

# RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting on 10 December 2020, online via Microsoft Teams

**Present:** Allan Thompson (Chair), Alison Scott (Secretary), Fergal McCauley (Treasurer), Simon Hall (minutes), Bill Whyte, Bill Gray,

**In Attendance:** Cllr Jim Sharkey, Cllr Jennifer Adam-McGregor, Maurice Corry (MSP), Police Officer Kevin Carter.

**Apologies:** May Fernie, Catherine Gooding.

### Action

**Welcome from the Chair:** Chair welcomed all to the final online meeting of the year for the Community Council.

**Police Report:** There have been 2 crime reports in the last month: 1 Theft by House Breaking where the side gate and back door were forced, and jewellery stolen. There were 20 police incidents including a potential bank fraud. This reaffirms the community safety message, if you are not sure about something, hang up the phone and call back using the listed number of the bank. Cllr Adam-McGregor asked whether there were any cases of cards for bogus deliveries: aware of such scams but no reports received. Cllr Sharkey asked about the number of fines issued due to COVID: details are available from Dalrnarnock Headquarters. A resident had complained that during lockdown there has been an increase of cyclists on pavements. PO Carter advised residents to report this to the police at the time, giving details of location and time. Cllr Adam-McGregor highlighted that cycle lanes on Glasgow Road are being considered, and update will be brought to next meeting. Cllr Sharkey asked whether any complaints received regarding use of drones on Allanton Avenue: none received but these should be reported to the police. A resident had raised an issue with St Mirren's use of drones, Alison will contact them and advise them to report issues to the police. Cllr Adam-McGregor met with St Mirren, and the drones are meant to stay over the players and not cross into gardens.

Cllr Adam-McGregor

Alison Scott

**Councillor's Report:** Cllr Sharkey has spoken to Waste Services regarding the litter on the verge of Penilee Road, and this will be cleared. Bill G highlighted that the issue also exists on Arkleston Road. Cllr Adam-McGregor reported that the flu jabs for over 65's now complete, next cohort completes this week. If anyone can't get to the test centre, a district nurse can come to the house. Maurice Corry (MSP) asked whether there had been any issues with supply of vaccines to pharmacies, Cllr Adam-McGregor will check. 5-6,000 people were tested at the Asymptomatic Testing Centre, very low numbers of people tested positive. Maurice Corry (MSP) advised that the train and bus companies are building extra capacity

Cllr Adam-McGregor

to allow social distancing while traveling at Christmas. Caution people to be careful this Christmas, think twice about traveling or seeing family. Airports are working to test travellers leaving and returning. Colleges are looking at what can be done to reduce transmission between students, including phased return and separating accommodation. School exams have been cancelled next year, replaced by continuous assessment. Next year there will be a major roll out of the vaccine, please encourage as many to get it as possible, those who have strong allergic reactions should avoid it for now.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** Proposed by Fergal McCauley, seconded by Alison Scott.

**Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:**

**Honeybog Hill:** Bill G highlighted that we were about to seek mediation, however this was not progressed due to COVID. Cllr Sharkey highlighted that the problem is with commercial dog walkers using the land, Cllr Sharkey will meet Bill G to discuss further. Cllr Adam-McGregor met with the farmer previously, who is frustrated by her crops being damaged. Cllr Adam-McGregor would contact her again in the new year.

**Cllr Sharkey  
Cllr Adam-  
McGregor**

**Secretary's Report:** Since the last meeting, 21 emails had been received. 9 were not circulated: 8 regarding various council board meetings, 1 about the Scottish Water Roadworks at Seedhill Road/Mill Street. The Community Council received a Christmas Card from Provost Lorraine Cameron. The Newsletter was emailed to Anne McNaughton, who was very impressed. This will be sent to other Community Councils who shared their thoughts on newsletters with us. Allan thanked everyone who contributed to the newsletter, this will be delivered over the next 12 working days.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer advised that since the last meeting there was expenditure of £721.36, mainly for printing and distribution of the newsletter, resulting in a current balance of £2,503.27.

**Willow sculpture:** A resident has applied for 'Green Grass' funding for a willow sculpture in Ralston, this would be located within Barshaw Park.

**AOB: Roffey Park Christmas lights:** The ladies have arranged a socially distanced Christmas lights switch-on, at 4pm on Saturday 12 December.

**Speed of cars on Glasgow Road:** A resident has complained regarding cars speeding on Glasgow Road. Cllr Adam-McGregor had spoken to the police about varying the location of the speed camera van.

**Recycling bins:** Bill G paid £80 to swap to smaller blue/green recycling bins.

**St Mirren Lights:** Issue still not resolved, a Council officer will visit to assess the situation in the new year.

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 14 January 2021, 7:30pm (online).