

RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 8 April 2021, online via Microsoft Teams

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

In Attendance: Cllr Jim Sharkey.

Apologies: Catherine Gooding.

Action

Welcome from the Chair: Chair welcomed all to the meeting of the Community Council.

Police Report: None in attendance.

Councillor's Reports: Cllr Sharkey has received several complaints regarding speeding on the roads between Penillee Road and Glasgow Road (Balfron, Roffey Park, Dunchurch, Kinpurnie, Tylney and Oldhall). Roads Officials are looking to do a road survey over a period of time to quantify the issue and identify solutions to slow traffic down. Ralston Community Council agreed this is an issue, and support the use of a road survey. It was highlighted that the traffic calming measures on Tilney and Oldhall are currently too close to Glasgow Road, and would like this considered when identifying solutions.

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

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:

School meals: No update, Alison to follow up with Cllr Adam-McGregor.

Alison Scott

Potholes on Bathgo/Darvel: Less than half of these have been fixed, Alison to follow up with Cllr Adam-McGregor. The repairs seem to be very basic, ones that won't last long rather than a longer-term fix. Cllr Sharkey agreed to query why temporary repairs are being made instead of using the machine that gives a better fix.

Alison Scott

Cllr Sharkey

Newsletter: Allan will circulate draft articles shortly, and suggested that an article could be included about the Paisley Museum reimagined project.

Dinosaur: We have informed the grant body that we won't be proceeding with the wicker dinosaur project, due to the burden of responsibility involved, and have returned the funds.

Litter on Arkleston Road: Bill G confirmed that although volunteers have cleared lots of rubbish, the area is still bad. Considering the location, could it be added to a regular cleaning route for Council workers? Cllr Sharkey will raise this with the Council and also suggested a camera could be installed to catch and fine those littering.

Cllr Sharkey

Secretary's Report: Since the last meeting, 21 emails had been received, 13 not circulated: 12 for various council board meetings, 1 Amey South-West Scotland Newsletter. Alison noted that we've not received the weekly planning lists due to the system change, Alison will contact Sharon Marklow to clarify when these will restart. Alison confirmed that we would not be applying for Partnership funds this year for the Ralston Community Games, as we still have funds from our application two years ago.

Alison Scott

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer advised that since the last meeting there was an expenditure of £28.68, for domain renewal, resulting in a current balance of £2,281.12.

Honeybog Hill: Cllr Sharkey was asked about his recent Paisley Daily Express article, as it seemed to be at odds with his previous suggestion about us all working together regarding Honeybog Hill. Cllr Sharkey stated that in the article he was asking for manure to be removed from Council land, which he felt was appropriate. Cllr Sharkey was asked regarding a rumour that Cala Homes had been given planning permission for Honeybog Hill. Cllr Sharkey stated that no applications have been received for Honeybog Hill. However when the Local Plan was not approved at the Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board on 24 March 2021, Cllr Nicolson stated this could risk development of areas, specifically naming Honeybog Hill. Allan will contact Cllr Nicolson to clarify.

Allan Thomson

St Mirren Lights: Awaiting update from Cllr Adam-McGregor.

Cllr Adam-McGregor

Ralston Play Park: This is rutted, muddy, and in need of maintenance. After the last meeting, Cllr Adam-McGregor highlighted that the Council is looking at parks across the area. It was suggested that we could also apply for a Partnership grant to develop the park further.

AOB: Ralston in Bloom: Rod wondered whether the planters stored in the utility area near Barshaw House, could be relocated around Ralston to bring colour to the area, these would be maintained by volunteers. The Community Council agreed that this was a great idea, we could apply for funding or donations for this. It was suggested to start with 5 planters strategically placed around the area, which we could expand in the future. Allan will contact Karen Anderson to discuss the options.

Allan Thompson

Events diary on website: This can be reintroduced as things open up again.

Ralston Library: Although the library is currently closed, they are doing a delivery service; details on our website and Facebook pages.

Street lighting: At Christmas Bill G noticed that street lights on Tilney were on for 18 hours. This was reported to the Council, who adjust the timing. However the problem has shifted to another location along Tilney, Dunchurch and Balfron. Cllr Sharkey will discuss this with the Council.

Cllr Sharkey

Date of next meeting: Thursday 13 May 2021, 7:30pm (online).