RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 13 February 2025, at Ralston Community Centre

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

In attendance: Graeme Clark, Cameron Gilchrist - Community Police Officer, two more new residents interested in being part of Community Council.

Apologies: Simon Hall (Secretary), Bill Whyte, Cllr Neill Graham, 2 x Residents interested in being part of Community Council – another pending next meeting.

Not in attendance: Cllr Jennifer Adam.

Action

Welcome from the Chair: Allan welcomed all to the meeting, including two residents who are interested in joining the community council.

Police Report: In the past month - 3 drug offences, 2 thefts (shops) and theft from a MV (car)

Community Wardens: None present. Increase on Tylney road

Councillor's Reports: **Cllr Clark**: Ban on pavement parking: Will be communicated out soon, to start in April. Currently no change to exemptions (only Penilee Road in Ralston area). No initial penalty during the initial launch. Speeding: Requested a 'Police campaign against speeding' to the Community Police. St Mirren Trees: Tree issue at St Mirren has been confirmed (to him) as being actioned. Lease: Extension to lease documents have been requested. Traffic lights at Glasgow/Arkleston roads: has been fixed (was previously showing red to oncoming (from Arkleston) traffic). St Marks Café: celebrated its first-year anniversary. Litter on Arkleston Road and hill at Penilee road: BG asked for the area to be cleaned, as there is a constant litter/rubbish problem. **Cllr Clark**

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

Matters arising from the minutes: Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils: Thanks to those who have already fed back on the sections they have reviewed, everyone else please feedback asap – deadline for feedback to the Council is 17 March 2025. Please email to Simon if you haven't already done so. **All**

Secretary's Report: Prior to the meeting, Simon advised that since the last meeting, 58 emails had been received, circulated. Emails of note: Fireworks Control Zones: Defined geographical areas where most residents wish to have the use of private, domestic fireworks controlled and where there is evidence to suggest that a zone may solve a nuisance or problem. Funding for new artificial pitches: £880k funding available (match funding) for new pitches available. Apparently, this fund has likely been exhausted already.

My Place Awards: Deadline for entries 30 April. Training for Local planning will be recirculated for those who wish to attend. There is a time commitment. please confirm to Simon if you wish to attend **All**

Treasurer's Report: Fergal advised that since the last meeting there was £40.50 expenditure on the main account, £743 in income, resulting in a current balance of £16,882.31. Wellbeing Fund: Expenditure of £1023.31 leaving balance of £2821.32. Total bank balance of £19,703.63

Local Place Plan: Fergal and Allan met with the Chair from Houston CC who was able to share their experience of the process as well as some of their ideas. We were previously told that there would be funding available to support us in securing professional help however, we have since been told that this is no longer the case. We only have until the end of September to submit our proposals. C/F to the March meeting to agree a subcommittee. Contact two residents who may be able to help/support. **Allan**

Ralston Activities: Rod advised that classes over the last 2 years exceeded 800 plus, which is fantastic. A big thanks to all those residents who have supported this initiative, as well as all the fabulous instructors. Some more funding has also been secured and we are considering future sources.

AOB: Friends of Barshaw Park: One of the residents interested in joining the CC, explained that he has been liaising with 'Friends of Barshaw Park' about the proposed/new amphitheatre and the possibility of a Festival at Barshaw in the future. Penilee Road shops: We were advised that the former hairdressers is to become part of the adjoining chemist shop and that the café, further along, has now closed. We hope that this is taken over soon. Former Shop on Glasgow Road: We have had no update on this, which is still planned as a café. Former Hamilton Garage(at Tylney/Glasgow Roads): We have had more comments about the very poor state it's in, including graffiti on the front and some break-ins at the side of the building in the wee lane. Residents' have also complained about the Tilney road side and the back of the building (onto Roffey Park road) because of the amount of cars and temporary fencing. Agreed to contact the owner. **Allan**
Pitches: Could the pitch get used during the summer holidays, run by Ralston Skills for local kids? **Allan**

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