

# RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting on 10 March 2022, online via Microsoft Teams

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

**In Attendance:** A resident of Ralston.

**Apologies:** Sandra Reynolds, Bill Gray, Bill Whyte, Catherine Gooding, Cllr Jennifer Adam-McGregor, Cllr Neill Graham.

### Action

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

**Police Report:** None in attendance.

**Councillor's Reports:** None in attendance.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** Proposed by Fergal McCauley, seconded by Alison Scott.

**Matters arising from the minutes:** Glasgow Road/Hawkhead Road Junction: Cllr Graham advised by email that all Councillors voted in favour of a motion to install barriers around this junction, these will be installed in the next week. Cllr Graham has also asked for a filter light and a red-light camera to be installed. Litter on Penilee Road: In the next few weeks temporary traffic lights will be installed, so that litter can be removed safely. *Carried forward:* Cllr Graham to discuss with the Council whether this area could be added to the Council's regular maintenance programme. Speeding on Glasgow Road: *Carried forward:* Cllr Graham to update on the police about more speed checks being conducted. Potholes on Tylney Rd: *Carried forward:* Cllr Adam-McGregor to update on the potholes being fixed properly. We discussed that even after a mild winter these are in a poor state, with the edges of the patches coming away. Yellow lines on Gartmore: *Carried forward:* Cllr Adam-McGregor to feedback following our request to paint yellow lines on Newtyle and Lanfine as well as Gartmore (or the issue will be pushed to the surrounding streets). Access Only sign for Tylney: *Carried forward:* Cllr Graham to update the following request for signs at other streets as well as Tylney. St Mirren Lights: Rod advised that St Mirren have appealed to the Sheriff court regarding the abatement order. In addition a section of the acoustic fence has come down. Ralston Day Centre: Cllr Graham advised by email that a phased approach was being taken these, with no date for Ralston reopening yet. Budgets for Ralston in Bloom & Play Park: Fergal will email asking whether these budgets can be merged and whether they could be used towards the Games. Ralston in Bloom: The Council has confirmed that if more planters

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were available, they would consider providing us with additional planters. Rod thinks an additional 5 planters could be sited at the entrance to Strathmore and by the bus stops. Damage to wall of ramp at Ralston Library: Cllr Graham advised by email that he has spoken to the department responsible, and no funds are available from this year's budget. Garage on Tylney Road: The caravan has been removed, however a number of other vehicles remain. April RCC meeting: Allan confirmed that this meeting will be in person, Bill Gray (Johnstone) has asked that everyone take a Lateral Flow Test before attending.

**Rod McLelland**

**All**

**Secretary's Report**: Secretary advised that since the last meeting, 27 emails had been received, 16 were not circulated: 8 for various Council Board meetings, 2 weekly planning list, 5 regarding roadworks out with our area, 1 about the Ukraine crisis, which will be circulated after the meeting – this includes a template letter for people to use to write to their MP asking them to support Ukraine and to support tougher sanctions for Russia. We agreed that this should be promoted on our social media.

**Simon Hall/  
Bill Gray**

Alison highlighted an email about the 2022 Census, which offered a stakeholder toolkit and support sessions. Alison queried who these were targeted at, but has received no response.

A resident has raised concerns regarding people feeding foxes, a fox then buries the food in gardens, which can be problematic for house pets that dig this food up. We have agreed to promote the Council's position on feeding foxes on our social media.

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**Treasurer's Report**: Treasurer advised that since the last meeting the admin grant has been paid, giving an income of £743, there has been no expenditure, resulting in a current balance of £1325.65. 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 met with ROAR to discuss how they could use the Sports Centre. Station 7 in is their new base, but they will consider how they could use this facility and get back to us in the next few weeks.

**Ralston Skills 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary and reunion**: This will now take place on 23 April, 10am-12noon.

**Ralston Community Games** will run at the same time, but smaller than in previous years (may do a full Games day in September if successful grant) – Insurance: Fergal is in discussions with the current insurer, as well as public liability he'll also get a quote for cancellation insurance. First aid: Alison has

made initial contact and will get a price based on the type of activities we're organising. Leaflets: We'll have the letter about what we're doing to support the Sports Centre on one side, with Ralston Skills and the Games event on the other. Allan will contact the printers for a price. Home baking, tea and coffee: Allan will ask Bill who the best contact at the church would be for this. Clown: Has been booked. Ice cream van: Unable to contact the person we used previously, please let Allan know if you know anyone who can do this. Art group: Could have canvas and paints available to have fun on the day, could also sell some paintings. May will discuss with the art group. Face painting: Allan will talk to Dionne about this, as she's done it before. Canvassing thoughts re Sports Hub: We'd like several people to be talking to visitors at the event on the day, to get their thoughts on how the Sports Hub could be used in the future. Please contact Alison to volunteer for this. Collect for Ukraine: We agreed that we should have something like a tombola that people could donate prizes and buy tickets for, in order to raise funds for Ukraine. Plant sale: Fergal will contact Rukeri to discuss getting plants on sale on a return basis. Alternatively, we could find out who St Marks use. Electrics: Allan is speaking to Jok about this. Inflatables: Allan has found someone who can provide a baby bouncy castle plus a 40ftx20ft inflatable assault course for all ages. They will also supply a candyfloss maker (we'd need someone to run it). Alison agreed to contact OneRen and ask them to arrange for the grass to be cut shortly before the event.

**Allan Thompson**  
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**All**

**May Fernie**  
**Allan Thompson**

**All**

**Fergal**  
**McCauley**

**Alison Scott**

**AOB: Minutes for April meeting**: Simon advised that he will be away for the next meeting, and asked for someone to take the minutes – Alison will email asking for a volunteer.

**Alison Scott**

**Date of next meeting**: Thursday 14 March 2022 at 7.30pm, in person at Ralston Community Centre (please take a Lateral Flow test before coming).