RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 9 May, at Ralston Community Centre

Present: Allan Thompson (Chair), Fergal McCauley (Treasurer), Simon Hall (Secretary), Alison Scott, Bill Gray, Bill Whyte, Michael Conroy.
In attendance: Cllr Graeme Clark, Cllr Neill Graham, Community Wardens, Mark Higginbotham, Transportation & Active Travel Manager, Renfrewshire Council.

Apologies: May Fernie, Catherine Gooding, Rod McLelland.
Not in attendance: Cllr Jennifer Adam, Police.

Action

Welcome from the Chair: Allan welcomed all to the meeting.

Police Report: Not in attendance.

Community Wardens: Wardens praised the Police response to the incident in Ralston on Monday. Wardens received 1 call about dog fouling on Glasgow Road and conducted patrols at the school. Fouling can be reported by calling 0300 300 0380 (option 1). Wardens confirmed that parking is now the main focus of their role, with other activities (such as visits following dog fouling reports) taking place on Sundays.

Councillor's Reports: **Cllr Clark**: Fire Service consultation: Looking at closing fire stations. Rusty cabinet: Has been reported and supervisor to inspect. **Cllr Clark**
Tree Roots on Darvel and Rotherwick: No budget available to do the work.
Barshaw Park: Following a change to exemptions, Friends of Barshaw Park received a large rates bill. Working to get the location revalued and exemptions reviewed. **Cllr Clark**
Barshaw Golf course: Following vandalism there is nowhere to pay course fees. Pursuing OneRen regarding repairs. **Cllr Clark**
Cllr Graham: Filter light at Hawkhead: Confirmed that works are part of this years budget, awaiting start date. **Cllr Graham**
Community Centre Grounds: Requested update on when the garden will be worked on. **Cllr Graham**
St Mirren Tree: Continue to pursue St Mirren for report regarding the tree between Bathgo Ave and St Mirren. St Mirren/Bowling Club Fence: Council have ordered St Mirren to repair the dangerous fence. **Cllr Graham**

Pavement Parking Ban: Mark Higginbothom, Transportation & Active Travel Manager, Renfrewshire Council advised that the Council are working towards implementing pavement parking ban. Transport Scotland advised that some roads may be exempt (based on the size of the road, width of the pavement and demand for parking). However most roads will be part of the ban, with only a few exempt. Consultants conducted a desktop study of Renfrewshire's roads, identifying possible exemptions, these were then surveyed. Only 21 roads in Renfrewshire qualify for exemptions. 5 Roads in Ralston were surveyed (Bathgo, Roffey Park, Balfron, Woodend Drive and

Penilee), only Penilee Road is eligible for an exemption. Anticipate enforcing the ban by the end of the year, which will likely be on a 'request' basis when there has been a report of a breach. Exemptions are open to public objection, however objections cannot be raised where an exemption has not been granted. There will be a publicity campaign in the run up to enforcement. Following discussion, Mark agreed to request that Roffey Park Road between Penillee and Tilney be reconsidered as it is narrow and a lot of homes have no boundary walls/traditional driveways, impacting parking.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Proposed by Fergal McCauley, seconded by Alison Scott.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Speeding on Penilee: Carried forward - received results from 2022, seeking further survey. Millburn Culvert: Carried forward - pursue with Glasgow City Council. RCC Website: Bill will contact Brian to discuss how to change the website theme. Ralston in Bloom: Planters are still looking ok. Rod has contacted McLarens, who will invoice Fergal once summer bedding, compost etc has been chosen. Looking to complete this in next 2 weeks. Get Active Coaching: Allan met Martin McKellar (Get Active Coaching) and will introduce him to Ralston Skills. Games: Will confirm date at next meeting, dependant on funding decision.

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Secretary's Report: Simon advised that since the last meeting, 34 emails had been received, 1 circulated. Of those not circulated: Local Development Plan sessions – attending June meeting; SCDC Participation Request Proposal Conference on 15 May (forward details to Councillors); Map of adopted Roads (forward to Bill G & Fergal); Revised proposals for Scottish Parliament Boundary changes; Voter ID now required for General Elections (e.g. Passport, Driving Licence etc) voters can apply for a free ID online; Call for entries for the Big Art Show; RAMH Menopause workshop 17 October (promote on website and Facebook); St Mirren Floodlights on until 10:20pm because timer settings had been erased. As this is a planning consent issue, residents should report any further lighting issues to Planning - DC@renfrewshire.gov.uk; St Mirren using the Community Centre Car Park for storing materials, them moving them with vehicles, potentially damaging the surface; Jazz singer Kirsy Duncan has asked if we could promote her concerts at the Bowling Club – RCC agreed and have asked for dates etc.

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Treasurer's Report: Fergal advised that since the last meeting on the main account there was income of £6,240 and expenditure of £20.01, resulting in a current balance of £16,938.88. Lottery fund: £453.32 expenditure, leaving a balance of £0, account closed. Wellbeing Fund: Expenditure of £841.68, leaving balance of £7,798.32. Total bank balance of £24,737.20.

Ralston Activities: Rod emailed an update. Spring programme going really well, with very good attendance. £6240 in fees banked so far, with some more to pass to Fergal. We had 250 initial enrolments, 20 withdrew and some still to attend, some people accidentally registered twice for the same class. Started planning for Autumn programme, running for 10 weeks from late September until early December. Rod has contacted National Lottery Funding- Awards for All, and will submit another bid in June for a future programme. The criteria remains the same, but now able to apply for up to £20k for a programme running over 2 years, so will submit a 2-year plan. Bill W stated that the fitness classes are the best thing that RCC has done and they are having a huge impact on those that take part. Rod is doing a great job. All RCC members agreed and commend the work that Rod has been doing.

AOB: Invite Steven Kerrigan, Renfrewshire Council to future meeting regarding the recent traffic survey: Simon emailed, but no response, will follow up. **Simon Hall**

Date of next meeting: Thursday 13 June at 7:30pm, in person at Ralston Community Centre.