

RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 9 March, at Ralston Community Centre

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

In Attendance: Cllr Neill Graham, Cllr Graeme Clark.

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

Action

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

Police Report: Police sent apologies, advising that due to changes the Community Police wouldn't always be able to attend. They emailed details of incidents in the past month: 3 incidents regarding concerns for the welfare of persons mental health; 2 incidents regarding internet safety and online fraud; 1 incident regarding advice about online harassment; 1 attempted theft of motor vehicle; 1 disturbance on Glasgow Road where a person was arrested after assaulting police officers; 1 vandalism regarding car damage; 1 housebreaking; and 1 theft of items in a back garden. A team has been created to investigate recent vehicle thefts, a group were arrested in Inverclyde as a result. A Ukrainian registered Ford Sierra has been parked at the back of the Centre for two months, Cllr Clark will look to remove it.

Cllr Clark

Councillor's Reports: **Cllr Clark:** **St Mirren Lights:** Colin Hunter confirmed that following St Mirren adjusting some of the lights, that a Glare Assessment is still to take place. Some residents continue to express concerns regarding the lights, Colin will visit to assess further. **Community Sports Centre:** Lights for inside have been delivered but not installed, Cllr Clark is following this up. **Review of scheme for establishment of Community Councils:** The cross party sounding board where this was to be discussed was cancelled. **Council budget:** Budget was passed, including a 6% increase in Council Tax, and £40 charge to have garden waste uplifted.

Cllr Graham: **Tree Roots:** A resident tripped over tree roots on Duchray/Allanton and suffered facial injuries. Cllr Graham has asked the Council what they will do about this problem. **Bowling Club:** Attended the AGM, they decided to shut one of the greens. They are considering opening the bar while our Activity Classes take place. **Access Only on Tylney:** No update. **Hockey pitches:** Have asked for whether a hockey pitch could be included at the new Paisley Grammar, and for the work at On-X could be sped up. **Tree at St Mirren's training ground:** Council have confirmed the tree is St Mirren's responsibility. May highlighted that the tree is in a lane nearby. Cllr Graham will arrange to visit.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Amendment to January's minutes – removed details of discussions between Kelburne and Councillors about the

CAT, as Kelburne had a different recollection of these. Proposed by Fergal McCauley, seconded by Alison Scott.

Matters arising from the minutes: 20 mile an hour limits: Cllr Graham has requested a meeting to discuss this with the Council. Dog Fouling: Cllr Clark to share name of person who could attend a future meeting to discuss options. We agreed that we wouldn't want stencils used, but a more temporary spray that highlights the dog poo. Litter on Penilee: Cllr Clark advised that litter would be cleared once a year, whereas last year Cllr Graham was told it was twice a year. Cllr Graham will follow up.

Cllr Graham

Secretary's Report: Simon advised that since the last meeting, 29 emails had been received, 26 not circulated: 9 for various Council Board meetings, 4 weekly planning lists, 1 Renewal of Street vender licence, 3 roadworks (not Ralston), 1 Agenda for Community Council Forum, 3 Information for rural communities, 1 You Decide Campaign successful projects – including lighting in Barshaw park and renewing play equipment at Jenny's Well, 1 Funding for tree planting, 1 Workshops about Firework control zones, 1 Scottish Sentencing Council webinar, 1 SEPA survey.

Treasurer's Report: Fergal advised that since the last meeting there has been an expenditure of £17.92, resulting in a current balance of £292.86. Ralston in Bloom funding (FR1140): Expenditure of £811.28, leaving a balance of £0. Community wellbeing fund: Expenditure of £150, leaving a balance of £8,000. Giving a total bank balance of £11,662.94.

Ralston Activities: Rod has finalised programme which starts on 17 April, with 2 events at the sports centre and 7 at the bowling club. Simon has created a leaflet and poster to promote and registration form, these will be sent to the printer shortly.

Kelburne Hockey Club CAT update: Appeal Board meets again on 22 March. Councillors will email link to webcast.

Cllr Graham
Cllr Clark

AOB: Community Map Scotland: Bill attended a webinar, the tool allows creation of Place Plans using detailed OS maps. First year is free, then annual cost after that. We agreed to sign up for free year. Community Council Forum: First meeting since Covid takes place on 13 March in Johnstone Town Hall. Future meetings scheduled for May, August and November. RCC Information Evening: Disappointingly no one came, we'll try again later in the year. Paisley Local Partnership: Fergal attended in February, which discussed the plans for Whitehaugh Barracks, You Decide, Winter Connections. They confirmed that Parks, Play areas and Greenspaces Fund had £65k left, and was open for further applications. Fergal agreed to apply for additional funding for Ralston Play Park.

Bill Gray

Fergal
McCauley

Date of next meeting: Thursday 13 April 2023 at 7:30pm, in person at Ralston Community Centre.