

RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 13 June, at Ralston Community Centre

Present: Allan Thompson (Chair), Fergal McCauley (Treasurer), Simon Hall (Secretary), Alison Scott.

In attendance: Cllr Graeme Clark, Cllr Neill Graham, Police, Alan Williamson, Strategy & Place Manager, Renfrewshire Council.

Apologies: May Fernie, Catherine Gooding, Rod McLelland, Bill Gray, Bill Whyte, Michael Conroy.

Not in attendance: Cllr Jennifer Adam, Community Wardens.

Action

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

Police Report: 5 crime reports: 2 attempted thefts from vehicles, 2 graffiti of vehicles on Dunchurch and 1 banging on windows on Penilee. Cllr Clark advised that youths stole alcohol from the shop on Arkleston Road. Alison advised of graffiti on a telephone cabinet on Roffey Park & Tylney.

Community Wardens: Not in attendance.

Councillor's Reports: **Cllr Graham:** Community Centre Grounds: Work will be completed by the summer. Filter light at Hawkhead: Confirmed that works will be completed shortly. Rat-running on Auchmannoch: Two residents complained regarding rat-running. Election: Reminded voters to bring ID to vote at the election. **Cllr Clark:** Hawkhead/Gartmore Gullies: Confirmed they were surveyed and repaired on 5 December 2023. Hawkhead congestion & Speeding on Penillee: Referred these to Road Safety Officer Fiona Muir. Rusty cabinet: Inspector agreed it's dangerous and has written to utility company. Barshaw Park: Worked with principle valuer to remove several items from the rates bill. Business rates are due until they become a charity. Working to support them further. Barshaw Golf course: Survey for repairs in June, currently no OneRen staff onsite.

Cllr Clark

Local Development Plan Process and Place Plans: Alan Williamson, Strategy & Place Manager, Renfrewshire Council explained that LDP4 was adopted last year by Scottish Government, the Council use it to assess planning applications against. Renfrewshire's current Local Development Plan (LDP2) runs until 2026. The next plan will cover 10 years. Currently at the evidence gathering stage (complete for the end of the year); Plan preparation next year; Adoption and delivery from 2027. Local Place Plans are new and developed by communities (submitted by May 2025). These set out proposals for development and use of land in that community. RCC could consider producing a Place Plan for Ralston, discuss in September meeting. Plans must be developed by communities about the use of land, should have regard for the LDP2, NPF4 and existing Local Place Plans and explain any

changes to existing plans. Local Councillors and the Community Council should be advised of the Local Place Plan, however engagement with the wider community isn't mandatory. The Sustainable Communities Fund may be available to engage consultants to provide support. The Council have also produced some how-to-guides, area maps, place profiles and can hold a 'startup' meeting if interested in proceeding, as well as review draft plans and provide feedback. **All**

Minutes of the previous meeting: Proposed by Alison Scott, seconded by Fergal McCauley.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Speeding on Penilee: Steven Kerrigan will attend our November meeting.

Millburn Culvert: Carried forward - pursue with Glasgow City Council. **RCC** **Cllr Clark**

Website: Bill will contact Brian to discuss how to change the website theme. **Bill Gray**

RAMH Menopause event: Bill has advertised this on the website.

Games funding: No confirmation yet, meeting 26 June. **Ralston in Bloom:**

All 31 planters have had winter pansies removed and summer bedding planted, which should last until October.

Secretary's Report: Simon advised that since the last meeting, 40 emails had been received, 4 circulated. Of those not circulated: Renfrewshire Local Transport Strategy consultation, survey open until 27 June and in person session on 20 June; Planning Appeal Training – find out more details; Resident emailed regarding issues they experience on Hawkhead Road; campaign for safety of Lithium Ion batteries; Local Counselling service – agreed to recommend contacting St Mark's. **Simon Hall**

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Treasurer's Report: Fergal advised that since the last meeting on the main account there was expenditure of £468.65, resulting in a current balance of £16,470.23. Wellbeing Fund: Expenditure of £2179, leaving balance of £5,619.32. Total bank balance of £22,089.55.

Ralston Activities: Rod emailed an update. Spring programme now in final week, continues to go well, though with reduced attendance. Now planning Autumn programme, instructors keen to continue, classes start Wednesday 2 October, until Monday 9 December. Currently applying for 2-year National Lottery Funding, will get feedback in September.

AOB: Membership: Allan highlighted we may need to consider attracting new members to RCC, will discuss at next meeting. **On-x Hocky Pitch:** Cllr Graham advised that this has been upgraded and Kelburn Juniors are now using it. **Newsletter:** Allan confirmed we need to hold-off producing newsletter until we know whether we have games funding. Simon will advise company interested in advertising in newsletter. **Simon Hall**

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Date of next meeting: Thursday 12 September at 7:30pm, in person at Ralston Community Centre.