

PARKHALL, NORTH KILBOWIE AND CENTRAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011

PARKHALL TENANTS HALL, PARKHALL ROAD

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**PRESENT**

<b>Community Councillors:</b>	Jim Lindsay	Chair
	Jim Paisley	Treasurer
	Gilbert Howatson	
	Neil Etherington	
	Drummond McNair	
	Walter Graham	Secretary
Diane Docherty		
<b>West Dunbartonshire Councillors:</b>	Denis Agnew	Provost
	Jim Brown	
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Inspector C Miller	Strathclyde Police
	Const O'Donnell	Strathclyde Police
<b>Apologies:</b>	Alex McFarlane, Ann Hickey	
<b>Minutes:</b>	Sandra Quigley	

There was 1 member of the public present.

Chair J Lindsay opened the meeting.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011 were accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

The minutes were then proposed and seconded as follows:

***Proposed: Gilbert Howatson    Seconded: Jim Paisley***

The Minutes were signed and dated by the Chair.

2. **Matters Arising:**

There were no 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. The meeting was attended by the new Inspector - Claire Miller. Inspector Miller introduced herself and provided those present with a background of her experience to date. She noted the frustration of the Community Councillors at the constantly changing police personnel. The Inspector continued by confirming she is making efforts to familiarise herself with the area and its issues. She is keen to get out and meet people. Additionally, she encouraged

the Community Councillors to contact herself or any of her Officers with any issues that wish to raise or to note areas of concern.

Const O'Donnell then provided the crime statistics for the previous four-week period. Overall, it had been a quiet month with 9 crimes reported. These included house and car thefts, breaches of the peace and drunk driving. Following an enquiry by Jim Paisley concerning 2 housebreak-ins, which were reported last month, the Police representatives advised that there had been no further developments in this respect, however they will check and feedback.

Those present then discussed issues of anti-social behaviour and public drinking. In response to a query by Neil Etherington, the Inspector confirmed they had a full complement of manpower for the area. She also advised that the post of Superintendent was now held by Raymond Park.

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

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

Walter noted the following correspondence:

- a) Parkhall Shops – Proposed Food Takeaway: Walter updated those present on the proposal.
- b) Fiona Anderson – the name of her replacement has still to be clarified.
- c) Dalmuir Water Treatment Works: current contact details passed to Jim Paisley.
- d) Chalmers Street: It is too late to respond to the communication, however the Community Councillors discussed the impact of the development and changes to traffic routes. The phasing of traffic lights was examined, as was the dust created from demolition works at the John Brown site.
- e) Clydebank Rebuilt Letter 5<sup>th</sup> May: Walter read out the contents of the letter for the benefit of all.
- f) Community Council Forum AGM 19<sup>th</sup> May: Guest speaker for the meeting is Ian McCrory.

Neil Etherington raised the issue of internal communications and the matter was subsequently discussed.

Walter was thanked for his assistance by Chair Jim Lindsay.

**ACTION: WG**

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

Jim Paisley confirmed a grant request for £750 had been submitted. A financial statement for the year will be circulated at the following AGM meeting this evening. The current balance stands at £405.54, with uncashed cheques of approximately £30 to be taken into account.

Chair Jim Lindsay thanked Jim for his work to date.

**ACTION: JP**

**6. Planning: Gilbert Howatson**

- a) Auchentoshan: Gilbert advised that he had attended a meeting with WDC representatives to look at the situation surrounding Auchentoshan Woods, and a good discussion had taken place. He is awaiting a letter confirming the points discussed. It

was agreed by all that a walk-round take place, this was duly organised for next Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm.

- b) Kilpatrick Hills: Gilbert recapped for the benefit of all, noting the £19k grant received by WDC and the consultation document received. Gilbert sought comment and input from the Community Councillors in order to collate a response. Those present then examined issues raised – including the type of tree planted, fencing, deer and neighbouring land. Chair Jim Lindsay thanked Gilbert for his comments.

**ACTION: GH/WG**

Provost Agnew entered the meeting at this point.

**7. WDC Update: Provost Agnew**

Provost Agnew advised that WDC Committee meetings had been running smoothly, and there were no relative matters of concern affecting the Community Council. Indications are that a positive report will be forthcoming from Audit Scotland.

He continued by urging diligence and caution in the light of recent reports of organised break-ins in the locality and surrounds.

The Provost also drew attention to the annual Scottish Pipe Band Championships taking place in Levensgrove Park, Dumbarton on 21<sup>st</sup> May.

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

**8. AOCB:**

- a) Single Scottish Police Force: The Provost informed those present of the Council's vote opposing the introduction of this structure. Additionally, he advised of the creation of 20 additional posts within the Procurator Fiscals department.
- b) Container: Drummond MacNair noted the continuing presence of the container and recapped on the latest situation. Provost Agnew offered to assist in the progression of this matter.
- c) Dalmuir Park: The use, and impact of, scrambler bikes in the Park was discussed.
- d) WDCVS: Neil Etherington provided informative and comprehensive feedback from his attendance at a recent meeting.
- e) Bike Danger: Drummond MacNair drew attention to a dangerous incident relating to trial bikes, the subsequent police action and related legalities.
- f) It was agreed that WDC officers be invited to attend the next meeting (possibly Elaine Melrose, Ronnie Dinnie or Ian Bain)

**ACTION: WG**

**9. 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 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 7.30pm  
in Parkhall Tenants Hall.**