

# RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting on 12 May 2022, Ralston Community Centre

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

**In Attendance:** Cllr Neill Graham, Cllr Graeme Clark, PC Jay Greer.

**Apologies:** Rod McLelland, May Fernie, Cllr Jennifer Adam-McGregor.

**Not in Attendance:** Sandra Reynolds, Catherine Gooding.

### **Action**

**Welcome from the Chair:** Chair welcomed all to the meeting and congratulated the Councillors on their success at the election.

**Police Report:** PC Greer highlighted that there have been a few issues lately: 4 assaults, 1 of which was serious and detected; 1 Drug offence; 2 vandalisms; illegal use of offroad vehicles – ongoing investigations; 9 Thefts – 1 theft of motor vehicle, 4 shoplifting, 4 other thefts; numerous speeding offences – the use of a Mobile Traffic Safety Van is available for Councillors to bid for its use, including providing evidence of why it's needed. In addition there is an ongoing campaign to Shut Out Scammers. There have been a number of cases of fraud in the area, and asked residents to remain vigilant. PC Greer left a variety of leaflets to raise awareness.

**Councillor's Reports:** **Pets Corner:** Cllr Clark met with Karen Anderson, who has a vision to return the old Pets Corner into an Auditorium, however significant investment is required and no funding is currently available.

**Community Garden:** Transfer of land is taking place, after which planning permission will be sought. **Pond:** Work is progressing, mud is being removed, an additional cleaner brought it to clear the mud from the road.

**Housing:** Supporting 2 residents with issues. **Potholes:** Looking into options for better repairs. **Seedhill Playing fields:** University of West of Scotland has expressed interest in developing a Sports Facility (remain owned by Council).

**Funding for resurfacing:** Castlehead gained funding, this could potentially be an avenue for the football pitches at the Community Sports Centre - will investigate funding options further. **Double yellow lines at Gartmore:** Cllr Graham awaiting answer for whether double yellow lines will be added to Lanfine and Newtyle at same time.

**Kelburne CAT:** Application has been submitted to the CAT Board. Once validated posters will go up at the Sports Centre. Minimum of 20 days to make representations, Kelburne will have 20 days to respond. Process must be completed by 6 months from the date of validation of the application. Council have a duty to help Kelburne with their application, but also have a duty to help residents with representations. **Penilee Road Litterpick:** Will be completed every 6 months, requested Arkleston and Farm Road included.

Cllr Clark

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

**Matters arising from the minutes:** Access only on Tylney Road: Awaiting details of previous survey conducted – Carried forward. Library wall: Repair yet to be completed, Cllr Graham to follow up. No winter gritting in car park: Carry forward. Ralston in Bloom: Rod has prepared existing planters for summer, no word on additional planters yet. Oldhall Traffic Calming: Council confirmed that the distance from Glasgow Road was increased from 1-car length to 2-car lengths. Cllr Graham asking for it to be moved back further. St Mirren lights: Carried forward. St Mirren fence: Carried forward. Playpark repairs: Funds have been transferred and cheque sent away, repairs are now being instigated.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary advised that since the last meeting, 11 emails had been received, 6 were not circulated: 1 for various Council Board meetings, 1 Scottish Water Newsletter, 1 Consultation on Renfrewshire's local housing strategy, 1 regarding roadworks out with our area, 1 Invitation to join APRS (forward to Bill Gray), 1 about Remembering Together – looking for community groups to be represented. Alison to find out more details.

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**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer advised that since the last meeting there has been an expenditure of £24.28 on folders and £47.84 on a sign, resulting in a current balance of £1241.53. Ralston in Bloom funding (FR1140): £1223.40 transferred to Playpark fund, £105.60 spent on plants and compost, leaving a balance of £2,735.96. Ralston Playpark funding (FR1141) spent on Playpark repairs. This fund is now closed. Bank of Scotland sending application for debit card. Business Manager will contact Fergal regarding managing different budgets in same account.

**Kelburne Hockey Club CAT update:** Bill Gray to send a copy of Kelburne's leaflet to Alison for circulation. Around 40 forms returned with multiple notes of interest for classes, additional classes suggested, plus offers from people to run classes. Cllr Graham to contact OneRen regarding usage figures for Sports Centre.

**Cllr Graham**

**AOB: Community Noticeboard:** Bill W advised that this is looking tired and the noticeboard section needs replaced. Bill to discuss options with Jock. Ralston Skills reunion and Community Games: Day went really well, church did a great job with drinks and home baking, all the plants sold. Thanks to Fergal, Alison and Simon for looking after the inflatables, thanks to Alison for all the admin and communications. We received emails of thanks from the community. £300 was raised for Ukraine. June meeting: Advanced apologies given for Alison Scott and Bill Gray. Simon agreed to monitor emails for circulation while Alison away.

**Simon Hall**

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 9 June 2022 at 7.30pm, in person at Ralston Community Centre.