RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 9 January 2025, at Ralston Community Centre

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

In attendance: Cllr Graeme Clark, 2 x Community Police Officers, 2 residents interested in being part of Community Council.

Apologies: Cllr Neill Graham, Bill Gray.

Not in attendance: Cllr Jennifer Adam, Michael Conroy.

Action

Welcome from the Chair: Allan welcomed all to the meeting, including two residents who are interested in joining the community council. Four other interested residents will join us at our next meeting.

Police Report: In the past month there was 1 assault report, 2 speeding offences and 1 hit and run on a vehicle.

Community Wardens: None present.

Councillor's Reports: Cllr Clark: Hawkhead Traffic Lights: Junction being reconfigured early in the new year. Duchray Drive Trees: Trees have been assessed and none need to be removed. Cllr Clark to request review of large trees on Darvel/Rotherwick. **Cllr Clark** Trees between St Mirren and houses: Renfrewshire Council have advised that they won't inspect the trees, as St Mirren have full responsibility for the maintenance of the grounds. The Community Council were disappointed in this response and asked Cllr Clark to pursue further. **Cllr Clark** X/Twitter: Renfrewshire Council have left X (previously Twitter) and are now using Blue Sky. Police Station: Community Policing has moved from Ferguslie to Johnstone. Cllr Clark has requested they return and maintain the existing level of policing in the town centre. Paisley Grammar: Will be put of for sale later this month.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Proposed by Fergal, seconded by May.

Matters arising from the minutes: Local Development Plan: Allan and Fergal meeting with a member of Houston Community Council, to understand their approach. Planters: Rod advised that some of the planters near Barshaw park were disturbed after new year, the first case of vandalism we've had.

Secretary's Report: Simon advised that since the last meeting, 22 emails had been received, 1 circulated. Emails of note: Several related to the review of Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils, feedback required by 17 March 2025. Simon to circulate to members to review.

Treasurer's Report: Fergal advised that since the last meeting there was

no expenditure on the main account, resulting in a current balance of £16,179.81. Wellbeing Fund: Expenditure of £54 leaving balance of £3,844.82. Total bank balance of £20,024.63.

Ralston Activities: Rod advised that there have been over 200 applications for the 6th block of classes. One class is full, with others close.

AOB: Pedestrian Crossing at Glasgow Road/Penilee Road: It was highlighted that the lights only last long enough to get halfway across the road. Cllr Clark to look into this. **Cllr Clark**

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