

Minutes of Meeting
Parkhall Tenants Hall
Tuesday 11th November 2008

Jim Lindsay
Chair
29/12/08

Community Councillors Present:

Jim Lindsay Chair
Walter Graham Secretary Jim Paisley Treasurer

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

Apologies: Gilbert Howatson Vice Chair

West Dunbartonshire Councillors: Provost Denis Agnew

Strathclyde Police: Constable David Brown

Local residents

2 local residents present

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

Police report:

A total of 400 incidents on the two beats 65 [Parkhall] & 66 [Radnor Park] combined, in the last month, 123 of these had been in the Parkhall area, and the remaining 277 had been in the Radnor Park, North Kilbowie area. The main problem had been vandalism. This high number of incidents was accredited to Halloween and Bonfire Night occurring during this period.

There has been one crime of note in this period which was a robbery at a chip shop.

The parking of cars on the A82 at Arnold Clark, the manager of the garage has been spoken to and the situation has now improved.

A question from community council was that the cars that have been parked in the clearway are not taxed and that this has been reported to the community council by the local residents. This was answered by Constable Brown who stated that this has been seen to have stopped.

Neil Etherington asked the new constables for the area are in place yet? Constable Brown replied that the new constables are almost ready to complete training, when ready more experienced officers will be freed to be deployed in the area. Provost Agnew gave his comments on police resource.

Minutes of last meeting:

Proposed by: Jim Lindsay
Seconded by: Alex MacFarlane

Matters arising:

Representative from the mobile CCTV van has not turned up at the meeting. Invitation letter has been sent

A82 campaign was further discussed with the committee and it was agreed that a show of interest be made to the campaign.

Action point Walter Graham.

Adult learning centre issue, Provost Agnew stated that he will be attending a meeting soon on this issue

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and will report back to the committee. Further discussion on this issue followed on this issue.

Secretary's report:

A letter has been written about the white lining on the road, Beech Avenue and Maple drive. Provost Agnew has agreed to contact the people concerned also.

Email has been received about trying to organise an objection the proposed public house within the shopping centre. The committee commented that they had already made a decision on this issue to support the proposed public house.

Action point Walter

Graham.

Open discussion followed at this point on delegated planning powers with clarification by Provost Agnew on legal reason which have to be given when objecting to planning decisions.

Treasurers report:

C/F £875.40

Expenses £25 + tax + interest

Balance £850.71

Question asked about grants for next year. The treasurer replied that a grant application form has been applied for and he will deal at the appropriate time. The chair suggested that the application be made as soon as possible. The treasurer stated that he had contacted the council person who deals with the grants who stated that the applications will not be given out till April. Open discussion followed on the grant process. The chair suggested that all the committee put forward projected expenses for the next year.

Planning issues: Jim Paisley.

The public enquiry on the open space /green belt issue will be held very soon.

Letter has been received from Planning Aid stating that a forum event will be held in December at a cost of £40. The committee agreed to fund this for Gilbert to attend.

Question from Neil about the local plan in which the council have proposed modifications which will include reference to the proposed park and ride scheme, transport fast-link and a 5-10 year plan for improvements to alleviate traffic congestion on Kilbowie road.

Provost Agnew replied on transport issues.

Open discussion followed on planning issues and it was agreed that a letter be written to the WDC requesting the restoration of the walled garden in Auchentoshan wood. **Action Point: Walter Graham.**

WDC report: Provost Agnew

Tree preservation orders were discussed by Provost Agnew.

The A82 issue, Provost Agnew will investigate the ownership of the A82.

The issue of graffiti is still a problem with it being put back on by vandals as it is being removed.

The issue of the flooding in Riddle Street lane is presently being dealt with by Building Control and work is being done.

On housing, Second Avenue and other areas have been visited with the housing director. Singer Street, Second Avenue as well as Salisbury Place all need money spent on them.

Neil stated that the information from the recent meeting with the housing association and the tenant suggested that demolition of the selected properties was the preferred option. Provost Agnew replied that if demolition of the properties were to go ahead, the re-housing of the tenants would then become an issue. Development of the waterfront site for social housing is needed.

Provost Agnew gave the committee information on the Housing Revenue Account at WDC to clarify issues raised by the community council.

Provost Agnew thanked the Community Council for their attendance at the Remembrance Day service

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and discussed the progress of the memorial wall and Blitz memorials.

A.O.C.B:

Open meeting of the Community Council Management Forum on 16th November

The Dalmuir Park walk was completed with the project manager and a public meeting was proposed but a date has yet to be decided.

The Chair closed the meeting at 10:00 pm and date set for next meeting to be Tues 9th December.