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PARKHALL, NORTH KILBOWIE AND CENTRAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2010

PARKHALL TENANTS HALL, PARKHALL ROAD

**PRESENT**

<b>Community Councillors:</b>	Jim Lindsay	Chair
	Walter Graham	Secretary
	Jim Paisley	Treasurer
	Neil Etherington	
	Alex MacFarlane	
	Gilbert Howatson	
	Drummond McNair	

**West Dunbartonshire Councillors:** Denis Agnew Provost

**In Attendance:** Linnvale & Drumry PC's Strathclyde Police

**Apologies:** Ann Hickey, Diane Docherty, PC D Eddington

**Minutes:** S Quigley

Chair J Lindsay opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

The Police report was taken first to allow the representatives to resume their duties.

- 1. Police Report:** A concise verbal report by the officers indicated that a total of 70 reported crimes had been recorded over the period. The range included anti-social behaviour, drugs-related, violence, dishonesty and vandalism. There is no pattern to the offences, although crimes of dishonesty, which includes some vehicle-related offences is on the high side for this area with a total of 14 being recorded.

The issue of the burnt-out car at Glenhead pitch was raised once again. Additionally, Jim Paisley reported that vehicles were driving through Dalmuir Park causing danger to pedestrians. Speeding vehicles are also a problem at Hawthorn Street and Duntocher Road. Drummond McNair noted the volume of vehicles jumping the red-light at the Duntocher Road/ Canal Road junction. Provost Agnew expressed grave concern relating to school children racing across the A82.

The police officers discussed and noted the above points with the Community Councillors and agreed to liaise with the traffic division accordingly.

The officers were thanked for their contributions and subsequently left the meeting at this point.

- 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes of the meeting on 12<sup>TH</sup> January 2010 were accepted as read.

**Proposed:** Drummond McNair

**Seconded:** Alex MacFarlane

3. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising that were not covered in the Agenda. Walter Graham confirmed that any action points have been acted upon accordingly.

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

A letter has been sent to the Scottish Government expressing concern at the lack of democracy relating to the green belt decision. Walter also advised that letters of objection to the proposed demolition of the bath house needed to be in by tomorrow (10<sup>th</sup>).

Correspondence had been received in respect of

- a) Clydebank Restoration Trust – re listed building application information.
- b) Scottish Water - Invitation to Glynhill Hotel on 9<sup>th</sup> March re performance issues.
- c) North Lodge, Auchentoshan – re erection of building / planning permission.

The Community Councillors discussed issues relating to planning, retrospective permission, consent, the new review body, and challenging delegated authority.

Given the circumstances, Walter Graham will liaise with the appropriate bodies and keep everyone informed.

- d) Planning Aid is providing free training on 13<sup>th</sup> March in the Burgh Hall, Church St, Dumbarton from 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Drummond McNair and Walter Graham will attend.
- e) Community Council Forum – meeting 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm in the Municipal Buildings, Dumbarton (Licensing Standards).
- f) WDC Committees – Walter is now in receipt of agendas and related information. Neil inquired whether the information received covered all committees. Walter confirmed that the amount of information being received was now greater than before.

The Chair thanked Walter for his contribution.

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

Jim confirmed the brought forward balance as £731.16. There has been no expenditure over the period, resulting in an interest payment of £0.06 and tax of £0.01. The current balance is therefore £731.21.

The issue of grant applications, total applied for and the purpose of the grant were all briefly examined by those present. To be carried forward to the March meeting.

6. **Planning: Gilbert Howatson**

Gilbert provided a comprehensive verbal update on recent planning issues, noting the progress of the draft Local Plan, relevant meeting dates and communications sent and received.

The Community Councillors looked at local planning applications, including those proposals affecting the Town Hall and Baths. Gilbert clarified the guidelines around changes and procedures affecting listed buildings, the use of surrounding land and compatibility, and also recognised local priorities.

7. **WDC Report - Provost Agnew**

Provost Agnew noted concern over the budget proposals and possible cuts or changes in methods of service delivery as a result of this.

The relationship and protocols between elected members and officers was clarified for the benefit of all. The committee system, reports and accountability mechanisms were noted. Provost Agnew emphasised the importance of service delivery.

**Dalmuir Park** – Jim Paisley advised those present of the meeting to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. Stage 1 has been completed and the development has progressed to Stage2

**Glenhead Road Garages** – Drummond McNair drew attention to the need for consistency in planning permissions / decisions in respect of the erection of garages or the use of containers in areas such as this.

**Google Maps** – Neil Etherington noted discrepancies in the Google maps and sought clarification and support in order to comment to Google accordingly.

8. **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> March 2010 at 7.30pm in Parkhall Tenants Hall.**