

RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 10 February 2022, 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 Neill Graham, Police Officer Gail Fitzpatrick.

Apologies: Sandra Reynolds, Cllr Jennifer Adam-McGregor, Cllr Jim Sharkey.

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

Action

Police Report: Between 1-31 January there were: 2 Assaults/violet crimes - 1 domestic and 1 family member assaulting another; 0 Drug; 1 Antisocial – Investigating damage to two telecoms cabinets on Glasgow Road; 1 Fraud – lost a deposit for a fake Facebook Marketplace advert. On 10 January there was a theft from a house on Roffey Park Road - no forced entry and a number of items stolen, enquiries ongoing. 11 January there was an attempt to steal from a house on Auchmannoch Avenue where a back door and window were forced, enquiries ongoing. 1 traffic offence, car doing 60 in a 30 on Glasgow Road. Campaign to increase reporting of domestic abuse; LGBT history month; Recruitment session on 15 February.

Councillor's Reports: Cllr Graham and Cllr Sharkey have submitted a motion regarding the junction of Glasgow Road and Hawkhead Road to have a full risk assessment and install metal railings to protect pedestrians, this will be heard at the Full Council meeting in March. Cllr Graham spoke to David Grady about litter on Penilee Road – a roadsweeper and litter pickers will be sent in the next few weeks. Bill Gray thanked Cllr Graham for his prompt action in this matter. Allan asked whether this area could be added to the Council's regular maintenance programme, Cllr Graham agreed to discuss this with the Council. A number of residents have complained about speeding on Glasgow Road near St Marks, Cllr Graham has spoken to the police and the Council and more speed checks will happen. Following Ken Graham's retirement, Mark Conaghan is the new Head of Corporate Governance. Cllr Graham has been approached by lawyers for Gleniffer Thistle asking for advice about submitting a CAT for Ralston Community Sports Centre - Cllr Graham advised them to undertake meaningful consultation with community groups, members of the public and hold a public meeting prior to any CAT application. Allan asked each member of the Community Council for their initial views about a potential new CAT for Ralston Community Sports Centre, we all agreed that we would need to know more about the CAT, however in principle everyone was against it, as we believe a community facility should remain available for the community and should not be transferred to another organisation.

Cllr Graham

Minutes of the previous meeting: Proposed by May Fernie, seconded by Fergal McCauley.

Matters arising from the minutes: Potholes on Tylney Rd: Alison will email Cllr Adam-McGregor for an update. Yellow lines on Gartmore: Cllr Adam-McGregor emailed to advise following a petition it has been agreed to paint yellow lines on the entrance of Gartmore. Alison will email Cllr Adam-McGregor about also painting lines on Newtyle and Lanfine, or the issue will be pushed to the surrounding streets. Access Only sign for Tylney: An officer from the Council is examining the legislation surrounding this and highlighted that and TRO would require a consultation process to hear views both for and against. Cllr Graham agreed to ask for an update. Currently only a sign at Tylney is being considered, Allan highlighted that the surrounding roads would also need signs, or the problem will occur on return journeys or affect other roads. We also discussed the limited success of a sign compared to other traffic calming methods such as speedbumps. Tree Planting from the Woodland Trust: Allan and May have agreed to remove from the agenda for the time being. St Mirren Lights: Rod stated that the Council's report showed that the lights were causing a statutory nuisance. This has been taken up with the landowner (Renfrewshire Council) who has in turn spoken to St Mirren. The lighting contractor from St Mirren has visited several homes taking light measurements and identify potential solutions (including light funnels and a barricade). Funding opportunities: Rod has looked at several opportunities for funding, but has found the questions difficult to answer. It was agreed to pause this until we are seeking funding for something specific. Ralston Day Centre: Cllr Graham agreed to enquire when the Day Centre would be reopening. Admin Allowance: Fergal reported that the Council have confirmed that this will be paid next week. Budgets for Ralston in Bloom & Play Park: Awaiting feedback from Cllr Adam-McGregor about whether budgets could be combined or transferred to cover the increased cost of the mats. Ralston Play Park: Allan has spoken to Graham Ternent about the mats, who will get back to us as soon as possible. Ralston in Bloom: Rod requested additional planters from the Council, but received no reply. Cllr Graham agreed to ask for more planters.

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Secretary's Report: Secretary advised that since the last meeting, 21 emails had been received, 12 were not circulated: 8 for various Council Board meetings, 1 weekly planning list, 1 road closure outwith our area, 1 about Community Climate Fund - launched on 31 Jan, £50k available, applications by 14 March, 1 about Scottish Government Planning & Architecture Network who are running 4 online meetings – if interested Alison can forward on details.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer advised that since the last meeting there has been expenditure of £23.88, resulting in a current balance of £582.65.

Ralston in Bloom funding (FR1140): £4,064.96. Ralston Playpark funding (FR1141) £1,275.

Kelburne Hockey Club CAT update: No further update on the application. Allan is speaking with Ralston Skills, Hub, ROAR and OneRen about how we can jointly support and promote the use of the Community Sports Centre. Gillian Thomson from ROAR is looking for a base in this area and is excited about the possibility of using the Pavilion.

Ralston Skills would like to do an event to celebrate how long they have been here and the impact they've had in the community, it is proposed that this would take place on Saturday 30 April. Allan wondered whether organised the Community Games for this date. A lot would need to be organised, and he'd appreciate support from the Community Council in organising it. A number of people agreed to support this. It was highlighted that this is the Mayday weekend, which may reduce the number of people who might attend. Alison agreed to advise Fergal of the level of funds.

Alison Scott

Allan received some feedback on the leaflet that he drafted and has sent this to Ralston Skills and others for comment. Once the final draft is ready, Simon agreed to format it and add some of the information into a table.

Simon Hall

AOB: **Damage to wall of ramp at Ralston Library:** May highlighted that the wall of the ramp at the library is in poor condition and is in need of repair. Cllr Graham agreed to take this forward. **No winter gritting at Community Centre Car Park:** Carried forward – Cllr Sharkey follow up regarding Community Centre car park not being gritted. **Community Activities:** Rod thanked Bill Gray for his support in getting the events calendar back on the website. **Garage on Tylney Road:** It was noted that a caravan and trailer have appeared at the back of the garage. There has been lots of activity along with a number of vehicles being parked there. We'll monitor this to ensure that things do not deteriorate and impact the area. **Next Meeting:** Alison will contact Community Council members asking whether concerns remain about meeting in person, if so we will continue to meet online.

Cllr Graham
Cllr Sharkey

Alison Scott

Due to connectivity issues, Bill Whyte submitted the following by email:

- Junction of Glasgow Rd/Hawkhead Rd: The developers of the new housing site stated at one of our meetings that funds would be available to improve this junction.
- Traffic calming on Oldhall Road: A few years ago a Renfrewshire Council official attended one of our meetings to advise that the this traffic calming arrangement was deemed unsafe as it was too near Glasgow Road, and was to be re-sited further into Oldhall Road.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 10 March 2022 at 7.30pm.