

Minutes of Meeting

Parkhall Tenants Hall

Tuesday 11th December 2007

Community Councillors Present:

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| Jim Lindsay | Chair |
| Gilbert Howatson | Vice Chair |
| Walter Graham | Secretary |
| Jim Paisley | Treasurer |
| Alex MacFarlane | |
| Drummond McNair | |
| Neil Etherington. | |

Apologies:

Anne Hickey

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| Denis Agnew | Provost |
| Willie McLaughlin | |

Strathclyde Police Community Officers:

Constable Danny O'Donnell.

Guest Speaker:

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| Mr Robert Sider | Clydebank Co-op |
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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 Mr Sider.

Jim then suggested the meeting be passed over to the guest, Mr Sider.

2. Robert Sider, Deputy Chief Executive; Clydebank Co-operative Society:

Mr Sider introduced himself to the meeting and began with an outline of the Clydebank CO-OP, company and activities. Mr Sider also outlined his involvement in the licensed trade forum in Clydebank.

Mr Sider went on to reassure the Community Council that the CO-OP is active in reducing the sale of alcohol to under age persons with regular training and checks on stores. Other actions being taken are:

- CCTV,
- Refusals register of incidents of suspected underage purchase attempts.

In response to requests from the public and the Community Council, Mr Sider stated that the sale of "Buckfast" would end as soon as existing stocks were exhausted and no more would be reordered.

Question from Alex McFarlane about placing more post offices in CO-OP shops?

Mr Sider replied that existing Post Offices are being kept as a service to the customers and make a significant trading loss and no further Post Offices will be provided.

Jim Lindsay thanked Mr Sider for his talk and allowed him to leave for another meeting.

3. Police Report: Constable O'Donnell.

The test purchase scheme for alcohol using people under 16 is under way and will be followed up with action where required.

Crime figures:

- There was a theft of a motor vehicle from Graham Avenue.
- There had been eight incidents of drug offences.
- Vandalism in the area is in the increase and Trafalgar Housing is dealing

Update on Kilbowie Rd CCTV, Barratt Homes will facilitate the reinstatement of camera as part of new development.

Question from Jim Lindsay on timing of traffic lights at Kilbowie Rd roundabout as this is causing concern at peak times?

This is a council matter and should be referred to the roads department.

Question from Walter about the police constable based in schools?

The campus officer is there to build a relationship in the area and not to enforce discipline.

Jim Lindsay thanked Constable O'Donnell for his report.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting:

Agreed By Walter Graham,

Seconded By Drummond McNair.

5. Matters Arising:

None

6. Secretary's Report:

- Letter written to Prof Alexander, Post Watch, and no reply received yet.
- Letter written to WDC Planning about development for park and ride at Kilbowie Rd.
- Letter written to Clydebank Post to thank the public for there support on green belt campaign was not published.
- Letter received from J McFall regarding starting a petition on the closure of Post Offices.
 - No action to be taken at this time but an acknowledgement letter to be sent to John McFall stating that a local petition had already been done.

Walter reported on the freedom of information request put in by Drummond on the number of objections received to change in greenbelt status, and he wishes to write to WDC to accept more objection letters.

On another F.O.I request on the sale of the "Maltings" site in Duntocher, The 0.26 acre site was sold for £1.

Action Points:

Walter to email Gillian Telfer, the bio diversity officer, on the removal of hedges and replacement with metal railings.

7. Treasurers Report:

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| Balance | £922.45 |
| Expenses | £104.40 |

Grant application has now been submitted.

The Treasurer requests that additional signatures to cheques should be Treasurer, Vice Chair and Secretary.

This was proposed by Drummond McNair and seconded by Alex McFarlane.

8. Planning Report:

Gilbert Howatson:

- Planning application to demolish the former Scott's shipyard at Bowling.
- Clydeside Regeneration,
 - Mixed development of housing and commercial space, concern over the lack of open space with the suggestion from the developer that Whitecrook Park be considered the open space for the development.

8. Planning Report: cont

- Clydebank rebuilt
 - Construction of additional workshops on John Knox Street
 - Construction of office space on Cable Depot Rd
- Conversion of former church at 404 Dumbarton Rd to a travel lodge
- Application from Wetherspoons for a public house at 53 Sylvania Way, Clydebank shopping centre.
 - Walter proposed an objection to this but this was rejected by Community Council. Gilbert to keep eye on it.

Other Minor works:

Erection of 1.8m wall at 19 Planetree Road.

Gilbert reported on a document SP11 from the reporters unit, Gill Moody. Part of the document stipulates the requirements for open spaces and that any development on open space must be referred to an official body.

A.P: this to be replied to by Walter Graham.

There was a short discussion on the abilities and levels of success in planning enforcements.

9. West Dunbartonshire Council Report.

None

10. O.C.B.

Gilbert reported to the council his concern on the hedges growing onto the road at Elm Road and also that fallen leaves are not being removed due to lack of road sweeper activity in this area.

Open space at Risk Street is being used for football and railings have been removed. No enforcement by WDC on the “no ball games” on this site.

There has still been no action taken by WDC on the empty house in the park.

Jim Lindsay reported that the Community Council forum meeting will be on 13th December and will be attended by himself, Jim Paisley, Walter, Neil and Gilbert.

Jim Paisley highlighted that amendments to planning on developments have been getting abused as these amendments do not get objected to as they are not published. This system is open to abuse and should be looked at.

Jim Lindsay closed meeting at 22:00 and date of next meeting set for 8th January 2008.