

RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 9 November, at Ralston Community Centre

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

In Attendance: Cllr Graeme Clark, Chris Don - Community Warden, two Police Officers.

Apologies: Fergal McCauley (Treasurer), Bill Gray, Michael Conroy, Cllr Neill Graham, Guest speaker from Wise Group.

Not in attendance: Cllr Jennifer Adam.

Action

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

Police Report: In past month there have been 3 crime reports: 2 theft of bin and 1 report of vandalism (damage to a garden wall). Cllr Clark highlighted the recent incident at the back of the Peace Garden, where people broke in damaged the shed and tried to set fire to it. The Council are looking to improve security. Friends of Barshaw Park have a JustGiving page for donations towards repairs. Police can visit and do a crime prevention survey.

Community Wardens: In the past month there have been 3 reports of dog fouling, 1 Control of dog report, 2 cases of youth anti-social behaviour and 1 report of an abandoned vehicle. Simon said the kids stepped in dog poo on way back from school today, Wardens will do extra patrols on roads around the school and put up fresh signage.

Councillor's Reports: **Cllr Clark:** Arkleston Road: Will soon be reprofiling speedbumps on this road. Parking on pavement ban: Comes into force in 2024, a company called Jacobs are surveying streets which may receive an exemption. Please contact Cllr Clark if there are any particular roads which should be considered for exemption. Free for Three: This has been cancelled, in February will be replaced by 1hr free parking, with significantly increased parking charges after this. Additional parking spaces will also be created. Antisemitism: Aware that there has been an increase recently, will monitor. Funding for opening vacant shops: New match funding available, up to £25k, for people looking to reopen vacant shops. Other funding available for redoing shopfronts. Flooding: Cllr Clark has contacted Scottish Water to identify where the Attenuation tanks are. These outflow to the Clyde, so he's also contacted Glasgow City Council to check that this is clear.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Proposed by Allan Thompson, seconded by May Fernie.

Matters arising from the minutes: St Mirren: Rod advised that the Council were looking at getting the fence restored and visiting residents to review lighting issues. Simon to invite Council to January or February meeting. Cleaning of Community Centre Chairs: Carried forward to next meeting.

Cllr Clark

Secretary's Report: Simon advised that since the last meeting, 26 emails had been received, 2 circulated. Of those not circulated, 2 may be of interest – Pavement Parking Ban, Anne McNaughton leaving Council. Simon also highlighted that the Renfrewshire Bus Network survey closes on 24 November.

Treasurer's Report: Fergal advised that since the last meeting on the main account there has been expenditure of £18.78, resulting in a current balance of £534.00. Lottery fund: £1,830 expenditure, leaving a balance of £6,510.32. Giving a total bank balance of £7,044.32.

Ralston Activities: Rod advised that the classes are going well. 11 classes ongoing (10 in sports centre). Around 140-150 people have signed up. Now 6 weeks through the 10 week programme, will finish early December. Recently the heating has been a problem, OneRen have now bought portable heaters. Community Health and Wellbeing Fund is open and have submitted a new bid. Allan and Rod have met with OneRen, who now want to charge for the use of the Sports Centre and for the Community Council to handle bookings.

AOB: Planters: Rod advised that most of the planters have been made ready for winter. Further funding will be required for flowers in spring.

Defibrillator Cabinet: Bill W advised that these now cost approx. £650.

Could include an article in newsletter on this. **Rusty Metal Cabinet:** May advised that the cabinet at the corner of Glasgow Road and Darvel is dangerous. Cllr Clark will look into. **Christmas Newsletter:** We are currently pulling together the Newsletter, St Marks need them by 21 Nov to deliver them for us. **Foodbank:** Seen a 28% increase in demand in last quarter.

Cllr Clark

Date of next meeting: Thursday 14 December at 7:30pm, in person at Ralston Community Centre.