

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Parkhall Tenants Hall**  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

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**Community Councillors Present:**

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

**Apologies:** Diane Docherty

**West Dunbartonshire Councillors:** Provost Denis Agnew, William McLaughlin, J Brown.

**Strathclyde Police:** 2 Constables turned up but had to leave on an urgent call

**Local residents** 3 local residents present

**Guest Speaker:** John Duffy WDC OOH Team Leader (in charge of mobile CCTV van)

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

**Police report:**

No report was given due to the constables having to leave.

**Presentation by John Duffy:**

Mr Duffy is the OOH team leader and has responsibility for the ASBO task force and the Community Wardens. The service runs with three teams of 10-20 on call each day. They cover 6 core areas with 2 man foot patrols and 3 mobile teams. The community wardens are trained mainly as professional witnesses as they have no legal powers. Part of the remit of these teams is to liaise with the police to determine areas in which to deploy the community wardens.

The mobile CCTV van was purchased through the Proceeds of Crime funds and has multiple cameras including telescopic and infrared which can be manned by up-to 5 crew. The vehicle has become a target at times but has the effect of dispersing trouble makers when it appears. The vehicle has mainly been used in the Whitecrock area in recent months and has led to prosecutions.

Part of unit is the noise enforcement team who are called on by local police and been issuing 45 to 65 warning notices per month. They can also issue the householder with a fixed penalty notice. Provost Agnew asked Mr Duffy if the van could be deployed more in the Parkhall area due to recent incidents. Other camera issues were discussed including the loss of the camera at the top of Kilbowie road. Neil asked how the police get assistance from the noise unit. M Duffy replied that they contact their central control for the assistance of the noise unit up to 3am when the police themselves deal. Drummond asked how the unit prioritise these calls. Mr Duffy replied that the police can call and a mobile warden patrol can drive by and make an assessment.

**Minutes of last meeting:**

Proposed by: Anne Hickey

Seconded by: Drummond McNair

**Matters arising:**

Email sent to A82 campaign but their main objective was the section of road between Tarbet and Inverness. Letter sent in support of the issues.

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Provost Agnew replied that the A82 is owned by the council as it passes through the area.

White lining, a letter has been received from WDC stating the issue will be looked into for work to be done when weather permits.

### **Secretary's report: Walter Graham**

Open meeting of the community council forum on 11<sup>th</sup> December 7:30 pm.

Letter has been written about the Tenants hall as a valuable resource to the community.

The Planning application is in for the re-instatement of the shops in Parkhall.

Jim Paisley replied on the sewerage works small and that a report will be sent to WDC for the February meeting.

### **Treasurers report: Jim Paisley**

Balance; £774.41

Chair raised the question of the grant application and the amount required and open discussion on this issue followed. The date for the grant application will be investigated by Gilbert.

### **Planning issues: Gilbert Howatson**

Planning enquiry attended on the 24<sup>th</sup> November and relevant points put to the reporter.

A planning application is in for 45 flats in Graham Avenue which will be 5 storied high.

Walter commented that he had not been able to trace the initial application and this was replied to by Neil who stated that he had viewed the plans in June. Gilbert replied that the application was amended in June with very few objections.

The changes to the planning procedures document has just been obtained by Gilbert and he with study this and highlight relevant parts.

Neil asked about the delegated powers issue and open discussion followed on this.

### **WDC report: Provost Agnew**

Provost Agnew discussed the CCTV issues with the committee and raised his concerns on some camera issues.

The provost commented that the pipe band championships will continue for the next 4 years.

Town twinning: the Provost is keen to restore links and talked about the small French town that is keen to start a link up with the Clydebank community. He will extend an invitation to them.

It has been suggested that the Clydebank Museum will be relocated to an empty shop unit to allow better public access. The singer archive was discussed with the provost keen to have artefacts displayed.

Provost Agnew gave the committee an update on the Memorial Wall. The statue of mercury has now been moved to the Town Hall foyer.

Councillor McLaughlin commented on the provision of the yellow lines on Kilbowie road and stated that the bus lane will not now continue down the rest of Kilbowie Road.

The issue of the chip van at the High School was discussed and it is hoped this can be resolved by negotiation.

The Care Commission is investigating the issue with the Auchintoshan Learning Centre and they will issue a report, discussion followed on this issue.

Anne Hickey asked the councillors about gritting which was replied by the Provost who stated that action was taken at the time after a sudden drop in temperature and overnight rain which had also affected most of the central belt of Scotland.

Jim Brown will look into getting a gritting box at the top of Hawthorn Street.

Other gritting issues were discussed at this point.

### **A.O.C.B:**

Drummond asked about the digging up of Overton Road and the lack of progress, this was replied by the WDC councillors who stated that the weather was the issue here. A member of the public questioned the councillors on why the resurfacing work stopped short on Overton Road as he stayed at the junction and his part of the road was not getting done. Councillor Brown stated that this area may have been omitted

Gilbert stated that he is still noting complaints about the new bus lane on Kilbowie road.

Neil commented on the transfer of housing stock which was replied to by Provost Agnew.

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Walter commented on the youths that are now congregating in the area and drinking. He has no faith in the actions being taken by the local police on this issue. Further discussion on this issue followed. Jim Paisley commented that he has received a letter from Ian Bain on the Dalmuir Park redevelopment and suggested holding a public meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January which the committee agreed

Neil stated that he is taking up health matter issues for the Community Council Forum and that the issues were being forwarded to the local Community Council secretary and asked what is being done about this. Walter replied that he has had no contact from the Forum secretary on direction to deal with the issues.

Neil asked about what the Community Council was doing to improve information to the general public and this was replied by Walter.

Neil gave a statement from a democracy report that stated that the Community Councils were doing a good job.

**The Chair closed the meeting at 10:00 pm and date set for next meeting to be Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009.**