

# RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting on 14 March, at Ralston Community Centre

**Present:** Allan Thompson (Chair), Fergal McCauley (Treasurer), Simon Hall (Secretary), Rod McLelland, Bill Gray.

**In Attendance:** Cllr Graeme Clark, Cllr Neill Graham.

**Apologies:** Alison Scott, May Fernie, Bill Whyte, Catherine Gooding, Michael Conroy.

**Not in attendance:** Cllr Jennifer Adam, Police, Community Wardens.

### Action

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

**Police Report:** Not in attendance.

**Community Wardens:** Not in attendance.

**Councillor's Reports:** **Cllr Graham:** Community Centre Grounds: Asked for update on when the garden will be worked on. Gartmore Bollard: Now repaired. Tylney No access: Received feedback from Steven Kerrigan, with detailed analysis of the traffic survey. Agreed to invite him to a future meeting to explain the results further. Trees: Continue to pursue St Mirren for report regarding the tree near May's house. Road widths: Council have confirmed that they don't hold measurements of the widths of roads. However they can supply a map of the area. Removing gardens for parking: A number of properties have removed gardens and used them for parking. No planning permission is required for this, however it is causing concern since it's preventing street parking. **Cllr Clark:** Speeding on Penilee: Received results from 2022, seeking further survey. Funding: RCC weren't successful for planter funding, however Council officers will support seeking alternative sources of funding. Town Centre Junctions: Works not proceeding, as there is no funding. Millburn Culvert: Continuing to pursue with Glasgow City Council. Rusty cabinet: Trying to identify the utility company responsible for the cabinet.

Cllr Graham

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**Minutes of the previous meeting:** Proposed by Fergal McCauley, seconded by Bill Gray. Correction to Feb minutes: Total bank balance of £14,099.33.

### **Matters arising from the minutes:**

Scottish Rainforest Survey: Bill G decided not to publicise this on the website. Trees on Strathmore: Cllr Clark asked why native trees aren't being used, but didn't get a definitive answer. We agreed to email requesting a full reason.

Simon Hall

**Secretary's Report:** Simon advised that since the last meeting, 31 emails had been received, 3 circulated. Of those not circulated, 1 regarding a government funded scheme to apply for a free portrait of His Majesty the King. We agreed to apply for one. 1 from Inchinnan CC, asking CC's to email MSPs seeking their support for recommendations from the NPF4. We agreed to write to MSPs.

**Simon Hall**

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**Treasurer's Report:** Fergal advised that since the last meeting on the main account there was income of £120, expenditure of £56.34, resulting in a current balance of £10,737.67. Lottery fund: £1,150 expenditure, leaving a balance of £2275.32. Wellbeing Fund: Income of £8,640. Total bank balance of £21,652.92.

**Ralston Activities:** Rod advised that we are 7 weeks into the new programme of classes, which is going well. Someone fell ill during one of the classes, we will now gather emergency contact details for all attendees. Next programme planned for after Easter, filled an empty class slot with a Gentle circuits class, now 13 in total. Simon has created a new booking form and drafted a poster/leaflet. Successful in funding from Community Health and Wellbeing Fund and wrote final report to Engage Renfrewshire for their funding. Rod highlighted that these programmes have been very effective at bringing the community together and helping people make connections. Cllr Graham spoke to ROAR, who would be happy to promote the programme to participants from Ralston.

**Rod McLelland**

**AOB: RCC Website:** Bill advised that the website was setup in 2019, but now requires the theme to be updated. We agreed Bill should contact Brian, who helped us at the time, to advise on how best to change this.

**Bill Gray**

**Woodland trust:** Bill highlighted a website you can use to show the tree-cover of your postcode. We agreed to promote this on the website.

**Bill Gray**

**Ralston in Bloom:** Rod highlighted that funding has run out. Cllr Clark highlighted a Council Officer will support finding alternative sources of funding.

**Cllr Clark**

**TTRO Duchray:** Rod advised that instead of Scottish Water, Scottish Power are going electrical works.

**Tree Roots:** Allan advised that a tree at Darvel and Rotherwick has significantly raised roots. Cllr Clark agreed to raise it with the Council.

**Cllr Clark**

**Games:** We discussed when to hold the next Community Games, and agreed to aim for the first Saturday after the schools return.

**Allan Thomson**

**Newsletter:** Agreed to produce a newsletter for the summer.

**Simon Hall**

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 11 April at 7:30pm, in person at Ralston Community Centre.