constable L32 Danny O'Donnell – Clydebank Police Office

Public attending: 4

1.0 Remarks & Introductions:

- 1.01 Jim Lindsay welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular the two members of the Community Police Team. For the benefit of those who were not at the AGM in May, he introduced himself as the recently appointed Chairperson. Jim also reminded the meeting of the other Office Bearers – Gilbert Howatson [Vice Chair], Jim Paisley [Treasurer] and Walter Graham [Secretary].
- 1.02 He took the opportunity of passing the congratulations of the Community Council to Denis Agnew on his success in the May Local Elections and his subsequent appointment as Provost of West Dunbartonshire Council.
- 1.03 Jim suggested that, if the meeting agreed, he would move the Police Report up the agenda to immediately after item 2 'Apologies' to allow the Community Police to be back on the streets of Clydebank with the minimum of delay. This was agreed unanimously.

2.0 Apologies Received:

- 2.01 Jim Paisley [CC Treasurer] and Willie McLaughlin [WDC Local Councillor]

9.0 Police Report:

- 9.01 Community Police Sgt. George Stewart opened this section of the meeting by introducing PC Danny O'Donnell, who had recently been appointed as Community Police Constable for Beat 65 & 66 which covers Radnor Park and Parkhall respectively. PC O'Donnell said he knew Clydebank very well and looked forward to his new role.
- 9.02 Sgt Stewart said that another Community Police Officer was to be appointed in the near future to work with PC O'Donnell – which would bring this area of Clydebank back up to full strength. He pointed out that Beats 65/66 had been two months without regular Community Police cover.
- 9.03 PC O'Donnell submitted crime figures for May 2007 for Radnor Park and Parkhall

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At this point WDC Councillor Patrick McGlinchey entered the meeting.

- 9.04 There had been a successful 'drugs haul' in Second Ave

At this point the Chairperson invited questions from both Councillors and the public

- 9.05 A member of the public observed that it seems as if children are back out on the streets the next day and in their old ways despite being caught misbehaving by the Police.
- 9.06 Councillor Anne Hickey said that problems with youths climbing on and damaging property, breaking windows and trying doors etc., in Windsor Crescent Lane had got worse. She asked for more high profile attention ASAP. Sgt Stewart agreed to do this, particularly on Friday / Sat nights. He said that anti vandal paint could be applied to drain pipes and other areas, but this had to be applied on by the owners and a notice had to be visible stating that this had been done.
- 9.07 Councillor Walter Graham said that Quad Bike continued to be a problem all over Clydebank. Sgt Stewart said that the Police were unable to chase the riders in case they caused them injury should they fall off, but there had been many successful confiscations of these bikes recently. He pointed out that to retrieve a bike from Police custody it would cost £120 but another bike can be purchased for much less than that.
- 9.08 Councillor Gilbert Howatson asked if unacceptable behaviour by a known 'problem family' in Parkhall continued. Sgt Stewart said the problem was still there but those concerned at away from the premises at present. He said that, despite anti-social behaviour legislation the most effective way of dealing with problems such as these was to work as a community to get results. He repeated 'It is the only way'.

There were not further questions so Jim Lindsay thanked both Police Officers for their contribution and looked forward to seeing PC O'Donnell at the next meeting. Both Police Officers then left meeting.

The meeting returned to the normal sequence of the agenda.

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3.0 Minute of the Previous Meeting – accuracy:

- 3.01 'Correspondence' spelling error noted
- 3.02 Moved: Anne Hickey – Seconded: Alex McFarlane

4.0 Minute of the Previous Meeting – matters arising:

The following were outstanding issues from the May meeting Minute:

- 4.01 Who is responsible for ground maintenance – Crown Ave corner down from Leven View Hi Rise – WDC or CHA? Councillor Agnew said he knew the top belonged to CHA and believed the slope to the road was WDC responsibility
- 4.02 Overtoun Rd/Risk St – repairs & handrails [see Minute March 2007]. Some work had been carried out - but some is still outstanding.
- 4.03 Lane surface rear Regent St – old peoples home - work done but some still outstanding.
- 4.04 Brown bin – service for the infirmed – bins not taken out or put back.
Steps at front access path not cleaned.
Flower beds at front not maintained.

5.0 Secretary's Report & Correspondence:

- 5.01 Council Walter Graham [Secretary] requested that all correspondence emanating from the Community Council should be directed through the Secretary.
- 5.02 He had written back to WDC [Irvine Hodgson] with regard to the PNK&C CC's request that consideration, and reconsideration, be given to the formation of a roundabout at the junction of Duntocher Rd and Hawthorne Street when the planning application is considered for the reconstruction of the retail units at this junction. The original reply from Irvine Hodgson suggested that amendments of this sort should come from the applicant and not outside bodies. He has had no response from WDC to this second letter.

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Correspondence received:

- 5.03 WDC Local Plan – Consultation re Golf Course and Public Park. WDC are requesting a change from their present 'Green Belt' status to 'Public Open Space' status.
- 5.04 SE Reporter Panel re. the Auchentoshan Estate / Bobath Scotland Planning Application.
- 5.05 Minute of the WDC Council Meeting and plans for the proposed new Clydebank High School.
- 5.06 Councillor Alex McFarlane, who also sits on the Parkhall Tenants Association committee, said that he had received details of the Stock Transfer proposals.

6.0 Treasurer's Report:

Councillor Jim Paisley [Treasurer] is unavailable, but had given the necessary information to

Councillor Gilbert Howatson:

- 6.01 Since the last meeting of the Community Council in May, which was a combined AGM and a monthly meeting, the Accounts of the Community Council for 2006/07 ending 31.03.07 - approved at the AGM – have been audited by the WDC Financial Support Officer.
- 6.02 The current balance to the end of May is £1097.03
- 6.03 Moved: Anne Hickey – Seconded: Alex McFarlane
- 6.04 A brief discussion was held on whether to apply for the annual WDC grant to cover running costs. It was agreed that this would be delayed until a later date. -

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7.0 Planning Report:

- 7.01 Councillor Gilbert Howatson – who holds the Planning Portfolio – informed the meeting that he had attended a meeting, along with others, to explain to the SE Reporter the Community Councils opposition to the Auchentoshan Estate / Bobath Scotland Outline Planning Application. The application is for a new Adult Centre, Children's Therapy Centre and Residential Development on land which is currently designated as green belt. A public local inquiry is to be held in September this year and the Community Council has been appointed as principle objector to the outline application because of its statutory body status. This required a full written report on the case for opposition to be submitted to the SE Reporter by the 8th June. This has been done.
- 7.02 Gilbert said that the Local Plan is nearing its final draft stage and despite 118 objectors WDC still intend to change some of the green belt status to public open space status. He said that Planning Officer Steve Marshall had previously argued that changing the status of these pieces of ground 'actually make it more secure'. This is difficult to understand or believe. After a short discussion it was decided to request that Steve Marshall, Irvine Hodgson and Alistair Greigor attend a future meeting of the Community Council to explain the thinking behind this statement.
- 7.03 A short discussion was held on the merits of saving Our Lady of Loreto Church in Dalmuir.

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- 7.04 BW07/219/EREC Clydebank College is moving to Queens Quay in August this year and closes at its present location at the end of this term. Barrat West Scotland has applied to build 132 Flats and 53 Houses on the existing East Thomson St / Clarence St / Kilbowie Road site. There was concern that the existing trees in East Thomson St would be under threat, but Provost Denis Agnew assured the meeting that these would remain in their present location.
- 7.05 DC07/203/FUL Rebuilding retail units Hawthorn Street. Referring to the lack of a response from Irvine Hodgson to the letter from the Secretary it was decided to request that the Planning Officer attends a future meeting of the Community Council to discuss consideration of an improved road junction.
- 7.06 The following Planning and Building Warrant Applications were referred to in a general discussion about how planning decisions are made in WDC.
- BW07/286/DEMO Turnberry Homes - Milton Mains Rd. Demolition of existing buildings for residential development – application w/e 25.05.07
- DC06/396/COU Change of use from Office to Café 391B Kilbowie Rd – application granted
- DC07/172/REM Demolition of Clydebank High School – before August Planning Committee
- DC07/208/TEL 14.7m Telecommunications mast - Mountblow Rd – residents opposed
- DC06/143/FUL Duncutha, Parkhall Rd. – awaiting Reporters decision
- DC06/427/FUL Demolition of Leven View Shops, and form a Car Park – application approved

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8.0 WDC Councillor[s] Report:

- 8.01 Jim Lindsay took the opportunity of welcoming WDC Councillor Patrick McGlinchey to the meeting and congratulated him on behalf of the CC on his successful election as one of four Councillors for Clydebank Central Ward 5. He said he hoped that this would be one of many attendances he would make to this Community Council meeting.
- 8.02 WDC Councillor Patrick McGlinchey thanked the Chair and said that his report to the meeting would be brief as this was his first term as an elected Councillor and he was involved in a steep learning curve. He hoped that his own contribution to the meeting would be more informed and meaningful on his next visit.
- 8.03 WDC Councillor Denis Agnew congratulated Gilbert on a well constructed and concise report which had been sent to the SE Reporter in connection with the Auchentoshan Estate / Bobath Scotland Planning Application.
- 8.04 Denis advised the meeting of a Public Meeting on the 26th June regarding the Post Office in Parkhall and requested that the Community Council reiterated its position of support to the reopening of a P.O.
- 8.05 Denis also said that his initial audit of the Central Ward had now been completed.

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10.0 Community Councillor[s] Reports:

- 10.01 Councillor Neil Etherington told the meeting that 30 to 40 mature trees on Forth Clyde Canal north bank between Kilbowie Rd and Argyle Rd are to be cut down and removed under the regeneration of the canal bank. It appears that Clydebank re-built / WDC are unwilling to consider lifting and root balling them to transplant else where because of the cost involved.
- 10.02 Councillor Drummond McNair reported that the Community Council web site was a step nearer going public and this should be in the near future.
- 10.03 After a brief general discussion on housing in WD it was suggested by Denis Agnew that Margaret Caldwell should be invited to a future Community Council meeting.

To be
Decided

11.0 Any Other Competent Business:

- 11.01 Gilbert handed Neil a copy of AGM 2007 minute for safekeeping until the next AGM
- 11.02 A member of the public reported a sprouting tree obscuring vision at Overtoun Rd/ Duntocher Rd junction.
- 11.03 Denis Agnew announced that the Kirk'ing of the Council will take place on the 24th June at St Eunan's.
- 11.04 Denis Agnew announced that Veterans Day will be on the 27th June. A commemoration service will take place at Solidarity Square on the morning, followed by lunch at the Town Hall at 12.45pm
- 11.05 Denis Agnew said that the granite slabs at the Beardmore Hotel bearing the names of those who died in the 1st WW, will be removed from their present location, cleaned and relocated to a 'Garden of Contemplation'.

12.0 Next Meeting: Tuesday 14th August, 2007 at 7.30pm in the Parkhall Tenants Hall, Parkhall Rd, Clydebank.

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LC Police Division Crime Figures - May 2007 – Beat 65/66 Radnor Park / Parkhall

Crime Type	No.
Assault – Simple	5
Assault – Serious	1
Theft of M/V	1
Theft by H/B	1
Theft N/C	6
Fraud [Bogus Caller]	1
MDA Supply	1
MDA Possession	2
Vandalism	12
B.O.P	11
Drinking in Public	3
Drunk & Incapable	1
Road Traffic	1
Dangerous Dog	2
Crime against the Police	1
Total	49
Detected	27
Detection Rate	55%

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Balance Sheet

as at 31st March 2007

	As At 31/03/2007	As At 31/03/2005
Assets		
Cash Balance	2.32	4.09
Bank Balance	1109.71	1464.64
	<u>1112.03</u>	<u>1468.73</u>
Less current Liabilities - creditor	15.00	0.00
	<u>1097.03</u>	<u>1468.73</u>

Net Assets Represented By

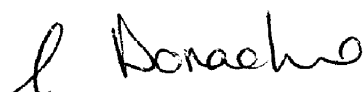
General Fund:

Balance at Start of Period	1468.73	1998.52
Surplus (Deficit) for Year	-371.70	-529.79
	<u>1097.03</u>	<u>1468.73</u>

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Report to the member of the Parkhall North Kilbowie & Central Community Council
on the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2007

I confirm that I have examined the attached financial statements and certify that they are
are in accordance with the books, records, information and explanations received.



Louise Donachie
Financial Support Officer
West Dunbartonshire CVS
14 May 2007

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Income and Expenditure Account

For the year ended 31st March 2007

	31/03/2007	31/03/2006
Income		
Grant Funding	0.00	360.00
Refund Newspaper Advert	0.00	108.69
Bank Interest	13.81	20.74
	<u>13.81</u>	<u>489.43</u>
Expenses		
Newspaper Advert		108.68
Photocopying	18.40	15.50
computer items	27.99	79.69
Memorial Bench		523.00
Tea & Coffee	1.77	22.00
Register of Scotland	9.70	15.00
Subscription	25.00	10.00
Committee expenses	12.00	
Donation to Parkhall District Association	200.00	200.00
Postage	48.90	32.25
Stationery	19.56	8.98
Tax Deducted on Bank interest	2.70	4.12
Rent Public meeting	9.50	
Internet Domain	9.99	
	<u>385.51</u>	<u>1019.22</u>
Surplus (deficit) for Year	-371.70	-529.79

FOR INFORMATION

GRANTS

WDC: 2003/4 £2418.20 ; 2001/2 £1241.61

ALEXANDER CROSS MEMORIAL FUND JUNE 2005 £360.00 [MEMORIAL BENCH]

Yearly Expenditure

2004/7	2005/6 (a)	2004/5	2003/4	2002/3 (b)	2001/2
£385.51	£1019.22	£267.07	£303.21	£1053.12	£257.17

a) Memorial Bench { ACF GRANT £360.00
Cost of Bench £523.00

and DONATION TO PARKHALL TENANTS' ASSOC.
INCREASED FROM £100 TO £200.

b) Purchased computer £916.99.

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PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY BOBATH SCOTLAND - AUCHENTOSHAN ESTATE, CLYDEBANK New Adult Centre, Bobath Centre, & future Residential Site

Statement of Case

1. No part of the proposal as submitted by the applicant complies with the adopted Clydebank Local Plan and all three elements are in conflict with the policies applying to the site ie. GB1 Green Belt, E3 Tree Preservation Orders, SUS 1 Sustainable Development.
2. The development is also contrary to the proposed policies in the draft West Dunbartonshire Local Plan ie. GN 1 Green Network, R1 Retention of Open Space, SUS 1 Sustainable Development, E 4 Tree Preservation Orders, E 7 Woodland and Parkland Retention, BE 7 Landscape Character, BE 9 Non-Inventory Historic Gardens and Designed Landscapes.
3. The proposal, and the Council's support for it, is prejudicial to the 118 objections to the draft West Dunbartonshire Local Plan (relating to the proposed removal of Green Belt protection from the whole of the Auchentoshan estate, Clydebank Golf Course and adjacent land) that have still to be heard at public inquiry later this year or in 2008.
The granting of outline planning permission will negate the statutory right of these objectors to be heard at the local plan inquiry before the finalised plan is prepared and adopted.
In these circumstances objectors could raise a legal challenge to quash any permission.
4. Building on the western "parkland site" would be a serious loss to local residents who have used it for informal recreation for over 40 years.
5. The introduction of speculative private housing on the Auchentoshan estate was dismissed when the current local plan was adopted in 2004, following a large body of objections. Nothing has changed in the last three years as far as local residents are concerned.
The Council's argument that the existing Adult Occupational Centre would have to be redeveloped for "large executive housing" to fund Bobath's and the Council's developments displays a complete disregard of current planning policies which were agreed after full involvement of the local community.
It also demonstrates a lack of rigour and imagination in investigating all other means of financing and redeveloping the existing Centre within the constraints imposed by the statutory development plan.
These constraints should not be dismissed simply because the Council anticipates some "planning gain" for its social work functions and budgets.

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Documents to be referred to:-

- 1) Planning Application Report by Director of Housing, Regeneration & Environmental Services, 28 August 2006, to WDC Planning Committee 6 Sept. 2006
- 2) Clydebank Local Plan 2004
- 3) West Dunbartonshire Local Plan Consultative Draft Dec. 2005
- 4) NPPG 11 Sport, Physical Recreation and Open Space
- 5) SPP21 Green Belts
- 6) NPPG 14 Natural Heritage

Witnesses for the Community Council:-

- 1) Mr. Gilbert Howatson [Vice Chair & Planning Delegate]
- 2) Mr. Walter Graham [Secretary]
- 3) Mr. James Paisley [Treasurer]