

# **RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of meeting on 10 January 2019 in Ralston Community Centre**

**Present** – Allan Thompson (AT), David Dougan (DD), May Fernie (MF), Ian Rae (IR), Hugh Sherry (HS), Simon Hall (SH), Sandra Reynolds (SR), Fergal McCauley (FM).

**In Attendance** – Police Officer Alan Stevenson (AS1), Police Officer Andrew Stewart (AS2), Cllr J Adam-McGregor, Cllr J Sharkey plus a local resident.

**Apologies** – Alison Scott, Carolyn Ward, Bill Gray, Bill Whyte, Cllr N Graham.

**Welcome from the Chair** – AT welcomed all to the meeting.

**Police Report** - AS1 advised that there were 2 recent crime reports, a routine vehicle stop where drugs were found, the other vandalism of a bus shelter near Penilee (still being investigated). Furthermore, there was a report of people trying car doors on New Year's night. AS1 and AS2 emphasised the importance of locking cars. They also asked that we look out for our elderly neighbours, protecting them from scams. AS1 advised that calls to 101 are charged at a high rate, whereas calls to 999 are free.

IR asked for an update regarding the traffic on Newtyle Road. Cllr J Adam-McGregor advised that Council officers had visited during the school holidays and were due to return once the schools started again.

HS raised concerns regarding the traffic congestion at Hawkhead Road. AT agreed to invite Miller Homes to a future meeting to discuss.

**Councillors Report** - Cllr Sharkey Advised that access to Barshaw Park car park will be unavailable on Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 January, due to work on Glasgow Road. Cllr Sharkey has passed the recent 'Ralston Neighbour' letters to Trading standards to check that it's legitimate, he will report back findings at a future meeting.

Cllr Adam-McGregor advised that a speedbump has now been installed on Arkleston Road, near the roundabout at Endrick Drive.

Cllr Adam-McGregor also advised that the first Local Partnership meeting is set for Thursday 24 January, 2pm, however an alternative will be investigated.

**Minutes of the previous meeting** – Proposed by FM, seconded by MF.

**Matters arising from previous minutes** – FM requested an amendment to the minute, FM's last name is spelt McCauley.

Cllr Sharkey has written to the owners of MAC Asphaltting, but no reply yet.

Cllr Sharkey is also meeting with RLL's Chief Executive shortly, and will discuss blinds and the payphone at the Community Centre.

HS advised that he'd contacted the Council about why planning permission was required for signage for an organisation in Hillington, but not required for signage at St Mirren training ground, the Council responded that they were not aware of any such planning application. HS asked whether he could pursue this further, and no objections were raised. There was some discussion relating to dog bins not being emptied and overflowing. Cllr Adam-McGregor advised that she'd reported these and they've now been emptied.

**Secretary's Report** – AT advised that the Secretary has forwarded on all emails.

**Treasurers Report** - FM advised a current balance of £2610.90

FM stated that currently hall let invoices can't be changed to his name, due to restrictions of the new Business World system.

**Community Council Website** – The new website was planned to be available by now, however the holding page is still in place.

**Ralston Directory** – No update.

**AOB** - AT agreed to carry forward discussions regarding a neighbourhood watch scheme to the next meeting.

A local resident in attendance gave an update regarding McGills busses refusal to let mobility scooters on their busses. He's received a letter from the Department of Transport confirming that bus operators are not required to accept them. A number of members suggested contacting Ian Hamilton at the BBC, to see if he might investigate the issue further,

HS advised that he'd spoken to Council officers on Allanton Avenue recently, who were surveying the trees. AT stated he would contact the Council for an update on the outcome of the survey of residents preferences and the Council's proposals.

**Date of next meeting** – Thursday 14 February at 7.30pm in Ralston Community Centre.