

# RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting on 8 June, at Ralston Community Centre

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

**In Attendance:** Cllr Graeme Clark, Senior Community Warden – Brian McLaughlin

**Apologies:** Cllr Neill Graham, Simon Hall (Secretary), Alison Scott

**Not in attendance:** Cllr Jennifer Adam

### **Action**

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

**Police Report:** Police sent a short report (verbally) via Cllr Clark - 4 crimes in the Ralston area in the last month (no further detail)

**Community Warden update:** We should try to video any dog fouling issue so that there is proof of the person walking away. We should also try to get a description of the dog – i.e., Breed or size/colouring – as well as the person.

### **Wardens**

120 community safety patrols happened in the last 2 months – including community clean-up/litter picks, school patrols, dog fouling targeted enforcement, and Community Safety and Crime Stopper's leaflet drops. An issue of begging outside of Greggs was given by Cllr Clark.

### **Councillor's Reports: Cllr Clark:**

Hosted a meeting about 'better buses' – Their main proposals are -

1. Go public instead of private.
2. Have a flat fare.
3. When Government funding is given, there should be stipulations.

Any issues should be put in writing to Local Councillors

The Garden waste scheme was summarised - it is hoped by the council that they will raise £828,000 through the scheme.

- you need to have a permit (for your brown bin) by the 25th of June.
- you can use the brown bin still, just for food waste and there will be no charge (no requirement for a permit).
- if you have two bins then you need two permits.
- If you do not have access to the Internet, you can buy a permit at Ralston community centre library. Check council site for details.

**Cllr Graham**

Barshaw /Arkleston Road junction - There will be an update on the one car lane and one bicycle lane over there summer. Glasgow City Council are also involved in the approach to Glasgow Road/Paisley Road West

New Paisley Grammar School –

- there is to be a meeting, next week about the design of the school.
- there are also concerns about the 2-mile bus journey that schoolchildren in this area will need to make.
- there is a 7-month delay in the building process.

Barshaw park dog area repairs are in hand.

Cllr Neill Graham

Carry forward -

Street Trees: Road's service is reviewing the costs of dealing with the issue, to see what could be done this financial year.

No through-road: Roffey, Dunchurch, Balfron and Kinpurnie roads - 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: Spoken to St Mirren about this, they will investigate. Penilee 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 Clean up Facebook page, because it often gets a speedier response.

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

**Matters arising from the minutes**: St Mirren Lights: RM updated us with Colin Hunter's response to his request for an update, which is that they are waiting for a response from St Mirren. It is unclear how long that will take, and no deadline was given.

Greenspaces Fund: Fergal has applied for funding for the Ralston Play Park – no update yet.

**Secretary's Report**: Simon advised (by email) that since the last meeting, 30 emails had been received, and 26 had not been circulated. 4 Council board meetings/ 1 weekly planning list/ 6 road works/ 3 for funding for young people/ 3 consultations on the review of Scottish parliamentary boundaries/ 1 review of polling districts/ 1 PSN newsletter/ 1 development of local place plan/ 1 webinar for community councils/ 1 feedback on upgrades to play parks/ 1 call for proposals - art in the windows' - autumn 2023.

**Simon Hall**

Consultation on the draft traffic regulation order for Newtyle, Gartmore and Lanfine roads needs to be submitted by the 18th of June.

**Treasurer's Report:** Fergal advised that since the last meeting, there has been a well-being spend of £2801.16 for fees/hires, leaving a balance of £4,107.32 and, a Community Council spend of £53.92, leaving a balance of £160.07.

**Ralston Activities:**

Update on the OneRen meeting – all very positive. Meeting to follow-up is arranged for next Friday, the 19th. Our classes can move into the Centre and additional opening hours are to be discussed next time but in principle we've got the go ahead to work with OneRen, meaning that the Sports hub number/usage will increase very soon. (This will strongly evidence it is not eligible for any CAT in future). Availability and costs are still tbc.

We are currently getting feedback from users and Instructors.

We also have new funding (Awards for all) of £8400 which will enable us to have classes for a much longer period.

Cllr Clark commented on the great work the CC has done in bringing these classes to the community and acknowledged Rod for all his efforts and hard work.

**Ralston Fun Day – 19<sup>th</sup>** – usual activities are planned – inflatables, stalls, clown. Anyone interested in helping, or if you would like to run a stall, you should message us on face book.

The newsletter advertising this will go out shortly with details about our ongoing classes too.

**AOB: Planters (we now have 31)**: These have been filled with summer plants and are looking great - We would really appreciate any residents out walking in the area/who have a planter near them, to water them whenever they can (carry a recycled milk carton), or any residents with a planter near them.

**Defibrillators:** We have purchased replacement pads for the defibrillators at the Community Centre (currently indoors - £300 will enable it to be put outdoors, because a different cabinet is required) and St Mark's. We agreed to use some of the remaining Wellbeing funding for this. Any profits from the (Fun day) plant stall this year will go towards new batteries for these because the council cannot fund them. (There are 2 defibrillators - at the school and the pavilion - which the council support)

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7:30pm, at Ralston Community Centre.

**Rod McLelland**

**Allan**

**Simon**

**Fergal**

**Allan/Allison/Fergal**

**Rod McLelland**

**Bill Whyte**