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PARKHALL, NORTH KILBOWIE AND CENTRAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING 12th April 2011

PARKHALL TENANTS HALL, PARKHALL ROAD

PRESENT

Community Councillors: Jim Lindsay Chair
Jim Paisley Treasurer
Gilbert Howatson
Neil Etherington
Drummond McNair
Ann Hickey

West Dunbartonshire Councillors: Denis Agnew Provost

In Attendance: Const Brown Strathclyde Police
Const O'Donnell Strathclyde Police

Apologies: Alex McFarlane, Walter Graham, Diane Docherty

Minutes: Sandra Quigley

There were 3 members of the public present.

Chair J Lindsay opened the meeting.

- Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes of the meeting of 8th March 2011 were accepted as a true record of the proceedings, following discussion under Par 2 Matters Arising - AOCB.

The minutes were then proposed and seconded as follows:

Proposed: Ann Hickey **Seconded: Gilbert Howatson**

The Minutes were signed and dated by the Chair.

- Matters Arising:**

Page 2 - Item 3 (a) Police Report : Provost Agnew confirmed the situation surrounding the skip at Oak Road had been resolved, and commended the Police and Inspector Glass for speedy and effective assistance.

Page 3 - AOCB Community Councillors: Neil Etherington noted the minute as representing one facet of the issue, stating there were other aspects for consideration and requested the opportunity to comment. Those present agreed to the request and Neil gave a comprehensive verbal summary of the circumstances surrounding his internal and external correspondence. He requested the item, as it stood, be removed from the minute. After discussion, the Community Councillors agreed that the focus of the minute was relevant to the operation of the Community Council and the roles and responsibilities of the office-

bearers, and addressed the issue of inappropriate external correspondence. The minute was agreed.

Neil Etherington recorded dissent.

There were no other matters arising that were not included in the meeting's agenda.

3. Police Report :

This was taken at the start of the meeting to allow the officers to return to their duties. Constables Brown and O'Donnell introduced themselves to the Community Councillors and submitted apologies on behalf of Sergeant Lang who had hoped to attend.

A breakdown of crime statistics was provided for the benefit of all – the figures are down slightly on those of last month. The total reported for beats 65, 66 and 67 was 19, and included incidences of fraud, housebreaking, misuse of drugs, breach of the peace and assault. Those present then discussed previous problems reported relating to quad bikes and motorcycles and were advised by the police representatives that officers were currently undergoing training to deal with future incidences more effectively. Ann Hickey noted motorbike noise in Windsor Crescent. Legal requirements for motorcyclists were recognised.

Turning to police staffing, the Community Councillors were advised that Inspector Glass may be moving on. Provost Agnew observed that the officers in this area were performing well and the community was starting to better communicate with them. Neil Etherington reported instances of doors being tried in the town houses area.

Provost Agnew highlighted the restructuring of the police and fire brigade and the possible impact on jobs and services. He noted the loss to the community of experienced officers, and provided those present with an insight to the budgetary costs and financial input from WDC.

Chair Jim Lindsay thanked the Police representatives for their contributions and attendance and the officers left the meeting at this point.

5. Secretary's Report: Gilbert Howatson

Gilbert presented this item in the absence of Walter Graham. Gilbert noted the following correspondence:

- a) Community Council Forum Open Meeting- this will take place on 21st April at 7.00 pm in the Municipal Buildings as usual. The guest speaker will be from the Scottish Health Council.
- b) Fiona Anderson – a letter of thanks has been received from Fiona, who is leaving WDC, acknowledging the Community Council's appreciation of her help and support over the years.

Gilbert was thanked for his assistance by Chair Jim Lindsay.

ACTION: WG

6. Treasurer's Report: Jim Paisley

Jim Paisley confirmed that he will close the books on receipt of the next bank statement which will have the appropriate dates to allow the closure for the financial year end.

Jim will progress the grant application form for next year's funding on the per capita basis. He noted the costs of insurance and hall lets to the Community Council. Those present discussed ongoing costs, future expenditure and the requirement to maintain an appropriate level of reserves to meet committed future costs.

Jim also noted a small sum in the funds due to a bank discrepancy – the sum of £4.40 will be treated as reimbursement of expenditure. The current bank balance is £440.70, which includes £0.04 interest.

Chair Jim Lindsay thanked Jim for his input to the meeting.

ACTION: JP

7. Planning: Gilbert Howatson

Gilbert advised that previous issues were still ongoing, although progress is being made in some aspects. Invitations have been extended to the Access Officer and Countryside Ranger to attend a meeting of this Community Council however the invitations have not been accepted to date.

A meeting with Pamela Clifford and Alan Williamson has been arranged for next week to address the issues surrounding the provision of wrong information to the Planning Committee and also that of the developments at Auchentoshan woods. Gilbert expressed hope that a solution would be found.

Additionally, Gilbert confirmed that he had attended a Planning meeting on 29th March, the aim of which was to examine the new emerging Community Plan and identify priorities. Gilbert noted the presence of a Facilitator at the meeting and commented on their input. The meeting had been very well attended by representatives from a broad spectrum of statutory, voluntary and other bodies. A main future consideration is the provision and availability of sites for the creation of jobs and employment growth. Gilbert also related statistical data in respect of West Dunbartonshire, and the Community Councillors expressed concern at the low percentages attained by West Dunbartonshire, reflecting high levels of poverty, deprivation and associated issues.

Additionally, Gilbert observed that only 25% of those attending the meeting came from West Dunbartonshire itself.

Returning to Planning applications, Gilbert advised those present that there were no new applications requiring attention.

Chair Jim Lindsay thanked Gilbert for his comments.

ACTION: GH/WG

8. WDC Update: Provost Agnew

Provost Agnew noted the number of topics already covered. He observed additional issues relating to the continuing presence of red blaise on pavements in some areas and advised of problems with the cleaning equipment for this.

Those present then discussed recycling initiatives with the Provost, and examined issues surrounding the pilot scheme for black bins, replacement bags for domestic composting waste, the number of wheelle bins and accessibility of the bins for collection. Changes to collection days and the situation at Greenlight were also noted, as was the legislation applicable to recycling initiatives. Provost Agnew and the Community Councillors recorded support for recycling initiatives.

Finally, the Provost advised that

- (i) WDC restructuring was ongoing
- (ii) Issues at the High school were being looked at

The Community Councillors thanked the Provost for his efforts and contributions.

9. AOCB:

- a) Gilbert Howatson noted WDC had received £19k from the Forestry Commission and were now consulting in relation to best value. Drummond MacNair will complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Community Council.
- b) Roads - Drummond sought information on the resurfacing of roads. Provost Agnew confirmed there is a programme to resurface, however the severity of the last winter had adversely affected it. The use of short-term repairs was discussed.

10. 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 10th May 2011 at 7.30pm
in Parkhall Tenants Hall.**