

RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 9 December 2021, online via Microsoft Teams

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

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

Apologies: Fergal McCauley (Treasurer), Sandra Reynolds.

Action

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

Police Report: Since 9 November there have been 31 incidents and 10 crime reports. 1 theft from an unlocked vehicle: ensure cars are locked and don't store things in the car. There were 2 cases of fraud: a 72 year old was defrauded of several hundred pounds – in these cases hang up and call the official number directly. Another person lost £13k in a Bitcoin fraud – with large sums of money, get advice from a lawyer and financial adviser.

Councillor's Report: Cllr Adam-McGregor advised that the Disability Resource Centre was vandalised days after it had reopened. ROAR and the Lagoon have opened their facilities to allow access to this service. Kelburne Hockey Club have confirmed that they have now been granted charitable status. The Council's lawyer has confirmed that the CAT application is still at the same stage and has not yet been validated. Cllr Adam-McGregor will advise us as soon anything changes.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Proposed by May Fernie, seconded by Alison Scott.

Matters arising from the minutes: **Potholes:** Majority of potholes on Tylney Road have now been fixed well. A large patch had been done between Balfron and Dunchurch, however some potholes nearer Glasgow Road were still present. Alison will check both areas and confirm with Cllr Adam-McGregor shortly. **Yellow lines on Gartmore:** Alison to check progress on this with Cllr Adam-McGregor in Feb/Mar. **Planters:** Precise locations for the planters have been chosen, the Council will move the planters in due course. Rod to follow this up and copy in Cllr Graham and Cllr Adam-McGregor. **St Mirren Lights:** The consultant's report has been finalised and issued to the residents who had the light surveys. This concluded that the lights were causing a Statutory Nuisance. The Council met with St Mirren to discuss and were disappointed with the lack of progress that St Mirren and their contractor had made. A Statutory Nuisance Abatement Order will now be issued. **Street Lighting:** Bill Gray advised that the Council have checked the lights and confirmed that they

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are on a timer which is working as expected. However Bill highlighted that lights in the same area go on and off at different times, some are on during the day over the summer and this issue occurs in various areas across Ralston. He's asked the Council to review the issue and conduct a site visit. Sports Centre: Allan had a very productive meeting with Victoria Hollows (Chief Exec of RLL) and Cllr Lisa-Marie Hughes on 17 November. A further meeting has been arranged for 21 December to discuss how we can work collaboratively to improve the centre and increase its profile

Secretary's Report: Secretary advised that since the last meeting, 24 emails had been received, 17 were not circulated: 12 for various Council Board meetings, 1 weekly planning list, 1 road closure outwith our area and 2 about missed bin collections outwith our area. Nominations for the Provosts Community Awards close on 7 January. The categories are: Community Volunteer, Community Group, Sporting Achievement, Arts and Culture, Employee of the Year, Carers Award and Ingenuity in Business. Tree Planting from the Woodland Trust: Trees can be sourced from the Woodland Trust, this should be done in consultation with the Council to ensure that sites chosen meet community needs. We'll discuss in January.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer advised that since the last meeting there has been income of £55 (from advertising in the newsletter), expenditure of £727.51 (newsletter printing, hospitality and hall let) and a current balance of £638.41. The admin allowance of £743 has yet to be paid. In addition we have funding for Ralston in Bloom (FR1140) £4,275 and Ralston Playpark (FR1141) £1,275. Cllr Adam-McGregor will find out if these budgets could be combined or transferred. It was highlighted that the cost of the newsletter isn't sustainable long term, potentially we could publish online, print fewer to have in the Corner Shop etc. After discussion we agreed that since the newsletter is being well received and is gaining local recognition, we should continue to produce it as we currently do. However we'd look to apply for funding from the Local Partnership or Engage Renfrewshire.

Cllr Adam-McGregor

AOB: Local Partnership: ROAR have 2 new project workers focussing on Tackling loneliness and Connecting communities. Suggestions for the #You decide funding have closed and will now go through technical assessment - 24 Jan) and then the community vote. Engage Renfrewshire's Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund is now open for applications. Grants of under £10k available, plus some grants of £50k. Ralston Day Centre: May asked whether there was any update on when this is reopening? Residents Access Only sign for Tylney: Alison will contact Cllr Graham for an update on progress. Litter from Refuse trucks: On roads around Strathmore the refuse collectors aren't picking up items spilled from the bins, which is left to blow down the street. Cllr Adam-McGregor will raise the issue.

Cllr Adam-McGregor

Date of next meeting: Thursday 13 January 2022 at 7.30pm.