

# RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting on 13 April, at Ralston Community Centre

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

**In Attendance:** Cllr Graeme Clark.

**Apologies:** Bill Gray, Cllr Neill Graham.

**Not in attendance:** Cllr Jennifer Adam, Police.

### Action

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

**Police Report:** None present. Simon to request and circulate crime reports. **Simon Hall**

**Guest Speaker: Dog Fouling in Ralston:** Community Wardens did not attend, Simon will arrange for them to attend a future meeting. **Simon Hall**

**Councillor's Reports:** **Cllr Clark:** **St Mirren Lights:** Colin Hunter confirmed that a meeting with residents is being arranged by the Community Council. **Cycle Lane: Glasgow Road/Hawkhead/Arkleston Junction:** Not seen plans for this yet, however it's scheduled as part of the 2023/24 budget. **Cycle Lane: Causeyside Street:** Council are planning to install a cycle lane from Canal Street Station to Gilmour Street Station. Shopkeepers, McGills and a number of Councillors are against the idea, however the cycle lane is a condition of gaining the external funding for the work. **Brown Bin uplifts:** Currently no information available on how the £40 annual charge to have garden waste uplifted will be implemented. **Barshaw Community Garden:** Now officially opened. The Community Council applaud Irene and the team for their hard work in developing this project. **Band Stand:** Friends of Barshaw Park are interested in developing this area, the Council are investigating options.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** Proposed by Alison Scott, seconded by May Fernie.

**Matters arising from the minutes:** **Ford Sierra:** This has now been moved. **St Mirren Lights:** We contacted Colin Hunter offering to facilitate a meeting with residents to explore the issues and identify a way forward. Colin had suggested a daytime meeting, however we feel that many residents work during the day and therefore an evening meeting would be better attended. Simon will respond to Colin. **Community Sports Centre:** Allan has contacted OneRen to arrange a meeting to explore increasing usage of the facility. **St Mirren Tree:** Cllr Graham is arranging to visit May to see the impact of the tree in question. **Litter on Penilee:** Litter is still bad in this area. Cllr Graham will confirm the frequency of litter pick in this area. **Greenspaces Fund:** Fergal couldn't find the application form on the Council's website, so has contacted the Council.

**Simon Hall**

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**Secretary's Report:** Simon advised that since the last meeting, 27 emails had been received, 24 not circulated: 6 for various Council Board meetings, 4 weekly planning lists, 1 Information for rural communities, 4 roadworks (not Ralston), 1 Debate night audience application, 1 Public Sector Network Newsletter, 1 Waterpipe replacement in Glenburn, 1 Online workshop about Community active travel, 1 Tree planning in memory of the Queen, 1 Agenda for Community Council Forum, 1 Scottish Community Councils Newsletter, 2 Grass-cutting programme: Ralston will be but every other Friday (starting 7 April).

A resident on Duchray contacted us regarding a tree at the back of St Mirren's training ground that has burst through the netting, meaning balls hit the fence. We advised him to contact St Mirren (which he has now done), we also gave him the contact details of our local Councillors.

**Treasurer's Report:** Fergal advised that since the last meeting there has been an expenditure of £78.87, resulting in a current balance of £213.99. Ralston in Bloom funding (FR1140): is now closed. Community wellbeing fund: No spend, leaving a balance of £8,000. Giving a total bank balance of £11,584.70.

Bill advised that the defibrillator pads expire at the end of May, costing £80 each. Cllr Clark will investigate whether Renfrewshire Council can pay for replacement pads; alternatively if there is any Welfare funding left after the Activity Classes they could be paid from there; or funding could be sought from the Ralston Community. We agreed to discuss at the next meeting.

**Cllr Clark**

**Ralston Activities:** Rod highlighted that there has been a great response, with over 400 registrations. Classes filled up very quickly, so we arranged extra classes – now 16 in total. Simon has produced registration lists for each instructor, as well as confirming places with residents and maintaining waiting lists. Rod is arranging access for each of the venues, and will attend each class as they start next week. Rod is also looking for additional funding to run further classes in the future. The Community Council thanked Rod and Simon for their efforts and everyone involved in delivering leaflets.

**Kelburne Hockey Club CAT update:** Appeal Board meet on 22 March and decided to refuse Kelburne's CAT request due to the uncertainty around funding, the significant community opposition and lack of availability to the facility for residents at evenings and weekends. Kelburne can appeal to the Scottish Government by 27 April.

**AOB: Community Council Forum:** Alison attended the first Forum since Covid, held in Jonstone Town Hall. CC's were asked views on amending wording in the constitution, Allan and Alison have reviewed this and agree to the changes. Meetings are quarterly, with the next in May. **St Marks Café:** Work is progressing well to convert the session room into a café.

Grant funding has been agreed, with will include installing bike stands outside and installing a 'bike friendly' sign. They asked wether this sign could be installed on top of the Community Council notice board. Following discussion we agreed that this would not be the best location for the sign, suggesting it be put on/near the tree or by the new bike stands. Allan will discuss with Jok. Community Fun Day: We agreed that 19 August would be a possible date for this. Alison will check availability with OneRen and Allan will check date with Ralston Skills and Jok.

**Allan Thompson**

**Alison Scott**

**Allan Thompson**

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