

PARKHALL, NORTH KILBOWIE AND CENTRAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

J Lindsay
CHAIR
29/5/10

MEETING 11th May 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	
Diane Docherty	

West Dunbartonshire Councillors:

Denis Agnew	Provost
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In Attendance:

PC McCorriskin	Strathclyde Police
PC Walker	Strathclyde Police

Apologies:

There were no apologies.

Minutes:

S Quigley

There were three members of the public present.

Chair J Lindsay opened the meeting at 7.30pm prompt. The Police report was taken first to allow the PC's to return to their duties.

1. Police Report:

PC's Walker and McCorriskin were introduced and welcomed by the Chair as the new community police officers.

They provided the following statistics for information:

Crime	Parkhall	Radnor Park
Breach of the Peace		10
Drugs- related	1	2
Assault	2	7
Thefts	2	6
Vandalism	2	8
Road Traffic		2
Fraud	1	
Police Assault	1	
others		6
Total	9	41
Detected	5	22

Referring to the Radnor Park statistics, and in response to a query by Neil Etherington, PC Walker confirmed that of the 41 crimes, approximately 29 could be classed as anti-social behaviour.

Those present then discussed the situation and legalities surrounding off-road biking. PC Walker confirmed the police will be using a scrambler bike, training has already been undertaken and the results will be reviewed.

Following a problem report from a member of the public relating to troublesome teenagers, those present recognised the return of the problem which Provost Agnew had successfully achieved help to resolve last year.

PC Walker noted that calls for assistance were prioritised, and response depended upon the priority and available resources. The discussion recognised the potential for issues such as the above to appear to have low priority, and also identified the value in continuity of police officers in local communities. Provost Agnew commended the Police on their achievements to date. Those present discussed the call centre system based at Pitt Street.

Ann Hickey reported incidents of stone-throwing in Windsor Crescent. Provost Agnew drew attention to damage to playing fields, and associated circumstances which contribute to this problem. PC Walker will examine existing reports, and will take reports and statements at the close of this item.

It was agreed that a letter be written to the Chief Superintendent.

The constables were thanked for their contributions and left the table at this point.

ACTION POINT – WG

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes of the meeting on 13th April 2010 were adopted as a true record. **Proposed: Ann Hickey** **Seconded: Walter Graham**

The Minutes were signed and dated by the Chair.

3. **Matters Arising:**

Par 4(a): Action Point – Walter advised he had e-mailed Fiona Anderson as discussed, and was awaiting feedback.

Par 6: Planning (Town Hall and Baths) – Walter advised a response was still awaited.

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

Walter reported vandalism problems with pitches and playing fields. Provost Agnew noted that the new Clydebank High school facilities were not yet complete, and the Community Councillors discussed the areas available for play for children and how to make them attractive to the children.

North Lodge Auchentoshan : A letter has been sent to planning noting concerns. An additional issue relating to the felling of protected trees was also identified.

Community Council Forum: Meeting and AGM scheduled for the 20th May, venue Dumbarton. The Community Councillors subsequently elected delegates. (Ref. AGM minute)

ACTION: WG

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

After year-end expenditure Jim confirmed the balance as £293.32. Overall, this year's expenditure is slightly down on that of last year. Audited accounts and financial information have been prepared for the AGM.

Those present noted there had been several items of expenditure in recent weeks.

ACTION: JP

6. Planning: Gilbert Howatson

Gilbert provided a comprehensive verbal update on issues raised at the April meeting in respect of the Town Hall and Baths planning consents and applications. Those present then examined timescales, committee procedures, and pre-planning consultation. Gilbert also provided updates on Dalmuir Park, North Lodge Auchentoshan and proposals in respect of a restaurant at Montrose Street. Additionally, Gilbert noted the sale of properties at Alexander Street. Those present subsequently discussed the sale of housing stock and the role of housing associations. The Community Council agreed to invite Elaine Melrose (WDC) to a meeting to address points of concern.

Chair Jim Lindsay thanked Gilbert for his input.

ACTION: GH/WG

7. WDC Update: Provost Agnew

The Provost noted developments, progress made, and issues of concern for the benefit of all present, in particular:

Social Behaviour: a meeting will take place with senior officers, including Jim McAloon (WDC) to identify and address concerns.

Parkhall Road: repairs required have been attended to.

High Park: the nuisance and dangers associated with inappropriate off-road biking have been targeted and a bike has been confiscated. Senior Officers are taking the problem seriously - meetings are being held to take things forward and additionally the Police will be trialling the use of a scrambler bike to tackle the situation.

Walter Graham expressed concerns re public safety from a drainage ditch running down the fairway in Dalmuir golf course – there is a golf tournament scheduled to take place there in a couple of weeks. Those present discussed the concerns.

Jim Lindsay sought clarification on the geographical spread of the work of the Environment Trust.

Gilbert Howatson highlighted the dangers of slippage in time and in expenditure to projects with funding from sources such as the Heritage Lottery.

The Chair thanked Provost Agnew for his information, help and support at the meeting.

8. AOCB:

- i) Community Councillors were reminded that Water Board Information Day takes place on 13th May. Walter noted the good relationship now held with the Water Board.
- ii) Cafe Dalmuir Park: In response to a query by Diane Docherty those present were advised that following a lot of work and tremendous effort, the cafe is due to open next week. It has been re-floored and painted, and equipment cleaned and overhauled.
- iii) Drummond McNair related issues of concern in respect of bins blocking pavements. Another concern is that of the condition of road surfaces, in particular Clark Street. This will be drawn to Jack McAulay's attention (WDC).

- 9. Date of Next Meeting:** In closing the meeting, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

**Tuesday 8th June 2010 at 7.30pm
in Parkhall Tenants Hall.**