RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 14 November, at Ralston Community Centre

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

In attendance: Cllr Graeme Clark, Community Police Officer, Gwyneth Heaney (Senior Manager, Climate & Public Protection, Renfrewshire Council), Steven Kerrigan (Traffic Engineer, Renfrewshire Council), resident interested in being part of Community Council.

Apologies: Cllr Neill Graham, Catherine Gooding, Michael Conroy.

Not in attendance: Cllr Jennifer Adam.

Action

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

Police Report: In the past month there 6 crime reports: 1 fraud, 1 breach of bail and 1 child arrested following taking a knife into the Corner Shop.

Community Wardens: Wardens circulated a report prior to the meeting. Gwyneth advised that if there are specific issues the Community Council wish to discuss at future meetings, please let her know in advance. Alison highlighted the telecoms cabinet on Roffey Park/Tylney Road had been graffitied. We also discussed the old rusty cabinet on Darvel/Glasgow Road. Gwyneth agreed to take details and look into these. Dog fouling around the school and Tylney Road is still an issue, Gwyneth advised they are looking at different approaches to tackle this, will look at increasing patrols. **Gwyneth Heaney**

Councillor's Reports: Cllr Clark: Speeding in Hawkhead Road: A study is being conducted across the length of Hawkhead Road, results in Spring 2025. We suggested extending this study to include Glasgow Road. Hawkhead Road Filter: The lights at the Hawkhead/Arkleston/Glasgow Road junction will be adjusted, to allow more traffic to exit Arkleston Road. Weee Banks: Recycling banks for small electrical items are being located in libraries across Renfrewshire. Meet Milly: Renfrewshire Council are introducing an AI tool to their phone system, to help answer residents queries on thousands topic areas. Newtyle Yellow lines: Had been delayed to consider complaints raised, however now proceeding to the next stage.

Rat-running between Glasgow Road and Penilee Road: Steven Kerrigan, advised that the origin and destination traffic survey was conducted in April 2023.. He explained that the data was analysed in two different ways. The first identified 2.3% of traffic was deemed as rat-running; the second, identified a 9.2% rat-running rate. Neither of these were high enough to be considered an issue. However some very swift journeys were identified, so a speed and volume survey will be carried out shortly. We suggested that the new survey capture origin and destination data as well. We also suggested that Smart traffic lights can be used to help manage traffic

effectively. Cllr Clark advised that the ILA Board discussed introducing a 20 mile an hour limit in all residential areas across Renfrewshire.

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

Matters arising from the minutes: Pension Credits: Cllr Clark advised that the campaign to encourage people onto pension credits had been successful. Website: Bill advised that the website theme is now updated and we've now transferred hosting to another company.

Secretary's Report: Simon advised that since the last meeting, 43 emails had been received, 4 circulated. Emails of note: Changes to Food recycling in Renfrewshire and the introduction of Weee Banks for recycling small electrical items. Catherine Gooding is stepping down from the Community Council. Allan and the Community Council thanked her for the support she has given the Community Council, which has been much appreciated.

Treasurer's Report: Fergal advised that since the last meeting on the main account there was expenditure of £142.26, resulting in a current balance of £17,143.78. Wellbeing Fund: Income of £6,000, expenditure of £1,870 leaving balance of £7,449.32. Total bank balance of £24,593.10. It was noted that Ralston Community Sports Centre had yet to invoice us for the lets related to our Activities programmes from April 2024 onwards. Fergal also advised that Bank of Scotland have introduced charges for transactions on the account, which will result in a small charge at the end of the year.

Ralston Activities: Rod advised that we're into the 6th week of classes, which continues until the second week of December. 212 people have paid for their block, and attendance remains high. Rod is now organising the next two blocks for 2025. Applications for the next block opens on January 1st. Rod has applied to the Community Health and Wellbeing fund for further funding. National Lottery funding can be applied for 3 months before a programme starts, so will do this for a future programme.

AOB: Newsletter: The Christmas edition of our newsletter has been produced and is with the printers, and will be ready for 20 November to be distributed by St Mark's. New Members: RCC are seeking new members, particularly younger residents with nursery or primary age children. Allan and Alison will attend the School Christmas Fayre (23 Nov, 10am-1pm) and other CC members are welcome. Planters: Rod advised that McLaren's are delivering the winter pansies this week. Parking Ban: Planned for implementation in November, no details on communications plan around this. Trees on Duchray: Rod advised that some residents had asked whether the trees on Duchray were being replaced, as some were dead and loosing their bark. Cllr Clark will look into this. **Cllr Clark**

Trees between St Mirren and houses: May highlighted that some of these trees were very tall and could benefit from a safety check. **Cllr Clark**

Date of next meeting: Thursday 12 December at 7:30pm, in person at Ralston Community Centre.