

Minutes of Meeting
Parkhall Tenants Hall
Tuesday 14th October 2008

Handwritten initials and date: *AW*
9/12/08

Community Councillors Present:

Jim Lindsay Chair
Jim Paisley Treasurer

Anne Hickey, Neil Etherington, Diane Docherty, Alex MacFarlane, Drummond McNair

Apologies: Walter Graham, Gilbert Howatson.

West Dunbartonshire Councillors: Provost Denis Agnew

Strathclyde Police: Inspector Neil Connell, Constable David Brown.

Local residents

2 local resident presents.

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

Police report:

Inspector Neil Connell was introduced to the meeting by the chair.

There were 365 incidents reported within the area over the period and 74 crimes of which 28 have been detected, most of the incidents took place out with the Parkhall area:

There was 1 crime of note in which a young female was attacked at the junction of Hornbeam and Sycamore, which is still under investigation.

There has been a marked decrease in youth incidents over the period which could be attributed to extra police patrols and the return to school.

Jim Paisley related to a vehicle incident where a van and a taxi collided at the junction of maple and Beech. Jim asked the Constable Brown if this was due to the poor road markings at this road junction. The constable replied that he had attended this incident and did note the quality of the road marking but could not confirm if this was the cause. Jim asked if the Secretary could write to WDC about this with a view to improving the road markings.

Action Point: Walter Graham

The committee asked the police officers about delays in community police officers responding after reports of incidents including vandalism.

Constable Brown responded stated that community officers are not always available to attend every incident due to other duties but there were always other officers who will attend.

The committee also raised the issue of the incident at the Pro Shop in Dalmuir Park where the youths involved returned to the scene after the police had left.

Constable Brown replied that this is often the case in an incident such as this.

Anne hickey raised the issue of abandoned cars left on council property which are attracting vandals who may in turn damage other resident's cars.

The police officers responded with an outline of the process involved to remove abandoned cars which can become a complicated and lengthy process. Provost Agnew also responded stating that there are statutory issues involved and that West Dunbartonshire Council has to work closely with the Police to solve these issues in each case.

Parkhall, North Kilbowie & Central Community Council

Neil Etherington asked the police officers if community wardens are available in the Parkhall area. This was replied by Constable Brown who stated that they are deployed in areas of need and that as there has been an increase in youth crime, they have been tasked to show their presence in the area.

Neil also raised the issue of the bus corridor in Kilbowie road as traffic and local police issue. Lengthy discussion followed on the validity of such a scheme in such a narrow and congested road. The discussion also raised the issue of the A82 Kilbowie road roundabout which Provost Agnew stated was a Scottish Government issue.

Minutes of last meeting:

Proposed by Drummond McNair

Seconded by Anne Hickey

Matters arising:

Alex Brought copies of a contact list for the pensioner's issues which were taken distributed to the committee.

Secretary's report (Jim Paisley)

Walter has invited a representative from the CCTV trust to the November meeting, Mr John Duffy.

A reply has been received about the hedge cutting on Parkhall road which stated that the hedge was cut by mechanical means due to operational and location issues. This will leave a less refined finish than from a manual cut. Provost Agnew replied that he will arrange a site visit with the council officials involved.

Open discussion followed of the quality of workmanship by council employees in situations such as this.

The park and ride planning meeting was held and the community council was represented by Gilbert Howatson. The planning issue was passed at this meeting. Open discussion on this issue was followed by Provost Agnew giving an overview of the planning process. The committee agreed that a letter be written to WDC to request a pedestrian and traffic be done at this location.

Action Point Walter Graham

The committee also proposed that they should write to the A82 Campaign and request to be part of the campaign.

Action Point Walter Graham

Jim Paisley proposed that a submission be prepared for future sending to the Scottish Office. This was agreed by the committee.

An invitation has been received to the ASCC conference at the Scottish Parliament on the 22nd of November, Jim Paisley will investigate and report back to next meeting.

Treasurers report:

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Balance brought forward | £1082.96 |
| After expenses | £207.56 |
| Current balance is | £875.40 |

Planning issues (Jim Paisley)

The Dalmuir Park Project meeting with project planner was attended by representatives of the community council. Provisional support for the project was given on the condition that the community council is consulted on the proposed developments.

The community council discussed the proposal to hold a public meeting at some time in the future when more detailed information becomes available.

Dumbarton community council are holding an open day at the Concorde centre and members of the community council will attend if available.

Neil Etherington stated that planning permission had been applied for to demolish the former cinema and that Barret have applied for permission to build on another vacant site.

WDC report: Provost Agnew

Provost Agnew informed the community council that there is damage to sewers on Riddle St lane which is causing flooding.

Some repair work will be done to the Dalmuir Park Bowling green clubhouse area. An update was given on other sports amenities in the park.

Provost Agnew visited the Auchentoshan Adult Learning Centre with other councillors and informed the community council that the fabric of the building is in a poor state and the future of the centre is being discussed. Provost Agnew gave support for its retention and stated that the people who use the centre are very vulnerable and support for this centre is

Parkhall, North Kilbowie & Central Community Council

important as this is a very special place. Provost Agnew said that the Community Council should visit the site and view its condition.

Jim Paisley said he had visited the site of the adult learning centre and viewed the lack of repair work done to the site over the years.

The Pennant from the QE2 has been presented to the provost on the ships visit to the Clyde.

The work on the memorial site should be completed before the next Blitz Memorial Day. Additional names will be added to the Hall Street memorial as permission to do this has now been obtained.

Graffiti removal in the area is well under way.

It was brought to the attention of the Provost that the yellow road markings in Clydebank are being ignored by drivers and discussion followed on this within the Community Council.

A.O.C.B:

Provost Agnew informed the Community Council that there will be an open day in the National Park headquarters on the 23rd of October between 2pm and 7:30 pm.

Provost Agnew invited the members of the Community Council to a civic reception on the 11th December at the Municipal Buildings in Dumbarton for a visit and march past by the Argyle and Southern Highlanders

The Chair closed the meeting at 10:00 pm and date set for next meeting to be Tues 11th November.