

# **Dumbreck Community Council Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**

## **Minute of Meeting of Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

**Present:** George Boyes, Jacqueline Geddes, Alastair Gilchrist, Carol Jacobsen, John Stewart, Sergeant Joseph Conway.

**Apologies:** James Armstrong, Mair Crouch, Kathleen Lanigan, Fiona McCreath, Robert Mitchell, Lynda Smith, Sheila Smith, John Thomson.

### **1. Minutes of last meeting were adopted**

Proposed by Jacqueline Geddes and seconded by George Boyes.

### **2. There were no matters arising not on the agenda**

### **3. Financial Situation**

The only expenditure has been £10 for the hire of the session room. There is £145.29 in our bank account but some payments need to be reimbursed.

### **4. Police Report**

Sergeant Conway has two sets of crime figures for the Dumbreck and Bellahouston area for the period 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007. There were 116 “Crimes”: to which the Police attend and 519 “incidents”: reports to the Police, a number of which are not crimes. There were no serious crimes, no robberies and compared to the rest of the division the area continues to be relatively safe. The crimes reported included:

- 17 Cars broken into (The vast majority in Bellahouston Park; in Dumbreck cars in Urrdale Road and Fleurs Avenue are most vulnerable. Most car crime is football related.
- 6 Housebreakings or attempted housebreakings (All by a broken window – downstairs in all but one incident)
- 21 Acts of vandalism (Mainly school related, throwing stones)

The gang of youths targeting cars is still active. Car crime is football related in Dumbreck but goes on all the time in Ibrox and Kinning Park. There was an increase near the subway stations in the run up to Christmas.

Plain-clothed Police Officers with a specially adapted car, which traps the thief inside, have caught one or two offenders but not the main players.

Crime prevention officers will survey your home and advise on any extra measures you can take to safeguard your possessions. You are advised not to have valuables on show and a burglar alarm does make a difference.

The Police are now allowed to use under-aged children to test off-licences. The child has to look under 18 and officers enter the shop and watch while the child asks for drinks. In the local area 12 premises were tested and 3 sold the child alcohol and were reported. When a follow up test was done – all passed the second visit. If they had failed a second time the Licensing Board would have considered removing their licence.

## **5. Incident Report**

Sheila Smith had reported two windows broken in separate houses at the corner of Dalkeith Avenue and Fleurs Avenue on 20<sup>th</sup> December. It was schoolboys throwing stones on their way home.

Carol reported an attempted housebreaking in Melfort Avenue on 6<sup>th</sup> November.

John Grant had reported a man arrested at Dumbreck Court after he chapped on a number of doors asking for money.

## **6. Bellahouston Academy**

Schoolboys had been throwing stones in the street breaking car and house windows. Constable Stephen Deeley had spoken to boys throwing stones in Fleurs Avenue and Mr Anderson has warned pupils at school. George Boyes said the problem had now died away in Urrdale Road.

George has complained to the council about litterbins not being emptied and rubbish spilling onto the streets. Mr Anderson had used a team of school children to tidy up the area by the school. As a result a lady wrote a letter, printed in the Govan Press, complaining that kids should not be used in this way. George Boyes has written a letter in response saying the council haven't emptied the bins for more than five weeks; and Mr Anderson has invited the lady to come and see him. In February there will be litter wardens patrolling the area and offending school pupils will be taken back into school and their parents spoken to by the Head Teacher. Mr Anderson is keen to have a good relationship with local residents.

## **7. Publicity**

We have lost Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators from Maple Road, Beech Avenue and Rowan Gardens; and will lose Alastair from Dargarvel Avenue. It was agreed that the next Newsletter should include a request for volunteers.

## **8. Roads**

The concrete cushions have slowed the traffic down but don't appear to have stopped the rat running at peak times. The monitoring was carried out between Rowan Road and Farm Road in Beech Avenue and further monitoring was requested between Dalkeith Avenue and Rowan Road. Residents feel the overall numbers of vehicles has dropped but the numbers during the peak periods has increased particularly northbound both morning and evening. DCC is to review the position at the next Community Council meeting.

Dumbreck Road is still very busy. The Seaward Street loop is running freely and there appear to be no hold-ups there.

## **9. A.O.C.B.**

Leaflets about Go Ape produced by Save Pollok Park were distributed. There is to be a public meeting on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January in Pollokshaws Burgh Hall. More information at [www.savepollokpark.com](http://www.savepollokpark.com); [www.glasgow.gov.uk](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk) and [www.goape.co.uk](http://www.goape.co.uk) .

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership is creating a supergroup and would like input from residents. We fall into the Govan/Craigton area and questionnaires and more information can be obtained on the website at [www.gcpl.org.uk/crgs.aspx](http://www.gcpl.org.uk/crgs.aspx) .

Alastair will be sadly missed and we need a new chairman. Volunteers should contact Carol Jacobsen.

## **10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting for Dumbreck Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators will be on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2008** at 7.30pm in Sherbrooke St. Gilbert's Church.