

PARKHALL, NORTH KILBOWIE AND CENTRAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING 13th April 2010

PARKHALL TENANTS HALL, PARKHALL ROAD

PRESENT

Community Councillors:	Jim Lindsay	Chair
	Walter Graham	Secretary
	Jim Paisley	Treasurer
	Ann Hickey	
	Neil Etherington	
	Alex MacFarlane	
	Gilbert Howatson	
	Drummond McNair	
West Dunbartonshire Councillors:	Denis Agnew	Provost
	Jim Brown	
In Attendance:	PC Mark Chivers	Strathclyde Police
Apologies:	Diane Docherty, PC D Eddington.	
Minutes:	S Quigley	

There were four members of the public present. The Community Councillors noted the attendance of Frank Murgatroyd, a previous Chair, and extended a warm welcome to Frank.

Chair J Lindsay opened the meeting at 7.30pm prompt.

The Police report was taken first to allow P C Chivers to return to his duties.

1. Police Report:

P C Chivers advised that within the crime report there were 7 relevant incidences to the area. These included petrol / diesel siphoning, spray painting on walls, garage break-ins and vandalism. P C Chivers provided dates, locations and background information to the incidences which were noted by those present. The Community Councillors discussed aspects of the incidences, with P C Chivers emphasising the importance of vigilance and reporting suspicious activities to the Police.

Provost Agnew voiced concerns relating to dangerous activities by an off-road bike in the Granville Street - Hawthorn Street area – this has been reported to the Police. Gilbert Howatson noted inappropriate driving by a 4x4 in the golf course and Parkhall Road district. These concerns were noted by P C Chivers who will pass them on and provide feedback at the next meeting.

Those present then discussed Police powers in respect of motoring offences, with P C Chivers clarifying the general legislation and regulations for the benefit of all. Police response times to incidents and their available resources were also considered.

Alex MacFarlane reported the theft of an Estate Agents sign which was left at the hall.

Ann Hickey advised that youngsters were causing problems in Windsor Crescent with bad behaviour and stone-throwing, whilst Neil Etherington noted graffiti spraying.

P C Chivers continued by advising the Community Council of changing faces, roles and remits and locations within the Police – a new Community policeman, P C Walker, starts next Monday.

Provost Agnew commended the work by the Police in recent operations which had resulted in several houses being targeted and arrests made.

Chair Jim Lindsay thanked P C Chivers for his contribution, who subsequently left to resume his duties.

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes of the meeting on 9th March 2010 were approved.

Proposed: Ann Hickey

Seconded: Gilbert Howatson

The Minutes were signed and dated by the Chair.

3. **Matters Arising:** Walter Graham confirmed that any action points have been acted upon accordingly. Referring to par. 8, Walter advised that a strong letter had been issued. All other matters are contained within the agenda.

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

Correspondence had been received in respect of

- a) Parkhall, North Kilbowie and Central Community Council: The name of the Community Council is unchanged - this needs to be clarified for reference in the Draft Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils. **ACTION: WG**
- b) Community Council Forum Meeting: This takes place on the 15th April – the speaker is Selina Ross, WDCVS. All are welcome to attend.

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

Jim advised those present that 31st March 2010 was the end of the financial year. The April bank statement was awaited to support the year-end accounting and preparation of the books for auditing.

The carry-forward balance from last month was £700.08. After expenditure and tax / interest payments the balance remaining is £675.12.

Jim confirmed that the grant application had been prepared.

ACTION: JP

6. **Planning: Gilbert Howatson**

Gilbert advised that both he and Walter had attended the planning meeting which was addressing the proposed alterations to the Town Hall and the demolition of the Baths.

Although both had spoken to the Committee the decision to approve the applications was in the main unanimous. Approval for the applications from Historic Scotland is now awaited. The Town Hall is B listed and the Baths C. The proposed alterations to the Town Hall were also examined by the Community Councillors.

Other issues considered included possible changes to Kilbowie Roundabout, the location of the Bandstand and future developments in the area. The future of the Playdrome and its usage and facilities were considered.

ACTION: GH/WG

7. WDC Update: Provost Agnew

Provost Agnew was pleased to confirm that he had successfully arranged for the removal of the graffiti referred to earlier.

The Provost then provided a comprehensive verbal update on the latest Council activities relevant to the Community Council. There has been a number of senior officer changes and retirements.

The Council's commitment to service and effectiveness was highlighted by the Provost. Councillor Brown confirmed that the off-licence in Montrose Street has had its licence suspended for 6 weeks.

8. AOCB:

- i) Constitutional Changes: Walter advised that he has read through the Model Constitution, which is due to be considered at next month's AGM. There does not appear to be any contentious issues. A proposer and seconder will be required. It is hoped it can be accepted in principal subject to a few modifications. Those present then briefly examined timescales, auditor requirements, draft minutes and agendas.
- ii) Sam Gibson is raising environmental awareness by organising a clean-up of Hardgate Knowes, supported by WDC who are providing the bins. All volunteers to help will be most welcome. The clean-up takes place on 25th April.
- iii) Dalmuir Park: Gilbert Howatson and Sam Gibson will attend a meeting with Ian Bain (WDC) and representatives from the Heritage Lottery.
- iv) Drummond McNair noted the steel container, as discussed at previous meetings, had not yet been removed.
- v) Water Board Information Day: this takes place on 13th May.

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

**Tuesday 11th May 2010 at 7.30pm
in Parkhall Tenants Hall.**