

# RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting on 11 May, at Ralston Community Centre

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

**In Attendance:** Cllr Graeme Clark, Cllr Neill Graham, Police, Senior Community Warden - Moya Garner.

**Apologies:** Bill Gray, Bill Whyte, Catherine Gooding. **Not in attendance:** Cllr Jennifer Adam

### Action

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

**Police Report:** Police advised that there was nothing specific to report.

**Guest Speaker: Dog Fouling in Ralston:** Moya Garner, Senior Community Warden, advised that the Wardens had walked around several streets in Ralston and had put up signs asking people to pick up after their dogs. She advised that to enforce, they need to observe an owner leaving the droppings (video evidence can also be acted on, but photos can't). If a persistent offender has a particular route and time to walk their dog, then call the wardens to advise and they can visit at that time and location. During the day call 0300 300 0380 (option 1), in the evenings (until 11 pm Sun-Thu, midnight Fri-Sat) call the Senior Warden on Duty at 07535 523160. Moya also advised that any residents experiencing excessive noise from local facilities can report this to the Wardens, and the noise team can monitor and act (report using the same numbers above). Cllr Graham raised that a resident had highlighted antisocial behaviour in Barshaw Park and the Community Garden. Moya confirmed that the Wardens are aware of this and are working with police to increase their presence in the park.

**Councillor's Reports:** **Cllr Clark:** Street Trees: Road's service is reviewing the costs of dealing with the issue, to see what could be done this financial year. Defibrillators: Council couldn't fund replacement pads for the defibrillators at the Community Centre and St Mark's. We agreed to use some of the remaining Wellbeing funding for this. Cycle Lane: Glasgow Road/Hawkhead/Arkleston Junction: Initial concept design was completed, and plans will be developed further as part of a wider project along Glasgow Road, being led by Glasgow City Council. Cycle Lane: Causeyside Street: This is no longer happening. Brown Bin uplifts: No information is available on how the £40 annual charge to uplift garden waste will be implemented. **Cllr Graham:** No through-road: Cameras were installed on Balfron Road and surrounding roads, to measure the speed and frequency of traffic. No results are available yet. Street Trees: Some trees will be removed from Allanton Avenue and the footpaths resurfaced this financial year. The same will be done for Duchray Drive next financial year. We would like to understand how this is being coordinated. St Mirren Tree:

**Cllr Graham**

Spoken to St Mirren about this, they will investigate. Penillee Road Rubbish: Confirmed this will be cleaned once a year, however if it gets bad, report it and they will clear it. Consider reporting the issue on the Team up to Cleanup Facebook page, because it often gets a speedier response.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** Proposed by Alison Scott, seconded by Rod McLelland.

**Matters arising from the minutes:** St Mirren Lights: The Community Council facilitated a meeting between the Council and residents this evening, where resident's frustrations (many historical) were clearly communicated. Community Sports Centre: Allan and Rod arranged to meet with OneRen, however due to confusion about the venue, this has been rearranged for 19 May. Community Fun Day: Alison confirmed that the grounds of the Sports Centre have been booked for 19 August. Greenspaces Fund: Fergal has applied for funding for the Ralston Play Park.

**Secretary's Report:** Simon advised that since the last meeting, 21 emails had been received, 20 not circulated: 4 for various Council Board meetings, 2 weekly planning lists, 2 roadworks (not Ralston), 5 for Funding for projects for young people's mental and physical wellbeing, 1 PSN newsletter, 1 Renfrewshire Community Wellbeing Network meeting, 1 Call for entries - Big Art Show 2023, 1 Licencing Policy Consultation, 1 Offer of a presentation from Acumen (a RAMH mental health project) – we agreed to invite them to one of our meetings after the summer.

**Simon Hall**

**Treasurer's Report:** Fergal advised that since the last meeting there has been an no expenditure resulting in a current balance of £213.99. Community wellbeing fund: £1091.52 spend, leaving a balance of £6,908.48.

**Ralston Activities:** Rod advised that we've completed 3 weeks of the activities programme, and all is going well. Attendance at all classes is very good; we increased some class sizes. Instructors have been excellent and the feedback from the participants has been very positive, with many wanting the classes to continue beyond the 10 weeks. Rod has also applied for additional funding to run further classes in the future. At the end of the programme, we need to do an evaluation and gather feedback, Simon agreed to work with Rod to develop a form.

**Simon Hall**  
**Rod McLelland**

**Kelburne Hockey Club CAT update:** Kelburne Hockey Club did not submit an appeal to the Scottish Government.

**AOB:** Renfrewshire Council Organisation Structure Alison has a copy of the new Council structure, which she can forward to anyone interested.

**Planters:** These will get filled with summer plants shortly.

**Rod McLelland**

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 11 May 2023 at 7:30pm, in person at Ralston Community Centre.