

Minutes of Meeting
Parkhall Tenants Hall

9/12/08

Tuesday 9th September 2008

Community Councillors Present:

Jim Lindsay	Chair	Gilbert Howatson	Vice Chair
Walter Graham	Secretary	Jim Paisley	Treasurer

Anne Hickey, Neil Etherington, Drummond McNair

Apologies: Alex MacFarlane, Diane Docherty

West Dunbartonshire Councillors: Provost Denis Agnew

Strathclyde Police: Constable David Brown: Constable Andy Rodgers

Local residents

1 local resident present.

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

Police report:

There were 88 minor incidents within the area over the period and 17 crimes of which 4 have been detected:

- Offensive weapon
- Assault
- Breach of bail
- Racial incident

Vandalism reports still remain largely undetected due to their nature.

Shakespeare Avenue Problems:

Community wardens are now patrolling the area and the CCTV van will patrol the area when it is back on the road. The Van can be made available for the community council to view by appointment with Jim Duffy.

Action Point: Walter Graham.

A question to the officers about the vandalism to the council owned lock-ups was replied by Provost Agnew who stated that he had the empty Lock-ups boarded up and will investigate to have them repaired again.

Question from the Community Council about break-ins to the Sub-Station was replied by Constable Brown, who stated that they have attended and contacted Scottish Power to repair the gates.

Question from member of the public about youths causing problems on Parkhall Road and that they are harassing residents. Constable Brown replied that the incident in which an elderly lady was harassed had been attended and this has been followed up by a community safety officer. Constable Brown stated that they have attended every report but they have to prioritise incidents as they occur.

Provost Agnew stated that he will visit the area in which the incidents have occurred. Constable Brown also stated that he has patrolled the area after the incidents have been reported but there is a lack of evidence to pursue further as many of the reports are anonymous. Further discussion followed about similar incidents in the area. Provost Agnew stated that a sustained police presence in the area would help prevent this type on incident.

The officers were questioned by Neil about when the Ward system will be in full operation. Constable Brown responded that the community action team will be brought into operation soon, with an increase in police presence.

Minutes of last meeting:

Proposed by Anne Hickey
Seconded by Jim Paisley

Matters arising:

Arnold Clark issue, the land in question has been leased from WDC. This was replied by Gilbert that there may be an issue in this over public open space.

The joint Community Council open day will be dealt with by the Secretary as reported.

Most of the graffiti at the rail tunnel has now been removed. Provost Agnew responded that graffiti removal is an issue for him and removal will be done by WDC when requested. All offence graffiti will be removed within 24 hours.

Letter has been written on the cutting of hedge issue.

Secretary's report:

A survey has been received about carers; this will be passed onto Diane Docherty.

The Secretary reported on the letter about hedge cutting which concluded with a discussion within the Community Council members including other hedge issues within the area.

Neil had forwarded an email to the Secretary about grant issues. Some discussion within the Community Council followed and Provost Agnew stated that the grants in question were from the Common Good Fund of Dumbarton.

Letter received from MP about pensioner issues will be passed to Alex MacFarlane.

Invitation received from the Scottish Government CORE group on meeting for planning issues, Gilbert dealing.

Treasurers report:

Balance £1082.96

Planning issues:

An unfinished house on Glenhead road is of concern due to the nature of the works that have been done and if a completion certificate was ever issued.

Gilbert reported on the meeting that was held on the 26th August on the Local Plan enquiry in which the question of the validity of some of the objections was raised. Discussion followed on this.

The Park-and-ride scheme was not raised at the last planning meeting.

Letter received from Mr Bain on lottery funding for the restoration of Dalmuir Park and he wished support and comments for this. Some discussion followed on the park and Walter will write to Mr Bain.

Action Point Walter Graham.

WDC report: Provost Agnew

The memorial stone at Dalnottar will be rededicated with the name of the victims of the Blitz. The Hall Street memorial has had names identified for addition. Other memorials in the area that have been neglected will be updated.

Provost Agnew gave a short update on the renovations to the Town hall.

There will be a new book on Clydebank on sale in October.

Update was given on the asbestos workers memorial which will include wives of asbestos workers.

The illuminations will go ahead on 26th September.

Gilbert questioned the Provost on the other memorial artwork. The Provost replied that the work was of the very highest quality.

The Provost gave an update on the Kilbowie Road high Flat CCTV camera which will now be looked at by the housing association as the cost has now reduced. The Provost also reported that the Electric car scheme in this area is now underway and that the clearing of the old College site is well underway.

A.O.C.B:

There was a short discussion on the Data Protection scheme and it was agreed to take no action at this time.

Gilbert brought up the issue of smell from the sewerage works and discussion followed.

Neil gave some information on the old Burgh Band Hall and the owners plans for its future.

The Chair closed the meeting at 10:00 pm and date set for next meeting to be Tues 14th October.