

## **Minutes of Meeting**

### **Parkhall Tenants Hall**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007**

**Community Councillors Present:**

Jim Lindsay	Chair
Walter Graham	Secretary
Jim Paisley	Treasurer
Anne Hickey	
Alex MacFarlane	
Diane Docherty	
Drummond McNair	
Neil Etherington.	

**Apologies:**

Gilbert Howatson      Vice Chair.

**West Dunbartonshire Councillors:**

Denis Agnew	Provost
Willie McLaughlin.	

**Strathclyde Police Community Officers:**

Inspector Norrie Conway  
Constable Danny O'Donnell.

**Members of Public, 3**

**Minute Secretary:**

Gordon Wilson.

## **1. Chairman's Opening Remarks:**

Jim Lindsay opened the meeting at 7:30 pm and welcomed everyone present to the meeting and made introductions to the meeting for Inspector Conway and Constable O'Donnell from Strathclyde Police, Provost Agnew and Councillor McLaughlin from West Dunbartonshire Council and Gordon Wilson as the new minute secretary.

Jim then suggested that the police report be taken as the first item on the agenda to allow the officers to return to duty.

## **2. Police Report:**

Inspector Conway introduced himself to the meeting and commented on how progress is being made for implementation of Anti-Social behaviour Orders (ASBO) as well as behaviour agreements. There will be a pro-active disclosure to the community of people who are causing concern.

Question from Neil Etherington asked what the lowest age that an ASBO can be enforced. This was replied by both the inspector and Provost Agnew that the minimum age for an ASBO is 9 Years. It was also stated that an ASBO can also be used to deal with anti-social tenants and can pave the way to eviction.

Crime statistics for October were given by Constable O'Donnell the highlight of which is an increase in the acts of vandalism and breaches of the peace with 22 and 25 incidents. There were 3 incidents of wilful fire-raising but there had been some convictions.

There was one crime of note, bogus workmen in Braemar Avenue.

Question from Ann Hickey about the fire-raising and bins was responded by Inspector Conway that a youth had been noted for these offences and was under a pro-active ASBO.

Provost Agnew stated that he had concern over the loss of the CCTV camera on the old Clydebank College site as demolition is imminent. The provost also gave some insight into WDC commitment to the funding of the CCTV trust.

Inspector Conway announced that a new mobile CCTV camera van was now in operation and also that a new shift pattern has now been implemented to put more officers on the beat at peak times. The Inspector advised that the fireworks night was quiet with only one serious incident in Whitecrook.

**2. Police report (cont):**

On alcohol, the Inspector announced that recruitment was taking place on the test purchase of alcohol from shops and supermarkets.

Question from Walter Graham on the sale of alcohol from non licensed premises was noted by the Inspector.

Question from Jim Paisley on the poor parking at Parkhall shops was noted by the inspector and will be forwarded to the Traffic Warden.

Jim Lindsay thanked the Inspector Conway and Constable O'Donnell for their visit and proceeded with the meeting.

**3. Minutes of Last Meeting:**

Agreed By Walter Graham,

Seconded By Drummond McNair.

**4. Matters Arising:**

Provost Agnew questioned the wording on section 8.02, changes were agreed by council.

Jim Paisley questioned section 6.02, grant application; council agreed further discussion at Treasurer Report.

Jim Lindsay asked for a vote of thanks to Mary Stevens and Liz Frazer for efforts in collection objection letters which was unanimously agreed by the council.

**5. Secretary's Report:**

Letter received from WDC, that planning permission had been approved for the Parkhall shops.

Letter received from WDC regarding a problem tenant on Planetree rd has been resolved.

Survey received on housing needs.

Letter written to Chef executive regarding policy on use of CCTV cameras.

Letter received from representative of SNP councillor for discussion later in meeting.

## **6. Treasurers Report:**

Balance	£1010.91
Expenses	£89

Chair asked for a breakdown of expenses which was duly given.

Neil asked the treasurer and the council that the grant for funding be applied for straight away. This was responded to by the secretary that the decision had already been made at a previous meeting.

A short discussion of the Grant funding followed and Walter Graham suggested that a grant of £500 be applied for which was seconded by Diane Docherty. This was agreed by the council.

A member of the public asked the council what the grant money will be spent on which was answered as the general running expenses of the Community council.

Anne Hickey asked if expense sheets should be used and it was agreed by the council to discuss this at a later date.

## **7. Planning Report:**

Neil Etherington announced that a formal planning application is now in place for the College site.

Provost Agnew stated that the existing parkland would be retained and that the builders must supply new open space outside the existing open space. The development will consist of 130 flats and 53 houses.

## **8. West Dunbartonshire Council Report.**

Provost Agnew stated that the CAA refused permission for a fireworks display on the Clyde Walkway, but the event at Dalmuir Park was a success with over 7000 in attendance. The Provost will pursue this with the CAA for next year's event which will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Willie McLaughlin stated that campaign to save the post offices was well advanced. Provost Agnew said that on the previous closure of Post Offices, Parkhall Post Office was saved because the area has an ageing population and the topology of the area. The new shops to be built on that site will not include a Post Office as it will consist of only 3 units. The closure of Post Offices is being led by a government programme and the issue has to be taken up a Government Level. Provost Agnew will be taking this up with John McFall to bring up at Parliament.

Ann Hickey said that local people need the Post Office as a large number of people cannot get bank account as she has seen with the credit Union. Willie replied to this stating that after the closures, only 3 Post Offices will remain in Clydebank.

**A.P. It was decided by the Council that the Secretary will write to Post Watch.**

The Councillors announced that there is a proposal to build a bus park and ride car park on the vacant site at junction of Kilbowie road/Great Western road. This is only a proposal and no consultation has yet to take place.

**A.P. Secretary to write letter to find out when consultation will take place.**

### **9. Community Councillors report.**

Jim gave a vote of thanks to all those who attended the meeting against the greenbelt removal.

### **10. O.C.B.**

Walter has over a thousand objections to the change in green belt categorization and will take them personally to West Dunbartonshire council. Walter stated that this campaign had shown the true spirit of the people of Clydebank.

**A.P. Walter to write to the Clydebank Post to thank the people who have supported this campaign.**

Addition from secretary's report, Walter read out a letter from a person affiliated to the SNP asking the community council to co-ordinate the greenbelt campaign with them. Walter stated that the community Council is a non-political organization. It was agreed by the Community Council that Walter write to the sender thanking for offer but that this part of the campaign is winding down.

Jim Paisley said that there will be a meeting of the Community Partnership Forum on the 29<sup>th</sup> November. On Discussion there was concern that this could cause duplication in community participation but it was decided that Walter, Jim Lindsay, Jim Paisley and Neil will attend.

**Jim Lindsay closed meeting and date of next meeting set for 11<sup>th</sup> December.**