RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 10 October, at Ralston Community Centre

Present: Allan Thompson (Chair), Fergal McCauley (Treasurer), Simon Hall (Secretary), Alison Scott, Rod McLelland, Bill Whyte.

In attendance: Cllr Graeme Clark, Cllr Neill Graham, two Police Officers.

Apologies: Bill Gray, May Fernie, Catherine Gooding, Michael Conroy, Community Wardens

Not in attendance: Cllr Jennifer Adam.

Action

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

Police Report: In the past month there 2 incidents: 1 breach of the peace and 1 speeding.

Community Wardens: Not in attendance.

Councillor's Reports: Cllr Graham: Hawkhead Road Filter: Been in place for 2 weeks. It only triggers during busy periods, allowing more traffic to turn right from Hawkhead Road onto Glasgow Road. Community Centre Grounds: Work wasn't completed over the summer. Rod met with them last week, once grass cutting season is finished they will cut the lower tree branches, trim the rose bush, square off the edges of the grass, clear by the fence and clean the slabs. They don't want to reestablish the boarders, but are open to us installing planters there. Winter fuel payments: Council will support pensioners to apply for pension credits. **Cllr Clark**: Hawkhead Road Filter: Causing challenges for those coming from Arkleston Road, the signal technician is looking into this. Telephone Mast on Penilee Road: Application rejected due to the impact it would have on local residents. There is a right to appeal. Penilee Road Rail Bridge Closure: Between 10pm 24 October until 6am 25 October for a Bridge Inspection. Newtyle/Gartmore/Lanfine Yellow lines: Delayed due to objections. **Rod McLelland**

Minutes of the previous meeting: Proposed by Fergal, seconded by Rod.

Matters arising from the minutes:
Website: Brian McGuire has declined to help updating the website theme, so Bill Gray will do this. Website has been down due to an issue with our web host (tsoHost), in process of transferring to Eco Web Hosting. Events: Details of the Linda Norgrove Foundation coffee morning, Scottish Country Dance Club and Tae Kwon-Do classes added to the website.

Secretary's Report: Simon advised that since the last meeting, 32 emails had been received, 4 circulated. Emails of note: Proposal for Scottish Constituency Changes; Local Place Plan Survey on intentions to develop plans; Review of scheme of establishment of CC's; Outspoke Arts Scotland Autumn event schedule; Public Access Trauma Kits.

Treasurer's Report: Fergal advised that since the last meeting on the main account there was income of £110, expenditure of £73.95, resulting in a current balance of £17,286.04. Wellbeing Fund: Expenditure of £200, leaving balance of £3,319.32. Fun Day: Expenditure of £53.80, leaving a balance of £0. Total bank balance of £20,605.36.

Local Place Plan: We agreed that RCC should develop a LPP with the view to protecting green spaces for people of Ralston to enjoy, in particular the Sports Fields, Honeybog Hill, the Golf Course and the land by the river the other side of the golf course. We could also conduct an online survey so local residents could share their views. We agreed that it could be a lot of work to develop an LPP and agreed to contact Renfrewshire Council for advice on what funding or support might be available to help develop it. Simon agreed to complete the online survey to indicate our intention to create an LPP. **Simon Hall**

Ralston Activities: Rod advised that the new classes are in their second week. Around 250 registered and 200 have attended so far. The classes are all going well and the Sports Centre staff have been very helpful. We were recently refused a grant from the National Lottery, feedback highlighted charging participants, but were happy with reasons behind this; as well as OneRen offering similar classes, however accepted that many classes they didn't offer. We're invited to apply again. Rod is also applying to the Engage Renfrewshire Community Health & Wellbeing fund for further funding.

AOB: Parking Ban: Planned for implementation in November, no details on communications plan around this. Planters: Rod visited McLaren's and they have a range of winter plants for our planters. As funding has run out, we agreed to pay for these from RCC funds. New members: Rod will promote RCC to those on the activity classes, seeking new members. Allan will also consider attending the Ralston Primary Christmas Fayre to do likewise. **Rod McLelland** **Allan Thompson**

Date of next meeting: Thursday 14 November at 7:30pm, in person at Ralston Community Centre.