

RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 14 December, at Ralston Community Centre

Present: Allan Thompson (Chair), Fergal McCauley (Treasurer), Simon Hall (Secretary), Alison Scott, Rod McLelland, Catherine Gooding, Bill Gray, Michael Conroy.

In Attendance: Cllr Neill Graham, Gemma & Siobhán - Community Wardens, Paul Lynch & Louise Sung - Police Officers, 1 resident.

Apologies: May Fernie, Bill Whyte, Cllr Graeme Clark, Guest speaker.

Not in attendance: Cllr Jennifer Adam.

Action

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

Police Report: In past month there was 1 assault (family related), 1 attempted house breaking (St Mirren Training Ground). Highlighted that vehicle crime and fraud increases at this time of year, so lock vehicles and remain vigilant. Rod highlighted the traffic issues at the Hawkhead/Glasgow Road junction.

Community Wardens: In the past month there have been a few calls regarding dog fouling, 1 Control of dog report. They conducted 27 patrols, a litter pick and school patrols. CC members noted a big rise in the amount of dog fouling. If witnessed, call 0300 300 3030 (option1) with a description.

Councillor's Reports: **Cllr Graham:** No Access sign – Tylney: Asked for a response regarding the specific results of the traffic survey. Ralston Community Sports Centre CAT: Two 'expression of interest's have been made regarding the Community Sports Centre. Out of School Care are interested in the strip of land between the football pitches and the school. They want to build a family centre for wraparound care for children. Also Get Active Coaching, who run multi sports clubs across Renfrewshire, are interested. Action: Invite Out of School Care and Get Active Coaching to meetings next year to discuss their plans. Brown Bin charge: Motion at Full Council to remove charge, however voted to keep it. To be reviewed next year and consider removing charge for churches and charities. Glasgow Rd Hawkhead Rd junction: filter light will be included in next years budget. **Cllr Clark:** emailed an update, including CAT note of interest. Parking restrictions on Hawkhead, Lanfine, Gartmore & Newtyle: Public consultation period 20 Dec-31 Jan (extended due to festive period). Resident raised concerns with proposal, believing it won't solve the problems and would inconvenience residents. Action: Promote on Social Media. Paisley Town Centre junction improvements: Junctions of Glasgow Road, Mill Street, Gauze Street and Inle Street as well as Gauze Street, Cotton Street and Lawn Street. Feedback on plans by 4pm on Friday 22 December 2023. Action: Circulate to RCC. Allanton Avenue, Trees: When

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the resurfacing of the footway at Allanton was first discussed, residents wanted the trees replanted. Our tree officer has been consulted regarding the choice of trees, require minimum maintenance. Parking on pavement ban exemptions: Action: Cllr Graham to find out when requests for exemptions should be submitted by. Auchmannoch & Penillee Junction: A resident has raised concerns regarding safety concerns at this junction, due to parking and speeding. Advised to contact Councillors.

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

Matters arising from the minutes: Community Centre (near St Mirren): May confirmed that lights still not working. Flooding: Attenuation tanks and outflow to the Clyde through Glasgow City Council land. Cleaning of Community Centre Chairs: Carried forward to next meeting. Rusty Metal Cabinet: corner of Glasgow Road and Darvel. Carried forward.

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Secretary's Report: Simon advised that since the last meeting, 20 emails had been received, 4 circulated. Of those not circulated, 2 may be of interest – RAMH Pet of the year fund raiser, Review of Scottish Government Boundaries (Cllr Graham to share proposed boundaries), Covid enquiry – Lets be heard project, Being ready for winter information. A resident also felt the grounds of the community centre needed attention and suggested a group be setup to look after them. RCC Members felt that this would be a big task and require regular maintenance. As the grounds are owned by the Council, we feel that the Council or OneRen should do this. Cllr Graham agreed to request this.

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Treasurer's Report: Fergal advised that since the last meeting on the main account there has been income of £743 and expenditure of £64.26, resulting in a current balance of £1212.74. Lottery fund: Income of £60, expenditure of £2360, leaving a balance of £4210.32. Giving a total bank balance of £5423.06. OneRen have been invoiced for the Activity Classes.

Ralston Activities: Rod advised that the second program has now finished, and was very successful with around 140/50 participants. The 3rd program starts on 20 January, 189 people have applied so far, for 12 classes. All have now been emailed regarding their place. Discussing with OneRen regarding extra heaters because of the cold. Rod is applying for further grants to continue the programs.

AOB: Penillee Road Litter: Bill advised that litter is getting bad again. Cllr Graham agreed to speak to the Council. Shop on Glasgow Road: No update on what's happening. Barshaw pond: Michael highlighted this is flooding badly. Cllr Graham stated that this a known flooding area, which is checked by the Council during heavy rain.

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