

PARKHALL, NORTH KILBOWIE AND CENTRAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010

PARKHALL TENANTS HALL, PARKHALL ROAD

**PRESENT**

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| <b>Community Councillors:</b>           | Jim Lindsay      | Chair              |
|   | Walter Graham    | Secretary          |
|   | Jim Paisley      | Treasurer          |
|   | Neil Etherington |                    |
|   | Ann Hickey       |                    |
|   | Alex MacFarlane  |                    |
|   | Gilbert Howatson |                    |
|   | Drummond McNair  |                    |
| Diane Docherty                          |                  |                    |
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| <b>West Dunbartonshire Councillors:</b> | Denis Agnew      | Provost            |
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| <b>In Attendance:</b>                   | Polly and Eric   | Community Wardens  |
|   | Whitecrook PC's  | Strathclyde Police |
|   | Angus Bodie      | WDC                |
| <br>                                    |                  |                    |
| <b>Apologies:</b>                       | PC D Eddington   |                    |
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| <b>Minutes:</b>                         | S Quigley        |                    |

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 the Whitecrook Team who submitted apologies on behalf of P.C. Eddington. The police were advised that the burnt-out car wreck at Glenhead pitch was still there despite action by PC Eddington.

Certain local individuals are being monitored closely, and Alex confirmed that the hall itself had been quiet for a period. The crime report indicated that 10 incidences had been raised – breach of the peace or domestic. There had been 38 calls (5 of which were ASB) of minor incidences. It was noted that these figures were low by comparison to other areas, although it was recognised that the recent severe weather may have been a contributory factor. Provost Agnew commented on the significance of this being the lowest figure ever in crime reports.

Anne reported an abandoned car at Windsor Crescent and those present subsequently looked at issues surrounding private and public parking areas. The police will check this. Diane queried whether people – particularly the elderly - could walk on the roads when the pavements were impassible. She reported an incidence of an elderly lady who had felt intimidated when police insisted she return to the footpath. Safety issues were a concern either way. An inquiry by Neil concerning the closure of Haddows shop resulted in the Community Councillors being advised that there were no longer congregations of drinkers in that specific area.

A discussion on areas and crime statistics recognised the differing attitudes of residents in reporting to the police, as confirmed by the Whitecrook team. They will report back to PC Eddington who will attend the next meeting, shifts permitting.

2. **Community Wardens Report:** Polly advised that there has been a quiet spell, however noted that there had been an incident with the van earlier today.

The Police and Wardens were thanked for their attendance and they subsequently left the meeting

3. **Angus Bodie, Manager of Roads, Waste and Transport, WDC:** Angus was introduced by Chair Jim Lindsay. Angus thanked the Community Councillors for the invitation to speak at the meeting and indicated he was happy to be able to discuss and clarify any issues surrounding the transport system.

Angus commenced by outlining the background to Kilbowie Park and Ride, including planning conditions, funding and the completed elements to date. The general concept of Park and Ride in relation to trains and buses was clarified.

Angus then detailed the development at Kilbowie, and the link with the Great Western Road Corridor and SPT, noting the anticipated benefits both now and in the future.

Approximately half of the spaces have currently been constructed and the College will encourage students to use the facility. There is a requirement for SPT to meet with First Bus, and for the site to be marketed. The site serves a strategic transport purpose in addition to the short-term benefits. Angus continued by clarifying the landscaping position, the change and increase in traffic flow into the area and the use and introduction of bus lanes.

Those present then discussed with Angus the use of buses, competitors in the bus industry and the type of passengers found on public transport. Additionally, research carried out, consultation and future demand were examined. Provost Agnew noted the level of funding for SPT from West Dunbartonshire in relation to the level of transport system in place. The Community Councillors looked at ways in which more people could be encouraged to use public transport. The differences between the Kilbowie development and the existing Chalmers Street facility were noted, with Provost Agnew highlighting the untapped resource of river transport as an alternative method of travel.

Valid points were raised in relation to bus lanes, road layouts, public transport, planning, A82 and Kilbowie roundabout traffic lights. Additionally, Angus provided information on other developments outwith West Dunbartonshire, noting their success or otherwise, and the contributory factors.

Given the recent severe weather conditions, the Community Councillors discussed the gritting of roads and pavements with Angus. There is a salt shortage nationwide, and current resources need to be prioritised - Angus clarified the supplier's position for the benefit of all. Road safety, traffic calming and road markings were also covered.

Prior to Angus leaving the meeting, Chair Jim Lindsay thanked him for his attendance and contributions. Angus extended an invitation to all to the annual Transport Forum meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

Angus left the meeting at this point.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes of the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009 were approved.

*Proposed: Gilbert Howatson*

*Seconded: Anne Hickey*

5. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising that were not covered in the Agenda.
6. **Secretary's Report: Walter Graham**  
Correspondence had been received in respect of
  - a) Energy Saving Advice Centre – Passed to Alex – relates to the hall.
  - b) E-mail ( A Monaghan) – no further action required.
  - c) Dalmuir Park Grant to pay for assessment of needs passed.
  - e) Clydebank Post re abolishing public notices – **Walter to reply.**
  - f) Frances McNeill / Sheila Urquhart - Model Constitution. Walter read out the e-mail for the benefit of all. This was discussed, and it was recognised that the current constitution fulfilled requirements. Should there be any changes within West Dunbartonshire Council's relevant legislation, then there will be a necessity to amend the constitution accordingly. Jim Paisley advised that correct procedures would protect the Community Councils grant allocation.
7. **Treasurer's Report: Jim Paisley**  
Jim noted the items of expenditure for the period totalling £82.84 and confirmed the current balance as £731.16
8. **Planning: Gilbert Howatson**  
Gilbert confirmed that the Local Plan had been approved today, and indicating that now is the time to bring issues to the fore and correspond with the Planning Department. Public land and open spaces were discussed along with the acquirement of land by residents.
9. **WDC Report - Provost Agnew**  
Provost Agnew summarised the gritting problems that had arisen due to the extreme weather conditions. Workers were out on Hogmanay to alleviate the situation. The Provost continued by advising of the £800m Scottish budget cuts - savings would need to be made and could result in diminishment of services. The Community Councillors discussed local heritage, listed buildings and the relationship between Councils and Historic Scotland.
10. **AOCB:**  
**Duntocher Road** – Jim Paisley noted that cars were still speeding on this road.  
**Health Matters Representation** – Neil Etherington is the representative on the Community Councils Forum in respect of health matters. A meeting with relevant bodies is being held on 20<sup>th</sup> – Neil will take any issues forward.  
**Statutory Recognition** – Given that the Community Council is statutory, concern was expressed with the lack of consultation in co-ordinating meetings with WDC committees.
11. **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 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 7.30pm in Parkhall Tenants Hall.**