

Minutes of Meeting

Parkhall Tenants Hall Tuesday 8th September 2009

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CHAIR
25/10/09

Community Councillors Present:

Jim Lindsay Chair Gilbert Howatson Vice Chair
Walter Graham Secretary Jim Paisley Treasurer
Drummond McNair

Apologies: Diane Docherty, Alex McFarlane, Neil Etherington, Anne Hickey

West Dunbartonshire Councillors:

Provost Dennis Agnew

Police:

Inspector Stan Houston

Others:

7 members of the public were present.

Community Wardens:

2 community wardens attended

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

Police Report:

Inspector Houston introduced himself those present and gave a brief overview of his police background. Inspector Houston said that he is here to ensure that the community get service from the community police officers in the area. His attendance at this meeting was in response to letters raised about issues at Shakespeare Avenue and Dickens Avenue. Community police officers are robustly policing the highlighted areas and working with other agencies in dealing with the issues. Members of the public commented to the inspector that there had been a recent improvement in the area after input from police and other agencies.

Walter stated that on the case of the incidents in Shakespeare Avenue had been a good example of multiple agencies working together.

Walter raised the issues of the police call centre with the inspector and discussion on this issue followed as this has been a constant issue raised by the community council. The Inspector responded on service delivery from the call centre.

Gilbert responded that Fridays and Saturdays are the busy times for the police and those local issues seem to be at the bottom of the pile for police response. The inspector stated that he has little influence over call prioritization but always call 999 in emergency, minor incidents at the weekends can overload the call centre and they struggle to gain info to correctly prioritize these calls. The Inspector urged those present not to give up on calling the police with incidents as these calls are important in gathering data to identify areas of problem.

The Inspector commented that community police officers should work in an area for 3 years to give continuity. Gilbert Howatson stated that this has not happened in this area recently as there have been multiple different officers working in this area. Provost Agnew also commented on this issue, he also went on to give comment on police funding from West Dunbartonshire Council.

Inspector Houston replied with his views on this issue and that he would endeavour to ensure that Community Police officers will be visible and known to the community.

Parking at Hawthorn Street was raised with the Inspector. Provost Agnew commented that planning were involved due to the construction of the new shops, a traffic survey will be completed. The Inspector noted the comments on this issue and other traffic issues and will pass this on to traffic department.

Community Wardens report:

Discussion with wardens by the Community council and MOP on there visibility in the area. The Wardens stated that they had talked to the individuals involved in the incidents at Shakespeare Avenue. The issue of the children hanging about the Substation on Parkhall Road was raised with the Community Wardens.

Minutes of last meeting:

Pro: Drummond McNair

Sec: Walter Graham

Matters arising:

Letter written to all agencies involved with the Shakespeare Avenue problems.

Burgh Band Hall on Second Avenue, still getting set on fire by children

The rose beds have had some work done on them but not very well

Action point: Walter will write to Enviro Trust for update from previous action.

Secretary's report: Walter Graham

From email from MOP, the water leak at Clarke Street has now been resolved.

Email received from Donald Petrie on woodland project. Maps are now available.

Meeting to discuss model constitution, outcome to wait and see what WDC will be doing about this.

Letter received from the Scottish Government on High Hedge consultation,.

Treasurers report: Jim Paisley

Current balance £953.41

Planning issues: Gilbert Howatson

Report received from the reporter about the Dalmuir wedge. The planning department will form a sub-committee to look at the document and see what to pass onto the planning committee.

The Provost updated the CC meeting on this issue and what had been done so far at the planning committee meeting.

Action point: Secretary. Write letter to Councillor Finn and distribute letter to whole of planning committee.

The park and ride has not been put before the planning committee yet

There are changes to the planning rules, its effect will not become known until its implementation. There will be training provided but no dates have been given yet.

Dalmuir Sewerage works issue; Scottish water will not be giving any capital input on this site until 2011, stating a river survey to be completed first as an excuse. Additional discussion took place on this with Gilbert giving info on how sewerage is treated at the plant.

Dalmuir Park Grant Application: there is no clear progress on this issue. Jim Paisley gave info on the matched funding and the danger that it could be lost.

WDC report: Provost Agnew:

Provost Agnew gave thanks to the C.C on there work on the problem areas and the involvement of the agencies involved in its improvement. Open discussion followed on this issue.

The Provost invited the CC members to the unveiling of the War Memorial in Hall Street and showed the meeting illustrations on the memorial. In-depth information was given by the Provost on its progress and future improvements.

Walter questioned the provost on some known missing names and information was given on how to rectify this omission.

The opening of the Dalmuir Park illuminations will take place on Friday 28th September.

The new fence at Clydebank High School will be moved back and the tree on this part of the site will be saved.

A.O.C.B: none

The Chair closed the meeting at 10pm, next meeting to be Tuesday 13th October 2009.

Minute Secretary: Gordon Wilson