RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 12 September, at Ralston Community Centre

Present: Fergal McCauley (Treasurer), Simon Hall (Secretary), Rod McLelland, Bill Gray, Bill Whyte.
In attendance: Cllr Graeme Clark, Cllr Neill Graham, 5 Residents.
Apologies: Allan Thompson, Alison Scott, May Fernie, Catherine Gooding, Michael Conroy, Community Wardens.
Not in attendance: Cllr Jennifer Adam, Police.

Action

Welcome from the Chair: Fergal welcomed all to the meeting, advising he was standing in as Chair, since Allan couldn't attend the meeting.

Police Report: Not in attendance.

Community Wardens: Apologies noted.

Proposal for Mast at Corner of School Road and Penilee Road: Residents very near to the proposed site shared their concerns regarding the location, proximity to their property, the loss of sunlight the shadow will cause, the noise generated by the cabinets, the new utilities which have just been sited in that location, the visual impact it will have to one of the gateway points to Paisley and emphasised that there are other more suitable locations. The Community Council agreed to raise an objection to the proposed site. **Fergal McCauley**

Councillor's Reports: Cllr Graham: Mast proposal: Direct people to the website to raise objections. Antisocial behaviour: In and around Barshaw Park over the summer. Ralston Fun day: Was a fantastic day, congratulations to all involved. **Cllr Clark**: Mast proposal: Visited site and spoke to residents and requested officers visit the site before making a decision. Incidents of racism in Barshaw Park: Young people shouting abuse at people from other countries. Blocked drain at Darval/Glasgow Road: Reported and will be repaired by 20 September. Speeding on Penilee: Received analysis from 2022 survey. Yellow lines on Hawkhead/Lanfine: Delay following objections. Barshaw Golf course: £100k repairs following the fire. Will support looking for funding to assist with this.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Proposed by Simon Hall, seconded by Fergal McCauley.

Matters arising from the minutes:
Community Centre Grounds: Work was due to be completed by the summer, but does not appear to have been undertaken. Cllr Graham will follow up. Rod suggested that we could offer some of the shrubs leftover from the fun day. Rusty cabinet: Cllr Clark will follow up, after the Inspector **Cllr Graham**

wrote to the utility company. Local Place Plans: The Community Council agreed that it would be worthwhile developing a local place plan to protect the green spaces in Ralston from development. We recognised the effort involved in doing this and will review the How-to guides before requesting support from the Council to develop one. Website: Bill has contacted Brian regarding changing the website theme and will progress. On-x Hocky Pitch: A local newspaper has reported the pitch has been upgraded to the standard that Kelburn Seniors could use, some age groups have now moved their games to the On-X. New Members: We discussed how we could attract new members to the Community Council and agreed that Rod would mention this at the Activity classes when they start and Simon would share on our Facebook page. Newsletter: Simon to send a digital copy to Bill for the website.

Cllr Clark

Simon Hall

Bill Gray

Rod McLelland

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Secretary's Report: Simon advised that since the last meeting, 88 emails had been received, 7 circulated. Of those not circulated: A resident emailed complaining about the volume of weeds on our streets, Consultation on the draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan (feedback by 18 Sept), Share NHS research register to be advised of health research projects you could get involved in, Fundraiser at the Bowling club for Linda Norgrove foundation (2 Nov) – advertise on Facebook and website, Events feedback by 23 September, Country Dancing Club starting 1 October in the Community Centre, they are sending details so we can advertise on the website. A resident emailed complaining about the state of the old garage on Glasgow Road, the Community Council will write to the owner.

Simon Hall

Bill Gray

Allan Thompson

Treasurer's Report: Fergal advised that since the last meeting on the main account there was income of £927.96, expenditure of £148.20, resulting in a current balance of £17,249.99. Wellbeing Fund: Expenditure of £2,100, leaving balance of £3,519.32. Fun Day: Income of £2990, expenditure of £2936.20, leaving a balance of £53.80. Total bank balance of £20,823.11.

Ralston Activities: Rod advised that we've been unsuccessful for further funding, however existing funds are available to continue for a period of time and further funding applications will be made. The Autumn phase of classes have received 240 enrolments so far. Out of 13 classes, with 7 of them full. Rod will attend the first week of classes to collect the fees.

AOB: Ralston Fun Day: Thanks to everyone who helped organise and run the day, it was a huge success. Application for liquor licence: Discussed the application for the property on Glasgow Road. Ralston in Bloom: Bill W advised that a number of people had commented about how good they look. Rod advised that the funding has been exhausted, but existing funds could be used as well as applying for further funding sources.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 10 October at 7:30pm, in person at Ralston Community Centre.