

# RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting on 12 Sept 2019 in Ralston Community Centre

**Present** – Allan Thompson, Alison Scott, Bill Whyte, Sandra Reynolds, Fergal McCauley, Hugh Sherry, Simon Hall, David Dougan, Bill Gray, May Fernie, Ian Rae.

**In Attendance** – Police Officers Bruce Heron and Jamie Birch. 2 residents (1 in process of joining RCC).

**Apologies** – Rod McLelland, Cllr J Adam- McGregor.

**Welcome from the Chair** – Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. He referred to previous email circulated to members advising that the Ralston Games scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> September had to be cancelled owing to the playing fields being waterlogged.

### **Police Report -**

1<sup>st</sup> July to date - 14 crimes reported, 1 detected, remainder under investigation. Crimes are mixture of theft, drug misuse, fraud & vandalism.

In response to various questions Police advised

1 – Any update about a recent fraud case involving large amount of money is not available to them.

2 – Question regarding legality of vehicles with an engine running and no driver in the vehicle. They will double check this with local by-laws and report back next month.

**Councillors Reports** – None present.

**Minutes of the previous meeting** – Proposed by Bill Gray and seconded by Sandra Reynolds

**Matters arising from previous minutes** - Community Council was advised of someone tripping over hidden barbed wire while leaving Honeybog Hill at Penilee Road which would not have happened if the access via Tylney Road was available as it was in the past. As Cllr Jennifer Adam-McGregor, who was to seek legal advice re access, was not able to attend tonight, the CC member who raised this will contact her to advise her of this incident. It was suggested that action points be added to each category of the minutes. It was noted that a member was awaiting a reply from Councillors regarding the traffic problems at Newtyle Road. Update re tree problems in the area is that Council will remove & replace trees at a cost of £50k this financial year, some will be planted in baskets and the cost includes them being watered for 2 years. These plans are for Allanton Avenue only. A member asked who is

responsible for the toilets in Barshaw Park (they had been found in an unusable condition) and was advised this is Renfrewshire Council.

**Secretary's Report** – Secretary advised that all relevant communication received since the last meeting has been circulated. Secretary also thanked a fellow member for his help in creating generic e-mail addresses for office bearers. Secretary was asked if Community Council members' names could not be shown in any e-mails circulated to all and Secretary agreed to look at this by using BCC option. Secretary will feed back to Anne McNaughton with view to using Bcc since most emails received from the Renfrewshire Council detail the full circulation.

**Treasurers Report** - Treasurer advised a current balance of £2168.68 and expenditure since last meeting was £97.58. Treasurer advised process is underway to change the account to allow online banking.

**Renfrewshire Community Council Forum-** The CC representative gave an update of the last meeting in August and, as requested by Chairman, will bring those minutes to the next CC meeting when they are available to her. The CC representative to Local Partnership advised there was nothing to update following their last meeting.

**RCC Website & Directory Update** – The sub –group dealing with this is awaiting further meetings with website adviser Brian McGuire for further assistance in putting the community directory on the website and generally improving the appearance of the site.

**Community Council Elections** - Chairman confirmed RCC has exceeded the minimum amount of members required to continue, the minimum is 7 and 11 nomination forms had been received. He also advised 4 current members have decided not to continue and he thanked them for all their work and contributions in the past.

**AGM Format & Arrangements** - Chairman advised the AGM will be held on 10 October and will be presided over by a Renfrewshire Council official who will also take and produce the minutes. The official will then leave and a normal monthly meeting will follow although will necessarily be shorter than in other months.

**AOB -**

- 1 – Cllr Neill Graham had said there would be a litter pick on Penilee Road on the summer but there is no sign of this happening to date.
- 2 – CC were advised that a litter pick in Barshaw Park earlier this month had involved the largest number to date which included a large group of Scouts. The next pick is Sunday 13 October at 15.30 and all are welcome.
- 3 – Replacement pads for both defibrillators have been ordered at a cost of £82.
- 4 – CC were advised that someone had tripped on badly patched gravel at the entrance to the Community Centre. AT to report to Renfrewshire Council
- 5 – A resident present advised he has come to the end of the road regarding the issue of McGills buses not accepting mobility scooters on board. He feels he can do no more to resolve this to his satisfaction and he supplied the Secretary with the latest correspondence for the record.

**Date of next meeting** – Thursday 10 October at 7.30pm in Ralston Community Centre. AGM followed by regular CC meeting.