

RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 7 October 2021, online via Microsoft Teams

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

In Attendance: Cllr Neill Graham, Constable Sung, 1 resident.

Apologies: Fergal McCauley (Treasurer), Sandra Raynolds, Cllr Jennifer Adam-McGregor.

Action

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

Police Report: Constable Sung advised that there 4 incidents in the last month including 1 housebreaking and 1 theft from a vehicle. Aware of antisocial behaviour in Barshaw Park, police visit once or twice every Friday and Saturday evening. A question was asked whether police presence would be increased during the October school holiday, Constable Sung confirmed it would.

Councillor's Reports: Cllr Graham is asking to see the Kelburne CAT. He will also be sending letters to the 500 houses nearest the Sports Centre. Is aware that antisocial behaviour is an issue at the weekends, particularly with the schools off. Spoken to police and wardens to increase patrols. Highlighted that the Council is experiencing increased financial risks due to the pandemic and other pressures.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Amendment: Previous minutes stated that the cost of building a hockey pitch on the grass would cost £500k more (than the £600k it costs to build over the football pitch). Kelburne felt it wasn't clear that it would cost approximately £1.2m to build a hockey pitch on the grass. Proposed: Rod McLelland. Seconded: Alison Scott.

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:

Responses to issues raised: Following his presentation at the last meeting, Gerry Hannah supplied an email address in the Council to raise issues, which would be responded to. Bill Gray has emailed some issues, but received no response. Cllr Graham is meeting the Council's new Head of People and Organisational Development and will highlight this issue.

Potholes: Alison and Cllr Sharkey identified some outstanding potholes on 10 Sept, which Cllr Sharkey will follow up on.

Cllr Sharkey

Sports Centre: Still awaiting usage figures from RLL.

Vitality Classes: Stil waiting for details on if and when these are restarting.

St Mirren lights: Rod said consultants had visited several houses to take readings of the light levels from St Mirren and will report to the Council.

Newsletter: We'll begin developing the Christmas Newsletter shortly.

Ralston in Bloom: Rod advised that 3 locations in Ralston have been agreed for planters. The Council has agreed we can use them, but we're responsible for moving and maintaining them. Cllr Graham agreed to speak to the Council and see if they can move them for us.

Cllr Graham

Ralston play park: Allan confirmed we have funds to repair the areas under the play equipment. Material has been identified, but it'll take a few months before this can be implemented.

St Mirren: Retrospective planning application submitted for a players room. Rod will circulate details.

Rod McLelland

Secretary's Report: Since the last meeting, 20 emails had been received, 12 not circulated: 5 for various council board meetings, 3 weekly planning lists, 1 Celebrating Renfrewshire's Young Peoples awards, 1 Microsurfacing Roads (Ralston not on timetable), 1 Street Trader Application, 1 Water & Waste Annual Consultative Meeting update, 1 Petitions Process Reminder.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer advised that since the last meeting there was £203.83 expenditure (fliers and printer ink), resulting in a current balance of £1,372.40.

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

AOB: Public Meeting re Kelburne: Rod congratulated everyone involved in organising the meeting. Cllr Graham said it was really good, well organised and allowed residents to have their views heard. Alison thanks John (caretaker of the Community Centre) for delivering many of the leaflets.

Date of next meeting and AGM: Thursday 11 November 2021, 7:30pm (online).