

RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 14 September, at Ralston Community Centre

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

In Attendance: Cllr Graeme Clark, Cllr Neill Graham, Police Officers Ali and Stevie, Senior Community Warden - Moya Garner and Chris, and a resident who is joining the Community Council.

Apologies: Bill Gray, Catherine Gooding, May Fernie.

Not in attendance: Cllr Jennifer Adam

Action

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

Police Report: Police advised that since the last meeting there were 2 attempted thefts, 1 fraud, 4 road traffic collisions, 1 erratic driving, 2 disturbances, 4 vandalisms. Cllr Graham highlighted that he'd found several gas canisters in the corner of the Community Sports Centre car park. Police agreed to keep an eye on the area. Community Wardens will also include this in their patrols.

Community Wardens: Moya Garner, Senior Community Warden, advised that since the last meeting they received only 1 call about an abandoned vehicle, which was dealt with. The Wardens have been doing patrols of the area, including Barshaw park. The Community Council highlighted the recent dog attack in Barshaw, Moya advised she was aware of it through social media, however no report was raised to the Council. The 'Take the Lead' campaign was recently launched in Barshaw, encouraging responsible dog ownership – Wardens will forward on details.

Councillor's Reports: **Cllr Clark:** Grammar: Design is currently being updated. Have met with the Parent Council, discussed school transport, proposed walkway under the road and the mixed gender toilets. Allanton Trees: Trees have been cut down, the new tree pits are ready and new trees will be installed during the winter. Community Council advised that the pavements we still raised and needed to be repaved – Cllr Clark will follow up. Fence at barshaw: Damaged fence has been reported. Glasgow Road/Hawkhead/Arkleston Junction: Seeking to have lights rephased to help the flow of traffic. No parking lines on Newtyle, Gartmore & Lanfine: Allan highlighted that these had been agreed previously, Cllr Clark will follow up. **Cllr Graham:** Allanton Trees: Stump and roots will be removed later in the year when the pavements are resurfaced. Glasgow Road/Hawkhead/Arkleston Junction: Traffic monitoring to understand issue, will continue to push for a filter light. The Community Council discussed the option of a petition to raise the profile of the issue.

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Minutes of the previous meeting: Proposed by Fergal McCauley, seconded by Rod McLelland.

Matters arising from the minutes: **Greenspaces Fund:** Fergal confirmed we have been successful in securing £4,620 funding for Ralston Play Park .

Defibrillator: Agreed to purchase an outdoor cabinet for the defibrillator in the Community Centre.

Secretary's Report: Simon advised that since the last meeting, 88 emails had been received, 10 circulated. Of those not circulated, 3 regarded Community Council Elections (Simon advised that Ralston has 8-9 nominations, which is more than the 7 minimum required, so we will be reestablished next month at our AGM), 2 related to Active Travel Transformation Fund, for a travel link between Hawkhead estate and Seedhill, and 1 regarding Not far leave the car.

We also discussed the recent application for short-term lets at a property on Glasgow Road. We agreed not to raise any objections.

Treasurer's Report: Fergal advised that since the last meeting on the main account there has been expenditure of £310.21 and income of £648.70, resulting in a current balance of £498.56. Community wellbeing fund: £3736 spend, leaving a balance of £371.32. Lottery fund: no expenditure, leaving a balance of £8,400. Giving a total bank balance of £9,269.88.

Ralston Activities: Rod advised that the first round of classes were very successful, we gathered feedback from participants and instructors who were very positive. We've secured lottery funding to continue to the programme further. We've had some very positive meetings with OneRen, who have agreed to host classes at the sports centre over 3 weekday mornings, some evenings and a Saturday morning. OneRen are working on an online booking link, which will allow people to register for classes and pay £30 for the 10-week block. Furthermore the Sports centre is now available for other regular bookings, increasing it's use as a community facility. We have also met with a couple who have been running bootcamps at another community centre, and we hope to start them here too. We will advertise this through Facebook, website a press release, as well as OneRen advertising them too. We discussed the possibility of putting up posters to reach those who don't have Facebook or email.

Funday: This took place in August, the BB and Scouts did a great job helping to set up. Unfortunately it was very wet so a number of the activities had to close early and fewer people came. We discussed the possibility of booking an indoor space as a backup, for instance the school or community centre.

St Mirren: The Council has received the final report following the glare assessment, they will meet with St Mirren to discuss the outcomes and update us following that meeting. There have also been issues with the

lights remaining on beyond 9:30pm and the inadequate fencing meaning balls go into residents gardens. One resident received abuse from those seeking to retrieve the balls.

AOB: Ralston in Bloom: Rod highlighted that this continues to gain positive feedback from residents and other Community Councils have been in touch to find out how they could do something similar. Funding has now been used, so future funding will be required to keep them looking nice. The Community Council thanked Rod for all his hard work on this and the activity classes.

Date of next meeting: AGM and Community Council Elections: Thursday 12 October at 7:30pm, in person at Ralston Community Centre.