

# RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting on 11 April 2019 in Ralston Community Centre

**Present** – Allan Thompson (AT), Alison Scott (AS), May Fernie (MF), Ian Rae (IR), Sandra Reynolds (SR), Fergal McCauley (FM), Hugh Sherry (HS), Simon Hall (SH), Bill Whyte (BW), Rod McLelland (RM)

**In Attendance** – Police Officer Bruce Heron, Police Officer Jamie Birch, Cllr J Adam – McGregor (JA), Cllr Jim Sharkey (JS), 1 resident in process of joining RCC. 2 guest speakers from Miller Homes.

**Apologies** – Bill Gray, Carolyn Ward, David Dougan.

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

**Police Report** - 4 reported crimes since last meeting, 2 breach of the peace of which 1 has been detected, 1 Road Traffic Act infringement – detected, 1 theft of money – ongoing. An issue regarding bogus callers was raised and police advised of safety leaflets concerning this subject are being distributed.

**Councillors Report** – JS has met with Macasphalt and a further meeting is planned next week. The subject of acoustic fencing will be discussed. (The guest speakers from Miller Homes advised they have information regarding acoustic fencing.) Macasphalt say the industrial premises were there before the nearby housing existed.

Re banners at St Mirren training ground – JS said the Council say planning permission is *not* required for advertising banners such as those under discussion although it *is* required for a notice such as the noise notice at this site. It was agreed that the representative from RCC will continue to pursue this issue.

JS said the problem with the gully at Darvel Cres has been fixed.

JA said the 1<sup>st</sup> Local Partnership meeting was held recently and went well. She advised the deadline for funding applications is 10 May. She also said 1.79 % of the 4.79% increase in Council tax this year is ring-fenced for roads and social estates.

JA confirmed that the road repairs to Penilee Road will take place in May.

**Minutes of the previous meeting** – Proposed by AS and seconded by MF.

**Matters arising from previous minutes** - The ongoing tree problem in the area will be carried forward to next month. Cllr J A noted the graffiti along Glasgow Road has been removed

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**Secretary's Report** – Secretary advised that all relevant communication received since the last meeting has been circulated. She advised that Community Council elections are due August/ September and further information will be circulated when known. She also advised that the proposed new Complaints procedure had been rejected at the Local Partnership meeting.

**Treasurers Report** - FM advised a current balance of £2412.96. Expenditure since last meeting was £31.39.

**Guest Speakers** – Paul Macari and Tom Cahill from Miller Homes spoke about the Hawkhead Road development and showed plans for the site which will have a total of 471 homes, half of which are by Miller and half of which are by Taylor Woodrow. Many topics were raised such as road access, increased traffic and schools. The speakers advised there had been discussions with Renfrewshire Council about all matters and the developers have met all the requirements asked of them by the Council. As a result, the Chairman of Ralston Community Council will invite Fraser Carlin of the Council planning department to attend a future meeting of RCC.

**AOB** - It was reported that the website is up and running. The events information section is still being set up. When this is in place, it was asked that Ralston Games event information be added. A further meeting with trainer is planned so the community directory information can be added to website. The trainer has recommended that RCC chairman and secretary should have generic rather than personal e-mail addresses.

The next clean-up event at Barshaw Park is Sunday 14 April at 15.30, all are welcome to join in.

RCC was advised the games event this year will be 14 September and the games event sub-committee are looking at having their meetings immediately prior to RCC meetings. The campaign to save Coats Memorial Church building was raised and part of this is that people/groups can buy a brick for £100 which is then inscribed with the donor's name. Secretary will check if RCC can contribute under Community Council regulations.

**Date of next meeting** – Thursday 9 May at 7.30pm in Ralston Community Centre.