

# RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting on 9 June, at Ralston Community Centre

**Present:** Allan Thompson (Chair), Fergal McCauley (Treasurer), Simon Hall (minutes), Rod McLelland, May Fernie, Bill Whyte, Catherine Gooding.

**In Attendance:** Sgt Kevin Carter, Cllr Neill Graham, Cllr Graham Clark.

**Apologies:** Alison Scott (Secretary), Bill Gray, Cllr Jennifer Adam-McGregor.

**Not In Attendance:** Sandra Reynolds.

### Action

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

**Police Report:** 26 incidents reported in the last month, mainly relating to quad and trail bikes. 5 crime reports, one use of a quad bike with a positive line of enquiry, investigating a case of sextortion, person charged for vandalization at St Mark's and a cyclist who almost hit a pedestrian while on the pavement at Barshaw. Have requested more frequent traffic patrols in the area, camera van has been back on Glasgow Road.

**Councillor's Reports:** Cllr Graham: Repair to library wall has been completed. Council is proposing to put red Lines on 3 roads surrounding Gartmore, Community Council supports the proposal. Traffic lights on Penilee Road: Concerns have been raised about the safety of the current location, no consultation was conducted. Cllr Graham has asked for a sign to be installed. Bin collections were disrupted over the Queen's jubilee when workers didn't turn up to work, complicated further by miscommunication about grey bin collection. Gritting of Community Centre Car park: Council not aware of the sign, investigating further. Cllr Clark: Bin collections: Issue arose due to a disagreement over overtime payments for working during this holiday. Grey bins collected a day early due to an overly enthusiastic supervisor. Penilee crossing: In addition to the concerns about location, there are concerns about the school crossing patroller being moved to a different location. Barshaw park: fish will be reintroduced once pond has filled further. Railings will be removed before gala day. Damaged grass areas are being re-seeded. Planning permission has been granted for the community garden, the licence to occupy was delayed (now granted), missing the dates the contractor was available – new dates sought. Arrow Bolt fired through a window on Arkleston Road, police investigating.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** Proposed by May Fernie, seconded by Bill Whyte.

**Matters arising from the minutes:** Seedhill Playing Fields: No update on UWS's interest. Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund: Current funding is allocated, however could be a future source of funding for supporting the Community Sports Centre. Community Notice

**Board:** Replacing board would cost £600, so instead Jock has fixed part and will replace panels and repaint. **St Mirren Fence:** has now been repaired. **St Mirren Lighting:** St Mirren were appealing the ruling at the Sheriff Court, decision was expected by the end of May, no update yet. **Ralston in Bloom:** Additional planters purchased and placed around the area (now 13 in total). Council still to deliver additional planters. Funding has been extended to March 2023, due to Covid. Cllr Graham highlighted that in West Yorkshire school children adopted planters, tending and watering them – the best winning a prize at the end of the year. **Play Park:** Works have been completed, although additional work would be beneficial. Cllr Graham will look at how the park could get onto the list to be upgraded.

**Cllr Graham**

**Secretary's Report:** Simon advised that since the last meeting, 16 emails had been received, 13 not circulated: 8 for various Council Board meetings, 1 weekly planning list, 1 Update on Not far leave the car (circulated 10/3), 1 Licence application for a public procession outwith our area, 1 about non-collection of waste services, 1 regarding the road crossing at Penilee Road.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer advised that since the last meeting there has been an expenditure of £431.42, resulting in a current balance of £810.11. Ralston in Bloom funding (FR1140): Expenditure of £644.964, leaving a balance of £2091. Ralston Playpark funding (FR1141) £0, fund closed.

**Kelburne Hockey Club CAT update:**

RCC public meeting 1 June was well attended and well received, minutes on Facebook and website. Notes should be available soon about Kelburne public meeting on 8 June. Kelburne meeting didn't tell us anything we didn't already know, it seemed to reinforce the existing views of attendees rather than change opinions. Confirmed that the pavilion is structurally sound, just looks tired inside. Kelburne have no extra funding available to fix drainage on grass, this is part of stage 3 of their plans. Which means there would be nowhere for football to be for a long time. The decision on the CAT will be made at the Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board on either 24 August or 2 November. It's important for the Administration of the Council to be made aware of the strength of feeling in the community. In order to do this, it's up to the community to write in as many representations as possible. As well as submitting representations to the Council, residents could send letters to Councillors, particularly members of the ILA Board. A local graphic designer has offered to create a future leaflet for us. Allan asked if Community Council members would review sections of Kelburne's Business Plan, identifying pertinent points.

**AOB:** Allan thanked everyone for their support over the past year, this is the last meeting before the summer recess. If you meet anyone who is interested in joining the Community Council, they would be welcome.

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 8 September 2022 at 7.30pm, in person at Ralston Community Centre.