

RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 9 January 2020 in Ralston Community Centre

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

In Attendance: Cllr J Sharkey, Police Officer Stephen Airlie, 1 resident.

Apologies: None.

Action

Welcome from the Chair: Allison wished everyone a happy New Year and welcomed all to the meeting.

Police Report: Police Officer Stephen Airlie advised over the festive period there were a couple of Road traffic incidents, a vandalism, a shoplifting and an assault. Following recent parking issues near the nursery an Officer had visited during pickup and drop off times. Cllr J Sharkey advised that a resident had raised safety concerns regarding SR Motors using Glasgow Road to test cars at speed. Furthermore, Ducati and Harley Davidson use Mossland Road through to Arkleston Road to test motorbikes at speed.

Police Officer
Stephen Airlie

Councillor's Report: Cllr J Sharkey spoke to St Mirren regarding the new lights, who say they should focus the light more on the pitch. However members agreed that this is not the case. Cllr J Sharkey asked to be forwarded any photos of issues caused. The Secretary read an email from Cllr J Adam-McGregor dated 9 Dec, where St Mirren had asked residents to bare with them for a week while they test the lights out, however the issue persists a month later. St Mirren confirmed that the drone is used for observing team tactics, it remains within the grounds and photos are taken downwards. If this appears not to be the case, please contact Cllr J Sharkey. Cllr J Sharkey highlighted that the Hawkhead and Paisley East & Whitehaw Community Councils have expressed concerns regarding new housing developments at Dykebar. If our Community Council has concerns, we could work together with the other Community Councils.

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Minutes of the previous meeting: Proposed by Alison Scott, seconded by Sandra Reynolds.

Matters arising from the minutes: Fergal spoke to Anne McNaughton about the Community Council purchasing an external cabinet for the Defibrillator, Anne confirmed we can but also advised that we may be able to access funding for this (details forwarded to Bill Whyte). This will be investigated and carried forward to next meeting.

Robert spoke to a lawyer regarding access to Honeybog hill, who confirmed that the right of way should be maintained. Bill agreed to share further details with Robert and Cllr J Sharkey. Robert agreed to discuss further with the lawyer and Cllr J Sharkey would discuss the issue with the farmer. Bill advised that the events catalogue is now live on the website. It was agreed to add the Ralston Community Games (6 June), Allan will forward details of the Active Communities ongoing events (Jogging buddies etc).

Bill Gray
Robert
Cllr J Sharkey

Bill/Rod
Allan

Secretary's Report: Secretary advised that since the last meeting, 14 emails had been received, 4 of which had been circulated. Those not circulated, 1 weekly planning list out with our area, 2 from Fair Trade Renfrewshire and 7 regarding documents for various council boards.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer advised that since the last meeting there has been expenditure of £104.10 and a current balance of £2775.16.

AOB: Ralston Community Games – If anyone is interested in joining the committee, they meet for an hour before the Community Council meeting. It was suggested to include some information about the Community Council's activities on the leaflet that will be produced.

Speakers at future meetings – Suggestions included:

- Fraser Carlin regarding Hawkhead & Dykebar housing developments.
- Ken Gray for an update on the Allanton Road trees project.
- ScotWays regarding access to Honeybog Hill.
- Someone to show us how to use the Defibrillator

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VE Day 75 - A resident asked for details of celebrations in Renfrewshire. An email previously circulated details: The Playing of Battle's O'er & VE 75 Years; The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2; The Cry for Peace, around the World; Churches & cathedrals Ringing out for Peace; Street parties; Services of commemoration and celebration in churches.

St Marks Christmas lights - Allan commented that the lights looked poor and suggested contributing to getting better lights in the future.

Litter around Honeybog Hill – Litter on the verges of Penillee Road and Arkleston Road has get bad again. Cllr J Sharkey agreed to follow this up.

Cllr J Sharkey

It was also highlighted that the fallen leaves are becoming very slippery and need swept up, this should be highlighted to Ken Gray.

Allan

A resident highlighted a recent article regarding Brown bins ceasing to be collected. Cllr J Sharkey stated that there were inaccuracies in the article.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 13 February 2020 at 7.30pm in Ralston Community Centre.