

PARKHALL, NORTH KILBOWIE AND CENTRAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Jim Lindsay
Chair
13/4/10

MEETING 9TH March 2010

PARKHALL TENANTS HALL, PARKHALL ROAD

PRESENT

Community Councillors: Jim Lindsay Chair
Walter Graham Secretary
Ann Hickey
Diane Docherty
Alex MacFarlane
Gilbert Howatson

West Dunbartonshire Councillors: Denis Agnew Provost

In Attendance: Strathclyde Police (Dalmuir / Old Kilpatrick)
Community Wardens

Apologies: PC D Eddington, Jim Paisley, Neil Etherington, Drummond
McNair and Councillor Jim Brown.

Minutes: S Quigley

There were two members of the public present.

It was noted for the benefit of all that access to the Hall for future meetings would be via the back door for security reasons.

Chair J Lindsay opened the meeting at 7.30pm prompt.

The Police report was taken first to allow the representative to resume her duties.

1. Police Report:

Incidents in the area totalled 46. Of these, 6 were disturbances and 4 related to Ramsay House. There was 1 incident of theft (taxi fraud). Additionally, there would appear to be a pattern emerging in break-ins to sheds and garages in Old Kilpatrick and Dalmuir areas. Crime reports totalled 17 – these crimes feature vandalism and anti-social behaviour. Two of these reports again related to Ramsay House, however these were resolved internally. Following up from last month's report, the Community Councillors were advised that an action plan was in operation to deter speeding motorists in Duntocher Road - 15 drivers have been warned to date. It was confirmed that the burnt-out car has been removed from Glenhead pitch.

Petrol has been stolen from a car – this was subsequently officially reported to the officer at the close of her report. Provost Agnew noted incidences of fighting in the Radnor Park area and encouraged everyone involved to be pro-active in reporting this activity. Those present discussed the capacity level of Braidfield High, police liaison, and general disciplinary issues.

Littering is a problem, although other trouble has died down. It was recognised by Provost Agnew that there is a requirement to keep on top of the situation.

There have been reports of people entering properties at Castle, Lomond and Peel View. Alex MacFarlane reported a stolen satellite navigation system and vandalism/ theft from a garden in Duntocher Road.

The police officer noted the importance of reporting all incidents to the police, and will check to see if they are aware of these incidents.

The officer was then thanked for her contribution and subsequently left the meeting at this point.

2. **Community Wardens Report:** The current Community Wardens roles and remits are being restructured, and there will now be Public Assurance Assistants with the emphasis on early intervention and more Assist Officers. Provost Agnew confirmed the aim is to make efforts more joined-up and to use resources more effectively and pro-actively. There will be no diminution of service.

Diane noted the reassurance the public felt being able to see the Community Wardens on the streets - under the restructure new remits will allow for this.

The Wardens advised that areas have been quiet and there was nothing to report by way of incidences.

Chair Jim Lindsay, on behalf of the Community Council thanked the Wardens for their attendance, help and reports to the meetings, and wished them every success in the future.

The Wardens left the meeting at this point.

3. **Hallkeeper**

It was with sadness that the Community Councillors noted the death of Tam the hallkeeper. He was a well-liked member of the community and will be sadly missed. Those present observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes of the meeting on 9th February 2010 were accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

Proposed: Gilbert Howatson

Seconded: Walter Graham

The Minutes were signed and dated by the Chair.

5. **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.

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

Correspondence had been received in respect of

- a) Community Council Balance Sheets – Walter advised that these are all held individually.
- b) Town Hall and Baths Planning Permission- acknowledgement of correspondence received.
- c) Dalmuir Park – standard response received. Walter read out the original letter sent to those present, and it was recognised that this response was inadequate. Walter will pursue this.
- d) Today is the final date for representation re the Baths – Historic Scotland's input is required.

- e) Training Certificate in Neighbourhood Management: noted.
- f) Strathclyde Fire and Rescue - Integrated Risk Management Plan 2010 – 2013: noted.

ACTION: WG

The Chair thanked Walter for his contribution.

7. Treasurer's Report:

Gilbert Howatson presented this report in the absence of Jim Paisley.

Gilbert confirmed the brought forward balance as £700.06.

A grant application for £600 will be submitted given approval from the Community Council.

The Community Council has exercised care and prudence in financial expenditure and in its role as the conduit from community to local authority.

The grant application was unanimously agreed.

ACTION: JP

8. Planning: Gilbert Howatson

Gilbert noted the categories of Green Belt and Public Open Space, and updated the members on the circumstances surrounding the planning application in respect of Dumbarton Common for information.

The Town Hall application will be presented at the Planning Committee meeting on the 6th April at 10.00 am in the Municipal Buildings.

There are no other major planning concerns, Gilbert will liaise with Walter over any points that require further input.

ACTION: GH/WG

9. WDC Update: Provost Agnew

Provost Agnew noted forthcoming events for information - Clydebank Blitz Memorial Service will be held on 13th March at Dalnottar at 11 am. Wreaths will be laid as appropriate.

The Pipe Band Championships will be held on 22nd May in Levensgrove Park, Dumbarton.

Provost Agnew expressed concern at the level of estate management in the Parkhall area and is arranging officer visits in an effort to improve this.

The Community Councillors discussed garaging, lock-ups and storage facilities in the area and general environs with the Provost.

10. AOCB

Dalmuir Park – Diane requested an update on the position of the cafe. This is progressing.

Tree Cutting - it was noted this is evident around the hall.

A82 Signage – Walter observed the road signs are now in poor condition.

Consultants /Tendering – Gilbert noted the processes used.

- 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 13th April 2010 at 7.30pm in Parkhall Tenants Hall.