

RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 10 June 2021, online via Microsoft Teams

Present: Allan Thompson (Chair), Alison Scott (Secretary), Fergal McCauley (Treasurer), Bill Gray, Bill Whyte, May Fernie.

In Attendance: Cllr Jennifer Adam-McGregor, Police Officer Kevin Carter.

Apologies: Simon Hall, Cllr Jim Sharkey, Catherine Gooding, Rod McClelland.

Action

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

Police Report: PO Kevin Carter - 8 crime reports, 34 police incidents (wide range, two vandalism - Ralston nursery, Ralston community centre, traffic initiatives – focus still on Glasgow Road, St Andrews and the Grammar are having their final day later next week and appropriate resources have been put in place by the police.

CC member highlighted that Roffey Park Road from Tylney to Penilee is problematic in terms of driver's speed. Cllr Adam McGregor mentioned speeding on Hawkhead Road and the Chair mentioned again that it difficult to be in the right lane on the newly marked area – cycle lane etc ...

Councillor's Reports: Cllr Adam-McGregor updated us –

Successful grants included £28,000 for EVG charges, more electric fleet cars for Ren Council, an active traveller's incentive scheme - incentives to encourage people to walk.

Cllr Adam McGregor believes Team up to clean up has really helped the Cleanliness perception measure move from 28/32 up to 12/32.

COSLA - 1% of budget (£3.5 million) is available for funds that the community can vote for 'their own projects'.

Bins that are not collected will automatically be recorded on new apparatus within the wagon. This is being rolled out in Renfrewshire.

Climate emergency target for CO2 emissions was made and that's the first time in three years. All other targets have been achieved again.

There is a 5 year project for recycling and this has a £70 million investment attached to it.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Proposed by FM, seconded by AS.

NB amendment to previous minutes - Reference to Litter on Arkleston Road should have read 'Bill G confirmed rubbish has been cleared from Penilee Road end, but more has appeared further down Arkleston Road'.

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:

AT gave an update with regards to the application Kelburne Hockey presented to us at our last meeting. AT had already spoken with Norrie from Skills Practice and recently spoke with him (again) and Gerry from Alba Thistle. It would appear that the numbers presented by Kelburne Hockey (maybe via RLL) are not accurate in terms of the actual numbers. Recent reports suggest that football is played there midweek, every night from 6 -10, and a Saturday morning as a constant and often in the afternoon and occasionally a Sunday. Also, to use the pitch would be problematic because the hockey pitch is only designed for people wearing trainers and this would not accommodate the age range and skills of the current football players who are using the facilities.

AT also explained that currently there are no applications submitted for a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) but we are led to believe that Kelburne are going to submit one in the near future and we have also been advised that Gleniffer football club previously had an application in and are about to submit again. There is concern that St Mirren are also going to submit a CAT but, at present this is completely unsubstantiated.

Cllr Adam-McGregor and AT have met with some of the football representatives at one meeting and also at a second meeting where planning representatives from Renfrewshire Council also attended. It is now understood that any CAT has to be legally considered against certain criteria, any objections are put in within the initial six months and this is done via 'responses'. If an application then proceeds it can be appealed. Cllr Adam McGregor is currently setting up a meeting for next week with Cllr Ian Nicolson and all of the above from previous meetings.

There was a strong sense this evening that the Community Council will object in principle to any CAT but fully understand that this is a legal process, and anyone can apply for a community asset at any time because it is legal to do so. Maybe a co-operative sports group could form and apply for a CAT and genuinely represent the community who has the asset. We have endured St Mirren in our community for many years and the prospect of this happening again with our only remaining asset is incredibly concerning.

Exact numbers aren't known in terms of usage of the current hub but we will continue to endeavour to find out. Concern was expressed at how run down the hub has become under RLL. In the meantime we should support the Club in terms of usage and promote where we can, once it's open again.

(TBC by **Cllr Adam McGregor**)

We need to communicate this to the community via usual channels and use our newsletter.

Cllr Adam McGregor explained the legal side of this and also confirmed her support to the community and emphasised that any CAT should benefit the community.

St Mirren lights being looked at and if not moving forward in a timelier manner could be dealt with in a statutory route.

School meals issue from several months ago has now been responded to and it would appear that the change to school meals was driven by Covid restrictions and the normal menu will resume when schools shut up again.

Potholes - AS is going to contact Cllr Sharkey regarding an outstanding meeting.

Ralston playpark and Ralston in Bloom grants will be considered imminently.

Tommy memorial will not go ahead in Ralston (after concerns about safety and also that there is a gun) however consideration was given to a plaque being erected in memory of those who lost their lives.

MF requested **Cllr Adam McGregor** about applying for the grant for 100 trees and only keeping some of them locally whilst distributing others.

Any newsletter information to **AT** asap.

Secretary's Report:

Since last meeting -
Emails received - 19
Circulated - 6
Not circulated- 13

Breakdown of 13 not circulated -
Weekly planning lists - 2
Council docs, agendas - 10
Duplicate of level 2 regulations – 1

Please note new address for CC secretary business –
admin@ralstoncommunitycouncil.org

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer advised that since the last meeting there had been £35 expenditure, resulting in a current balance of £2246.12.

AOB:

Bins at the Community Centre – Cllr Adam McGregor explained the update that a new bin was available but decided that it should be a general waste bin, having had feedback from MF. The service is tbc.

BG mentioned organiser of 'TAPLite' at St Mark's requesting to use her personal mobile number on website. Two CC members agreed with BG to comply but to show number under event details and not in the news item visible from Home page. FM suggested asking organiser to confirm in writing that she was requesting number to appear on website. **AS** to action.

Ralston library open 3 days per week now – this is on our website too.

A lot of litter on Honeybog Hill. AT suggested and CC agreed with Cllr Adam McGregor to do a 'Team up to clean up' on Sunday 11th at 11am. A sign will be put up afterwards to explain what's been done.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 9 September 2021, 7:30pm (online).