

## Minutes of Meeting

Parkhall Tenants Hall Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009

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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.

**Strathclyde Police:** Constables Wells and Hay

**Guest Speaker:** Arthur Cummins, Housing Department (Repairs) WDC

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

### Police report:

Since last report there had been 79 crimes in the area, mostly vandalism and some housebreaking and 33 of these crimes had been detected. There had however been 3 crimes of note;

- Attempted murder
- Rape
- Serious assault.

An Anti-violence campaign is in progress and an anti-gang task force had been moved into the area for this period.

Gilbert reported to the police officers the ongoing problem with underage drinking in the area of "Dunclutha". He also questioned the system for calling out officers, which prioritises calls and delays police officers attending often, after the event had passed. This is resulting in extra, unnecessary calls to the police. Discussion on the police call centre system followed. Walter questioned the "drive by" attitude of the police when attending.

This was responded to by Constable Hay who stated that the Community Police Model was in force in the area which had resulted in more police officers on the beat.

Gilbert questioned this Community Police system on weekend evenings and Constable Hay responded by stating that high visibility policing had some effect in reducing the types of crime he is reporting.

Provost Agnew responded in support of the police system in operation, Gilbert replied in detail about his viewpoint on the police call centre at Motherwell.

Anne Hickey reported on the effective work being done in eradicating the problems at Windsor Crescent.

### Mr Cummins Housing Department:

Mr Cummins reported that he is attending the meeting on request from the housing director who had received a request from the Community Council for answers to questions. He is responsible for housing repairs in the area.

Walter stated that they had requested the Housing Director to attend; Mr Cummins said he would do his best to answer any questions on repair issues only as this is his field.

Provost Agnew gave information on housing condition issues, stock transfer and Graham Avenue/Singer street issues, he also commented on graffiti and vandalism

Mr Cummins replied that works are in progress on some of the issues highlighted with gutter replacement underway in Graham Avenue and scaffolding has been erected to speed this up. Provost Agnew replied that he had been informed that works had been completed but on a visit to site it was obvious that works had not been done yet.

Mr Cummins replied that Health and Safety issues had delayed some works and had left an outstanding work list. Provost Agnew questioned whether jobs were being written off when not done.

Mr Cummins commented on the difficulties maintaining the properties on Second Avenue due to the vandalism problem.

Gilbert commented on the quality of the materials used in the property repairs

Mr Cummins reported on scaffolding issues after comments from the committee and WD councillors present, as this is an issue with progressing repairs. Alex commented on the delay issue to works that can affect the overall cost of repairs to tenants and owners.

Mr Cummins gave a free phone number to the councillors to pass on for highlighting repair issues that are outstanding.

Provost Agnew asked who is responsible for additional damage to property when there are delays in repairs, he also commented on insurance issues when there is scaffolding in use.

## Parkhall, North Kilbowie & Central Community Council

### **Minutes of last meeting:**

Proposed by: Anne Hickey  
Seconded by: Alex McFarlane

**Matters arising:** There were 3 members of the public present at the last meeting.

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

All action points from the last meeting have been dealt with.

Letter has been received from the dogs trust and is available for viewing. Walter commented on the poor response from the Housing Department in sending a repairs officer to the meeting and not a senior Housing Officer. There was a suggestion to write to the chief executive of WDC and Jim Paisley commented that housing policy is a prominent issue with the community council. Walter commented on his previous problems when dealing with the housing department.

Provost Agnew commented on funding issues with housing and Councillor McLaughlin commented on priority issues to housing in Clydebank.

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

C/F: £771.84

Current Balance: £693.37

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

Trees have been cut down in Auchintoshan wood and this has been passed to Greenspace. Tree has been taken down by developer in Glenhead road and discussion on tree issues followed.

Provost Agnew commented on an application for a hot food takeaway at the Hawthorn road shops which was refused planning permission following an appeal, Provost Agnew also gave an update on the Auchintoshan site facility report.

Provost Agnew also gave example of successful implementation of the planning enforcement at Sandpoint Marina Development.

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

Provost Agnew gave the Community Council and overview of the new WDC budget, discussion followed on this including rent settings

Provost Agnew presented for viewing, illustrations of the new War Memorial in Clydebank and gave updates on the Room Of Remembrance. Gilbert requested that a grave register be put on display in the Room Of Remembrance and this was taken away by the Provost for consideration.

Councillor McLaughlin gave his viewpoints on the WDC budget vote.

Housing: Master plan now in place for regeneration schemes

Auchintoshan Centre: The former disco in the Co-Op building in Dalmuir has been identified as a new location for the centre.

Provost Agnew gave an update on the progress of the new schools in Clydebank. The Provost will arrange for a site visit to the old high school before its demolition. He also stated that the classroom sizes in the new schools are bigger than that of similar projects that are underway in other areas and that the children will have access to high class sports facilities. Jim Paisley asked the Provost if these facilities would be open to the local public and he assured the Committee that this was the case

Jim Paisley asked if the community council would be laying a wreath at the Blitz memorial. The chair asked the committee for their opinions on this and it was agreed to go ahead and this would be organised by Jim Paisley.

The Chair asked for interested parties to take part in the regeneration process. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

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

Gilbert: Letter received about interviewing the Community Council about open spaces in Clydebank, discussion followed as this is being done by an external company from Manchester.

Alex: letter received from WDC estates department about tenants hall lease.

Jim Paisley: email received about setting up a Friends of Dalmuir Park group to maintain influence on redevelopment. Jim Paisley, Gilbert and Diane agreed to take part. Jim Paisley gave update on suggested works to the park.

Jim Paisley commented on the community safety partnership, work done in Whitecreek in co-operation with local community.

Neil Etherington stated that for some time now he has been a member of the Clydebank Crime Prevention Panel and this panel has had some influence.

The Clydebank Community Council forum meeting is still not moving forward and as such attendance at meetings has fallen.

Neil asked the Provost about a new piano for the Town Hall. Provost Agnew stated that this has been rejected by the Council as the existing piano had been abused. The Town Hall refurbishment was more important as the building is not safe or secure for a new instrument. Provost Agnew also stated that the fireworks display this year will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> November at Dalmuir Park and he is proposing a family Hogmanay event.

**The Chair closed the meeting at 10:00 pm, next meeting to be Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009.**