

Jim Lindsay  
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## Minutes of Meeting

Parkhall Tenants Hall Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2009

### Community Councillors Present:

Jim Lindsay Chair Gilbert Howatson Vice Chair  
Walter Graham Secretary Jim Paisley Treasurer  
Anne Hickey, Neil Etherington, Alex MacFarlane, Diane Docherty

**Apologies:** Drummond McNair

**West Dunbartonshire Councillors:** Provost Denis Agnew, William McLaughlin, J Brown  
There were 3 members of the public present

**Others: Community Wardens**

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

### Community Wardens report: Eric and Pauline,

The warden's patrol the area and respond to calls between the hours of 3pm and 11pm, responding to calls such as children causing disturbances. They also take note, when patrolling, of any graffiti and missing or faulty streetlights.

Jim Lindsay asked the wardens what are the busiest days.

-The busiest time is during the school holidays and when there is good weather. The wardens walk about in teams of 4 to 6 making assessments of areas

Neil Etherington asked the wardens about what powers they have?

-The wardens have no legal powers, just persuasion and they are not allowed to tell people not to do anything but they will talk and discuss with people any observed issues and pass onto police if required. The police will prioritize these calls the same as they do for calls from the general public. The community wardens act as another pair of eyes on the street and they have a good relationship with the police.

Gilbert asked if they have a direct number to call the police or do they go through the call centre?

General discussion and comment followed on the police call centre and police call prioritisation. Gilbert did note that he had a good response from the wardens when he called them.

Neil asked the wardens if they had any powers over dog fouling.

-No, as this is under powers of the dog wardens and they have had problems with people when they have tried to issue tickets

Provost Agnew asked about powers to take photographs. The community wardens said that they will clarify this with the management as they do have CCTV for this purpose.

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Proposed by: Gilbert Howatson

Seconded by: Diane Docherty

### Matters arising:

Model constitution handed out to community council members

### Secretary's report: Walter Graham

Walter asked the Community Council if they still wished him to write a letter to the housing director to request her presence. After discussion the community council agreed that the letter should still be written to express their disappointment in her handling of contact with the Community Council.

**Action Point: Walter Graham**

Letter has been written about the unfinished state of Glenhead Road development.

Neil asked when the announcement on the Clydebank Wedge will be made.

-The formal processes will have to be completed before announcement can be made.

Gilbert asked about the flower bed issues. This has been highlighted by the local councillors and the Provost, they are awaiting a reply.

Email received from ASCC commenting on the data protection issues.

The election of office bearers to the Community Forum will take place a week on Thursday

A letter has been received from John McFall MP stating that there will be a Veterans Day ecumenical service on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June, at St Mary's Chapel Duntocher.

There will be a seminar held by the environment law Centre on common good funds in Elgin cost is £20

**Treasurers report: Jim Paisley**

Current balance £345.19

**Planning issues: Gilbert Howatson**

Awaiting the publication of the official version of the reporter's document on the Local Plan. The help received on the objections to change was a team effort by many individuals and groups. The problem of front gardens being made into driveways is increasing, Gilbert gave comment on this as he feels that this will restrict on-street parking and will lead to ill feeling in the area. Discussion followed on this within the Community Council.

Gilbert raised the issue of the ease at which tree preservation orders are being removed, Provost Agnew gave comment on this.

**WDC report: Provost Agnew**

The repairs to the stairways at Shakespeare Avenue are in hand.

The 20 mile an hour speed limit on East Thomson Street will be extended to prevent a "rat run" forming on the adjacent streets.

Provost Agnew brought to the attention of the Community council the grants that are available from the Scottish Government for individuals to get central heating. A letter was provided for viewing under the energy assistance program. Discussion followed on this issue.

Cllr. Wm McLaughlin raised his concerns about dangerous individuals moving into the area. Cllr McLaughlin also informed the Community Council that the extension to the dining hall in Kilbowie School will go ahead.

On Local events, The Pipe band championships will go ahead on Saturday and also the good news that the local Clydebank football team have reached the final and buses to the game will be leaving from the Town Hall. A Pro-Am golf competition will take place at end of month and a team of councillors will take part with the aim to highlight focus on the park.

Diane commented to the WDC councillors present, the amount of litter at the park golf office.

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

Jim Paisley informed the Community Council of the renewal of subscription to Planning Aid Scotland. There will be an open event hosted by Scottish Water at the C.E centre and that the Community Council is now on the list of stakeholders to be informed when works are being done at the sewerage works. The owners of the sewerage plant are funding issues with the sewerage works to remove the smells.

Neil commented on the Clydebank rebuilt meeting, part of the Clyde Walkway at the hospital is opening. Not much development is taking place at the waterfront site due to the economic climate.

Gilbert presented a document on asset management in local government for viewing.

Alex commented on vandalism at the Tenants hall.

**The Chair closed the meeting for the AGM to commence, next meeting to be Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009.**