

PARKHALL, NORTH KILBOWIE AND CENTRAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011

PARKHALL TENANTS HALL, PARKHALL ROAD

PRESENT

Community Councillors:	Jim Lindsay	Chair
	Gilbert Howatson	
	Neil Etherington	
	Drummond McNair	
	Walter Graham	Secretary
	Diane Docherty	
Ann Hickey		

West Dunbartonshire Councillors:	Denis Agnew	Provost
	Jim Brown	
	Willie McLaughlin	

Apologies: Jim Paisley, Ian Bain (WDC)

Minutes: Sandra Quigley

There were 2 members of the public present.

Chair J Lindsay opened the meeting.

It was with sadness that Chair Jim Lindsay intimated the death of Alex MacFarlane. Funeral arrangements were noted for those wishing to attend. Gilbert Howatson then provided a verbal tribute, observing Alex will be sadly missed. The Community Councillors echoed this sentiment, and stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011 were accepted as read and agreed accordingly.

The minutes were then proposed and seconded as follows:

**Proposed: Neil Etherington      Seconded: Gilbert Howatson**

The Minutes were signed and dated by the Chair.

2. **Matters Arising:**  
AOCB (f): Walter Graham advised that WDC Officers had been contacted with a view to attending  
There were no matters arising that were not included in the meeting's agenda.
3. **Police Report :**  
Given the absence of Police representatives this item was deferred.

Jim B  
Chair.  
9/8/11

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

Alan Williamson (WDC): It is hoped Alan will be able to return and finish off his presentation at the August meeting of Community Council.

Hedging: Despite being reported by Provost Agnew the hedging is still untrimmed.

Cold Calling: The Community Councillors discussed recent theft and fraud from cold callers.

Support from Community Policing and Public Reassurance has been disappointing.

**Action: WG**

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

This was provided by Gilbert Howatson in the absence of Jim Paisley .

The starting balance for the period was £405.54, with a current balance standing at £394.48.

Uncashed cheques currently total £112.89, thus leaving an actual balance of £231.59.

Gilbert confirmed the grant for the current year is being processed by WDC.

ASCC Membership: This is now due for renewal, and those present discussed the value of the subscription. It was agreed to continue to subscribe in the meantime.

Proposed: Gilbert Howatson

Seconded: Neil Etherington

Chair Jim Lindsay thanked Gilbert for his input.

**ACTION: JP**

6. **Planning: Gilbert Howatson**

a) Auchentoshan: Gilbert advised that he is awaiting updates to establish the current position and any developments at Auchentoshan.

b) Maxwell Street: Asbestos – Those present identified the requirement to dispose of asbestos in the correct manner.

There were no other matters requiring consideration or new applications brought forward for noting.

Chair Jim Lindsay thanked Gilbert for his comments.

**ACTION: GH/WG**

7. **WDC Update: Provost Agnew**

The Provost has addressed the issue of the container located at Glenhead. (AOCB :Par. b of the previous minute refers)WDC Officials have been contacted and a visit to the site has been made. He is now awaiting a response from the department concerned.

Gilbert raised the issue of garage sites, and discussion ensued encompassing factors of condition, demolition, combinations of containers and sites, and ownership records.

Additionally, points around security, ground rent and handling of complaints were identified.

Provost Agnew recommended that the Community Councillors examine the topic of garages and ground rents as an agenda item at the next meeting. The Provost identified current sites for information.

Walter Graham will write to Elaine Melrose re past assurances and to re-state the Community Councils stance, and also to request greater departmental co-operation.

Turning to the subject of local roads, the Provost advised that those requiring re-surfacing and attention had been identified. The legacy of the use of red blaise on the pavements was noted. Road markings were then discussed.

The Community Councillors discussed estate management with Provost Agnew, covering issues around garage sites, legal ownership, preservation of heritage, the need for communication and building maintenance.

The Community Councillors thanked the Provost for his guidance and information.

**8. AOCB:**

- a) Dalmuir Park: The level of traffic in the park, especially vehicles such as tractors, was highlighted, and the resulting degradation of paths used by them brought to the attention of all. Drummond McNair advised those present that the bridge was also in need of attention.
- b) Overtoun Road: The trees in this area require to be trimmed back.
- c) A general observation was made on the great difference that the enforcement of new "No Parking" legislation has made to the areas in which has been introduced.
- d) Gilbert Howatson intimated that Clydebank East Community Council was seeking the co-operation of this Community Council in respect of the old Woolworths building and any architectural merit it may have.
- e) Provost Agnew drew attention to the Council's "Clear the Way" campaign with the objective of making pavements and footpaths safer. Those present discussed abandoned shopping trolleys and bins on pavements.

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