

Minutes of Meeting

Parkhall Tenants Hall

Tuesday 8th April 2008

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Chair
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Community Councillors Present:

Jim Lindsay (Chair)
Jim Paisley (Treasurer)
Neil Etherington

Gilbert Howatson (Vice Chair)
Alex MacFarlane
Anne Hickey

Apologies: Walter Graham, Drummond McNair, Diane Docherty

West Dunbartonshire Councillors;

Provost Denis Agnew

Strathclyde Police; Constable O'Donnell

The meeting was opened at 7:30 PM by the chair,

Police report:

Most of the crime over the last period was for minor assaults and breach of the peace and shoplifting
There were some crimes of note in the area:

- Robbery at the Vets in which a large amount of cash was stolen
- A case of wilful fire-raising
- A reported rape at On Dalmuir Golf Course on the 7th March around the 16th tee

All of these crimes are still under investigation so no further information can be given at this time.

Gilbert noted to the committee that this area in question is frequented by youths drinking on Friday and Saturday nights

Jim Lindsay asked about the test purchase of alcohol scheme, this was replied to by the constable that there had been 1 failure and the shop has since been retested as per the licensing act.

Anne Hickey asked why Radnor Park had not been highlighted for extra policing. This was replied by Provost Agnew who reported that policing had been increased over the whole Clydebank area and further augmented by the introduction of the mobile CCTV van.

Presentation by Alistair Muir Clydebank CCTV Trust

Mr Muir gave a brief history of the CCTV trust and that its reason for setting up was to help reduce crime that was making Clydebank unattractive to businesses who may have wished to move into the area.

The committee were shown some examples on the CCTV in action and how it is effective in detecting and preventing crime with its ability to gather evidence as a crime happens which assists the police in increasing the number of convictions.

The committee were informed that there are now 108 cameras being monitored at Clydebank Police Station. Some of these cameras are council owned but are still monitored by the CCTV trust under contract.

Provost Agnew asked about the future of the important camera that was previously situated at the former Clydebank College site. There followed a short discussion with suggestions for possible new locations to site this camera.

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Minutes of last meeting:

Proposed by Gilbert Howatson
Seconded by Jim Paisley

Matters arising:

Mr Lafferty, who attended the last meeting, sent thanks for the public meeting. This was commented on also by Provost Agnew.

Jim Paisley said that there will be a speaker attending the next forum meeting about data protection act and how it will affect the running of the community council.

Secretary's report:

A limited report was given to the committee by Gilbert as the Secretary was on holiday. An issue of emails by WDC initiated some discussion and it was suggested by the chair that this be dealt with by Walter on his return

Correspondence:

A letter has been received from network Rail replying to the comments on litter at Dalmuir pedestrian tunnel. Letter received from WDC on the implementation of waiting restrictions at Granville Street/ West Thomson Street.

Jim Paisley said that a survey had been received from the Scottish Government which had now been dealt with and comments forwarded. The sender was the Public Service forum.

Treasurers report:

Balance £639.40
No word received about grant application yet.

Planning issues:

Local plan final draft received
The reporter has rejected the Auchentoshan wood development and tightened other planning requests for this site

43 people attended the park and ride public meeting.

WDC report:

Provost Agnew commented on the good work that was done by the Community Council with the Auchentoshan wood campaign

Provost Agnew gave his comments on the local plan and how it affects the area. The Demolition of the Leven View shops is now underway. The provost also gave comment on the introduction of white light street lighting in some areas. Other issues discussed included the current state of the construction of the new schools and the de-contamination work at Kilbowie Road site.

The provost suggested that Clydebank Blitz victims named be placed on a new memorial wall that could be sited at Dalnotter as he feels that the current memorial site in Hall Street should be left for fallen soldiers. Other memorials under construction are a sculpture to be placed in Beardmore Street for ship victims and that there should be a memorial to the victims of asbestos in Clydebank, a campaign the community council should be involved in.

Gilbert asked about the house in the former ESSO site which is becoming the target for vandalism. There followed a short discussion on condition of local housing including the waterfront development. It was noted that a large amount of money is being spent on Clydebank regeneration.

A.O.C.B:

Jim Paisley asked about the election of a delegate to the Community Forum, Gilbert will deal with this on behalf of the absent Secretary.

The Chair closed the meeting at 10:00 pm and date set for next meeting to be Tues 13th May which will be the AGM.