

# RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting on 11 November 2021, online via Microsoft Teams

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

**In Attendance:** Cllr Jennifer Adam-McGregor, Cllr Neill Graham

**Apologies:** Sandra Reynolds, Police

### Action

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

**Police Report:** Apologies received due to COP26.

**Councillor's Reports:** Cllr Adam-McGregor advised that, following discussions with local businesses parking charges had been reintroduced in Paisley Town Centre, as has the 'Free for Three' scheme where you can park for 3 hours for free in 6 Town Centre car parks (Orchard Street, Weighhouse Close, Hunter Street upper, Hunter Street lower, Oakshaw & School Wynd); the two car parks at the Lagoon will be added to the scheme at the end of November. Also, Team Up to Clean Up are up for more awards. Cllr Adam-McGregor is working to secure funding for Food Train. A utility company has broken the pavement while digging on Glasgow Road. Alison highlighted that potholes recently filled on Tylney were done very poorly, Cllr Adam-McGregor agreed to follow this up. Cllr Graham advised that Friends of Barshaw Park have heard the concerns of residents regarding the proposed Community Garden. A petition had been submitted to the Petitions board regarding the Kelburne Hockey Club CAT, where the concerns of the resident were heard. Cllr Graham delivered 1000 letters to residents about Kelburne's CAT, 125 responses received – all but 1 of them were against the CAT. Cllr Graham has not spoken to the new Head of HR yet, this will happen in the New Year. Officers have agreed to consider putting double yellow lines on Gartmore and surrounding roads. Council have agreed to move the Planters to Glasgow Road. Rod has cleared weeds from them. Congratulations to the Corner Shop on their award for Independent Retailer of the Year.

Cllr Adam-McGregor

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** Proposed by May Fernie, seconded by Rod McLelland.

**Matters arising from the minutes:** St Mirren Lights: Consultants have submitted a draft report to the Council, who will add their own impressions and will seek to meet with St Mirren. Flooding: Had response from Council that the gully's are clear, they will check again when it rains. There is also

an issue with the sewer system overflowing too. Street Lighting: Contacted the Council in September, but no response since. Sports Centre: Allan is meeting RLL on 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss when the Sports Centre will reopen, and how we could work together to improve the facilities.

**Secretary's Report**: Secretary advised that since the last meeting, 30 emails had been received, 20 were not circulated: 1 weekly planning list, 16 for various Council Board meetings, 2 about Fair Trade Steering group, 1 road closure outwith our area.

**Treasurer's Report**: Treasurer advised that since the last meeting there has been expenditure of £61.48 and a current balance of £1310.92. In addition, the admin allowance of £743 will be received shortly.

In addition we have funding for Ralston in Bloom (FR1140) £4,275 and Ralston Playpark (FR1141) £1,275.

**Kelburne Hockey Club CAT Update**: The Council are currently reviewing Kelburne's CAT to determine if it is a valid application. The petition board is a separate process to the CAT process, however it's good that views are being heard. It has been confirmed that the final decision on the CAT application will be made by the ILA board, rather than an Officers decision as previously thought. MSP Russell Findlay wrote to RLL regarding the application. Once the application has been validated, there will be a consultation period.

**Christmas Newsletter**: Thanks for all of the contributions received so far, please submit remaining articles asap. Simon showed 3 possible designs for the newsletter, the Christmas tree theme was voted the preferred option.

**AOB: December meeting**: We discussed the possibility of meeting in person, however agreed that we would continue to meet online.

**Date of next meeting**: Thursday 9 December at 7.30pm online.