

RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Annual General Meeting** held on Thursday, 12 October 2023, Ralston Community Centre, Allanton Avenue, Paisley

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Conroy, Mary Fernie, William Gray, Simon Hall, Fergal McCauley and Allan Thompson

ATTENDING

L Belshaw, Democratic Services Manager, Finance & Resources, Renfrewshire Council (Clerk) and Councillor Graeme Clark.

CHAIR

L Belshaw, Clerk, presided for items 1 - 8 inclusive.

1. APOLOGIES

Catherine Gooding, Roderick McLelland, Alison Scott, Bill White and Councillor Neil Graham

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Returning members were welcomed to the first meeting of the re-established community council following a successful election campaign and introductions were made.

DECIDED: To note the welcome and introductions.

3. ELECTION RESULTS

The "Notice of Election Results" for Ralston Community Council, published on 18 September 2023 was submitted. The notice intimated that the undernoted residents had been elected "unopposed" until 2027:

Roderick McLelland
Alison Scott
Bill Whyte

Catherine Gooding
Simon Hall
May Fernie
William Gray
Fergal McCauley
Michael Conroy
Allan Thompson

It was noted that of the 21 membership places available, 10 members had been elected leaving 11 vacant places.

DECIDED: To note the election of 10 residents as members of Ralston Community Council.

4. MINUTE OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

There was submitted the Minute of the previous AGM held on 13 October 2022 for adoption.

Allan Thompson, seconded by Simon Hall, moved that the Minute be approved. This was agreed.

DECIDED: To adopt the Minute of the previous AGM.

5. ANNUAL REPORT

The former Chair gave a verbal report highlighting the activities of the Community Council over the year in relation to lighting and noise issues at St Mirren; the Kelburne Hockey Club Community Asset Transfer and appeal; Greenspace and lottery funding; a presentation by the Licensing Board; a survey of trees at Allanton; and activity classes.

DECIDED: To note the report.

6. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2022/23

There was submitted a statement of Annual Accounts for the period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 as prepared by the outgoing Treasurer.

Simon Hall, seconded by Allan Thompson, moved that the 2023/23 Annual Accounts be approved. This was agreed.

DECIDED: To approve the Annual Accounts 2022/23.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Members were invited to nominate a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, to serve until the next AGM in October 2024.

Simon Hall, seconded by Fergal McCauley, proposed that Allan Thompson be appointed as Chairperson. There being no other nominations, this was agreed unanimously.

Fergal McCauley, seconded by May Fernie, proposed that Simon Hall be appointed as Secretary. There being no other nominations, this was agreed unanimously.

William Gray, seconded by May Fernie, proposed that Fergal McCauley be appointed as Treasurer. There being no other nominations, this was agreed unanimously.

admin@ralstoncommunitycouncil.org was confirmed as the contact mailbox for Ralston Community Council.

DECIDED: To elect the undernoted office bearers to serve until the next AGM in 2024 and to note the contact email address for the Community Council.

Chairperson – Allan Thompson

Secretary – Simon Hall

Treasurer – Fergal McCauley

8. COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONSTITUTION AND STANDING ORDERS

The Ralston Community Council Constitution and Standing Orders were submitted for adoption, as required under the provisions of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils 2019.

The Constitution and Standing Orders were adopted and duly signed.

DECIDED: To adopt the Ralston Community Council Constitution and Standing Orders.

CHAIR

Allan Thompson, Chairperson, presided from this point onwards.

9. PAISLEY EAST LOCAL PARTNERSHIP

Members were advised that in terms of Renfrewshire Council's arrangements for Paisley East Local Partnership meetings, the Chairperson would be appointed automatically as a permanent representative. However, should the Chairperson wish **not** to take up this

appointment, one other member of the community council could be appointed as the permanent representative instead.

The Chair intimated that he would not take up this appointment and it was proposed that Fergal McCauley be appointed as the permanent representative. This was agreed.

DECIDED: That Fergal McCauley be the Ralston Community Council permanent representative on the Paisley East Local Partnership.

10. RENFREWSHIRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM

Members were advised that each community council in Renfrewshire could send two representatives to meetings of the Renfrewshire Community Council Forum (the Forum). Members were provided with an information leaflet detailing the arrangements in place for Forum meetings.

It was proposed that May Fernie and Alison Scott be appointed as the Community Council's representatives to attend Forum meetings. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: To appoint May Fernie and Alison Scott as the Ralston Community Council representatives on the Forum.

11. DATE OF THE AGM 2024

It was noted that the next AGM would take place on Thursday, 10 October 2024 in Ralston Community Centre, Allanton Avenue, Paisley.

DECIDED: To note that the next AGM would take place on Thursday, 10 October 2024 in Ralston Community Centre, Allanton Avenue, Paisley.

12. NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

Members were advised that an ordinary meeting of the community council would take place at the conclusion of this AGM.

DECIDED: That the information be noted.

The AGM ended at 7.45 pm.