

PARKHALL, NORTH KILBOWIE AND CENTRAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING 10TH NOVEMBER 2009

PARKHALL TENANTS HALL, PARKHALL ROAD

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PRESENT

Community Councillors:

Jim Lindsay	Chair
Walter Graham	Secretary
Jim Paisley	Treasurer
Neil Etherington	
Ann Hickey	
Alex MacFarlane	
Diane Docherty	

West Dunbartonshire Councillors:

Denis Agnew	Provost
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In Attendance:

E Buchanan	Community Warden
C Campbell	Community Warden
PC D Hay	Strathclyde Police
PC R Wells	Strathclyde Police

Apologies:

Gilbert Howatson, Drummond McNair, Cllr J Brown

Minutes:

S Quigley

There were two members of the public present. Chair J Lindsay opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

The Police and Community Warden reports were taken first to allow the representatives to resume their duties.

- Police Report** – this was presented by P.C. Hay in the absence of P.C. Eddington. Those present were advised that of 89 reported crimes, 53 had been detected and were subject to report to the Procurator Fiscal. Crimes detected included 1 serious assault, 10 assaults, 26 breaches of the peace, 13 thefts, 3 were drugs-related and there were 19 acts of vandalism. Following a point of clarification for Provost Agnew, Walter Graham enquired about issues concerning teenagers raised at the last meeting. P.C. Hay was unable to comment at this point, however he will pursue the information requested for the next meeting. Alex MacFarlane highlighted concerns relating to the hall's security – those present discussed possible steps which could be taken.
- Community Wardens Report:** The Dickens Avenue area is now quiet and there are no other issues. Provost Agnew noted that substantial resources had been put into the area since July. Neil Etherington noted the importance of police co-ordination and sought clarification on current procedures. Given the absence of P.C. Eddington there have been difficulties this month, however P.C. Hay will attend to this matter. Those present discussed whether it was necessary to pass the Community Council's minutes to the Police, and subsequently agreed that there was no requirement or benefit in doing so.

The Chair thanked the Police and Community Wardens for their input and they left the meeting at this point.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Subject to the correction of minor typographical errors, it was agreed the content was true and accurate.

Proposed: Jim Lindsay

Seconded: Diane Docherty

4. **Matters Arising:**

Land (Crown Avenue) –Environment Trust has advised they have no plans in respect of this area in this financial year.

Park and Ride – This is being pursued by Gilbert Howatson – information should be available for the next meeting. Planning issues are still outstanding. Those present discussed the progress made to date.

Ann Hickey noted the importance of care for the environment and the need for saving energy.

5. **Secretary's Report: Walter Graham**

a) Correspondence had been received in respect of an application for an off licence at 137 Hawthorn Street. There were no objections to this.

b) The Environment Trust, in conjunction with the Woodland Trust, wishes to plant trees in the High Park area. The Community Council agreed clarification be sought in respect of the Terms of the High Park and also further information on the plans of the Environment Trust is required. A holding letter to be sent and Louise McAllister from the Trust to be invited to the next meeting.

c) Dalmuir Park Update – application for grant underway.

6. **Treasurer's Report: Jim Paisley**

Jim confirmed the current balance as £946.58.

7. **Planning:**

In the absence of Gilbert Howatson, Jim Paisley advised that a Management Committee meeting was held today (10th). This Community Council will be requested to nominate a representative to receive information from WDC – Provost Agnew confirmed that being a statutory group all correspondence should be via the secretary.

Jim has also established excellent contact with the Water Board which has led to first-class service and productive discussion is now happening.

Gilbert attended the Planning training day on 29th October.

8. **WDC Report - Provost Agnew**

The Remembrance Day ceremony was well-attended, thanks were expressed to Jim for laying the wreath.

Hawthorn Street – a greater police presence has resulted in the social issues of this area quietening down.

Dalmuir Park - illuminations and fireworks events went well. The cost of children's rides at events needs to be examined. Diane noted that the park needs funding, and those present discussed issues around the cafe provision.

The elements of social and industrial heritage in the area were examined and it was recognised that there is a willingness to contribute to, and link in with, the wider area to promote and preserve this.

9. **AOCB:**

Pavements – Walter Graham expressed concerns relating to the condition of, and lack of pavements in Parkhall Road. Fencing also needs repair. This is hazardous for local residents,

particularly those with disabilities. Duntocher Road also suffers from obstructions – overgrown hedges and mis-placed wheelie bins, whilst leaves and blocked drains and culverts are causing problems in Planetree Drive and Braemar View.

Traffic Management – The effectiveness of bus lanes was examined and overall traffic management. It was suggested that Angus Bodie, WDC Transport Forum, be invited to attend a meeting to discuss issues of concern.

Forum Open Meeting - 10th December. Provost Agnew is the guest speaker.

Granville St - land is being offered for sale at open market price for the development of social housing.

- 10. Date of Next Meeting:** In closing the meeting, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions. The next meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 8th December at 7.30pm in Parkhall Tenants Hall.