

PARKHALL, NORTH KILBOWIE AND CENTRAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING 8TH DECEMBER 2009

PARKHALL TENANTS HALL, PARKHALL ROAD

PRESENT

Community Councillors:

Jim Lindsay Chair
Walter Graham Secretary
Jim Paisley
Neil Etherington
Ann Hickey
Alex MacFarlane
Gilbert Howatson
Drummond McNair



12/11/09

West Dunbartonshire Councillors: Provost Denis Agnew

In Attendance: Community Wardens: Polly and Eric
Strathclyde Police PC D. Eddington

Apologies: Diane Docherty

Minutes: S. Quigley

Members of the public: David McKenna J Sloss.

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.

- 1. Police Report** – This report was presented by P.C. Eddington. There will be a change in the direction of Community Policing as per the results of the latest survey. The focus will move from drug dealing to speeding motorists – speed gun training is underway. Additionally, the off-licence application for Hawthorn Street has been approved and P.C. Eddington confirmed that the area will be monitored.
He advised that crime statistics for the period were average with incidences of house-breaking, domestic breaches of the peace, and disturbances.
Alex advised of the escalation of the incident outside the hall, this was duly noted by P.C. Eddington.
Anne Hickey reported vandalism to the wall at Windsor Crescent – the perpetrators were thought to be from Clydebank High School. Given the damage, implements must have been used which gives rise to further concern. P.C. Eddington will approach the headmaster Stuart Young, who also needs to be advised.
Gilbert Howatson noted that the burnt-out car on Glenhead football pitch was still there after ten weeks. Linda McLaughlin is the contact person who should be able to help with the removal.

Those present discussed issues relating to Police input at schools, under-age drinkers and the areas of Dickens Avenue, Briar Drive, and Shakespeare Avenue.
The Community Council noted the changing roles and remits of contacts within Strathclyde Police.

PC Eddington was thanked for his contribution and left the meeting at this point.

2. Community Wardens Report:

Provost Agnew inquired about the possible deployment of a CCTV van to relevant areas at the appropriate time and requested the wardens augment police activity in the lead up to Christmas. Anne clarified the problems at Windsor Crescent for the benefit of the wardens. Walter Graham can be e-mailed if there are any problems with times or shifts.
The wardens were thanked for their attendance and they subsequently left the meeting.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Subject to the correction of "Councillor" to "Provost" on page 1, par. 1, the Minutes of the meeting on 10th November 2009 were accepted as correct.

Proposed: Anne Hickey

Seconded: Alex MacFarlane

Appreciation was expressed to Sandra for her assistance with the minutes.

4. Matters Arising:

Park and Ride – Walter advised that Angus Bodie WDC had been invited to the meeting but was unable to attend. He had, however, submitted an e-mail in response to traffic management concerns. Walter read the e-mail for the benefit of all present. It was agreed that Walter extend a further invitation to Angus to attend the next meeting.

Gilbert Howatson noted the amendments to the original plan and the basic quality of the landscaping.

Crown Avenue- Walter advised that correspondence received relating to nos. 37a – 67 indicated that funding constraints are affecting the drainage work required. Provost Agnew has requested more detailed information and is pursuing a meeting with relevant WDC officers given the seriousness of the issues. Gilbert confirmed that the Environment Trust has no plans for this area. Provost Agnew will circulate any new information received.

5. Secretary's Report: Walter Graham

Correspondence had been received in respect of

- a) Mobile Phone Masts – Pre-planning consultation has been received in respect of the erection of an O2 / Vodafone mast at the Radnor Park Hotel. No objections were raised.
- b) Forum Open Meeting - 10th December at 7.30pm. Provost Agnew is the guest speaker.
- c) E-mail (Steve Shaw) Unlock Democracy – Sustainable Communities Act. The content of this is not applicable to this area or Scotland. No action or comment required.
- e) Anna Gilbert, Scottish Government, has guidance on Good Practice – refer to website for more detail.

6. Treasurer's Report: Jim Paisley

Jim noted the items of expenditure for the period and confirmed the current balance as £813.83.

7. Planning: Gilbert Howatson

Gilbert highlighted instances where completed projects differed from the plans and noted the importance of adhering to the originals where possible.

The Environment Trust has planted three copses of trees in Dalmuir Park, with the assistance of three schools. The complicated title deeds have been checked – Gilbert provided those present with a brief outline history of the ownership. Turning to the Community Council Forum, Gilbert advised of the note of interest raised here by WDC Audit in respect of those Community Councils with property. It is also hoped to re-establish the Transport Forum. The Planning meeting held last week also agreed to change the category of Dalmuir Park, however there are ongoing committee issues surrounding this.

8. WDC Report - Provost Agnew

Provost Agnew provided the Community Councillors with information on committee systems, representation on committees and the subsequent decision-making process. He confirmed that all the schools were now open.

Additionally, Provost Agnew noted the concerns by all local authorities in Scotland in respect of forthcoming budget limitations - projects will need to demonstrate their value to secure or maintain funding. Those present discussed project funding and statutory funding.

9. AOCB:

Petition – Walter Graham sought advice on the submission of petitions. Those present discussed the impact of petitions, raising objections at meetings, and writing letters. It was decided to let the current petition regarding the Bath house run until after Christmas.

Dalmuir Park Restaurant – Gilbert advised that this is now being cleared out (WDC Social Work – Community Service). Provost Agnew confirmed that Cafe Connect will be managing it – they have an excellent track record.

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 12th January 2010 at 7.30pm in Parkhall Tenants Hall.