

RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 14 November 2019 in Ralston Community Centre

Present: Allan Thompson (Chair), Alison Scott (Secretary), Sandra Reynolds, Fergal McCauley (Treasurer), Simon Hall (minutes), May Fernie, Rod McLelland, Catherine Gooding, Robert Elliot.

In Attendance: Police Officer Jack MacLare, Police Officer Kay Tennant.

Apologies: Cllr J Adam-McGregor, Cllr J Sharkey, Cllr N Graham, Bill Whyte, Bill Gray.

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

Police Report: Police Officer Jack MacLare advised that he's the new Community Police Officer for Ralston. Since 1 October there have been 9 Crime reports: 1 theft from housebreaking, 2 theft from motor vehicle, 3 normal thefts, 1 breach of the peace, 1 vandalism and 1 breach of bail. Also a number residents complained of people parking across driveways during pickup/drop-off time for nursery/school. The police will look to work with the wardens to give extra focus to this at these times. A member raised concerns regarding Hawkhead Road near the Glasgow Road, as drivers go at speed on the opposite side of the road to access the filter lane at the lights. A member raised concern about the amount of litter dropped in the car park and near St Mirren training ground by spectators of the children's matches. It was suggested to raise this with St Mirren, Cllr J Adam-McGregor and the Community Wardens.

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Councillor's Report: No Councillors present.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Proposed by Rod McLelland, seconded by Fergal McCauley.

Matters arising from the minutes: Access to the community centre via Bathgo Avenue has now been resolved. Bins at Bathgo have now been added to the rota to be emptied. Vans parked on the Pavement at Rotherwick Drive, Council confirmed that they can't do anything about them at present. Anne McNaughton confirmed that there is no issue with our email addresses being visible in emails, as they are a matter of public record. At the last meeting it was suggested that the Ralston Community Games could take place on the weekend of the 75th anniversary of VE Day. However as the pitch and school is not available that weekend, it has been decided that the games will take place in June. Further to the query regarding drone use, Cllr J Adam-McGregor had supplied some information on the use of drones, which will be forwarded to the resident who raised the query. It is believed that the drone is being used by

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St Mirren for a specific legitimate purpose, and the Community Council don't intend to pursue this issue further.

Secretary's Report: Secretary advised that since the last meeting, 24 emails had been received, 13 of which had been circulated. Those not circulated, 10 were regarding documents for various council boards and 1 regarding Honeybog Hill, which will be discussed later in the meeting. Those circulated related to: Weekly planning applications (x5), Fair trade steering group, VE Day 75, Community Council AGM, Provosts community awards, A housing exhibition, Roadworks on the M8, Information about the use of drones, and Access to the community centre.

Entries for the Provosts community awards must be submitted by 6 December, members suggested nominating Friends of Barshaw Park and Monthly Barshaw Clean-up. It was suggested that a poster could go in the church noticeboard as well as the Community Council Website and Facebook page, seeking suggestions for nominations.

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Treasurer's Report: Treasurer advised that RBS upheld our complaint and gave £100 as an apology. Therefore, since the last meeting we'd had an income of £100, expenditure of 49.80 and a current balance of £2136.26. Online access still needs to be set up.

It was suggested that we should consider how we could use it to invest in the community. Ideas included: Donating to other local groups, doing something for VE75, produce a quarterly newsletter (get a sample of the newsletter that Hawkhead CC produce), an external cabinet for the AED (ask Bill Whyte for details), donate to foodbank or a homeless charity.

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AOB: Website – the events diary is currently being developed.

Honeybog Hill – Renfrewshire Council believes access is acceptable, however the Community Council would like independent legal advice. Allan agreed to speak to Citizens advice and Robert agreed to discuss with a local lawyer.

VE Day 75 Celebrations 8 May – 3pm Piper followed by a toast, 7pm church bells will Ringing the peace. Sat 9th, 7pm street parties. For next meeting, ask Bill Whyte what the church is doing and find out how we can support. A resident suggested a plaque to remember soldiers from Ralston. It was also suggested the Forget-me-nots could be planted.

Team up to clean up were successful in the recent CoSLA awards. Simon was recognised for his contribution through the Barshaw Park Clean-up's.

Local Partnership – A total of £52,000 is being distributed to local projects.

Allan
Robert

Bill Whyte

Date of next meeting: Due to the election the next meeting is the first Thursday of the month - Thursday 5 December at 7.30pm in Ralston Community Centre.