RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 13 March 2025, at Ralston Community Centre

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

In attendance: Cllr Graeme Clark, Cllr Neill Graham, 5 residents considering joining RCC.

Apologies: Community Police Officer.

Not in attendance: Cllr Jennifer Adam.

Action

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

Police Report: Police emailed report prior to meeting. In the past month – 1 Road Traffic Offence (driving on a provisional licence – vehicle seized).

Community Wardens: None present.

Councillor's Reports: **Cllr Graham**: Rogue Traders: Complaints of overcharging and aggressive behaviour. Gardener in grey van accesses gardens without owners permission reported to police. Traffic lights at Glasgow/Arkleston roads: Lights adjusted, long waiting times on Glasgow Road - requested further adjustments. **Cllr Clark**: Ban on pavement parking: From 17 March awareness notices issued, from 1 April £100 fines issued (£50 if paid in 14 days). Focus on hotspot areas, main routes and reports by public. Budget: Including £100k to support communities to develop local plans. £800k to enhance community facilities and have requested Barshaw Clubhouse be included. Discussed asking Council for work to be done to the Pavilion. Grammar: Circulated plans for the school. Members asked: whether the two-mile threshold for transport would be maintained; whether single sex toilets would be available; whether modern systems like heat pumps and solar panels are included; details of whether the traffic management plan and safe routes to school will be in place for the school opening; whether transition visits be available as the school opens.

Rod McLelland

Cllr Clark

Minutes of the previous meeting: Proposed by Alison, seconded by Fergal. Corrections to previous minutes: 3 residents attended meeting. Bill W didn't attend; increase of dog fouling on Tylney Road.

Matters arising from the minutes: Speeding: Carried forward - Requested 'Campaign against speeding'. Litter on Penilee hill/Arkleston Road: Cllr Clark was advised this is cleared twice a year, as the road needs to be closed. Fireworks Control Zones: We discussed the potential, but agreed that there isn't evidence of a significant nuisance/problem in Ralston. Former Hamilton Garage: Property is currently leased and the owner doesn't intend to spend money unnecessarily. Local Place Plan training: No one interested in attending. Pitches: Ralston Skills not interested in running over summers, in order to give coaches a break.

All

Secretary's Report: Since the last meeting, 53 emails had been received, 13 circulated. Emails of note: Tree Works at Hawkhead Cemetery: 17 Feb for 3 weeks to remove dangerous trees, preserving trees that are safe and replacing where appropriate. SPT Draft regional Bus Strategy: Consultation open 6 March – 19 May. Proposed upgrade to telephone mast at Hawkhead: Removing 17.4m pole, 3 antenna and 1 cabinet. Replacing with 20m pole, 6 antenna, 1 300mm dish and 1 cabinet. CC members raised no objections, as it's an existing mast. Enforcement of national pavement parking ban: 2 week notification period from 17 March. Enforcement from 1 April - £100 fine, reduced to £50 if paid in 14 days. Focus on hotspot areas, main routes and reports by public. Council Budget: 9.5% council tax rise, 7.5% rent increase, 5% increase in charges for services. To fund: £90m over 10 years for roads, pathways and infrastructure, £170m for learning estate, funding Fairer Renfrewshire programme, Team up to Clean up, play parks & open spaces, £800k for improvements to land & buildings to support CATs, £100k to support local place plans and £292m for 5-year investment in housing. Consultation on Review of Scheme of Establishments of Community Councils: Thanks for members feedback, due to Council by 17 March. Summary of feedback: grammatical changes, CCs, Council and Members develop good working relationships, CC contact details rather than personal details, Boundary change to include park. **Simon Hall**

Treasurer's Report: Fergal advised that since the last meeting there was No expenditure on the main account, £6,240 in income, resulting in a current balance of £23,122.31. Wellbeing Fund: Expenditure of £2,267 leaving balance of £554.32. Total bank balance of £23,676.63.

Ralston Activities: Rod advised that we're now into week 7 of the current program, with over 200 people attending. Printed posters to promote next program after Easter. Considering additional classes - 50 people have expressed interest. Can't include for the spring program, will continue to investigate for future programmes. Allan advised that Roar had been in contact as their funding has been cut and some groups may close. They were interested in a joint venture, however we have decided not to pursue.

AOB: Community showcase event: Saturday 22 March11am-1pm, Rod & Alison available. CC Forum: Clarification on when CC Agenda and minutes should be sent to Council; minimum CC meetings per year are 6 +AGM; Looking for Management Committee of 6, but accepted 3 volunteers. Disclosure: Changes in who requires a disclosure from April, we may need them for the community fun day. Funding: Fergal has applied for funding for upgrading the planters and a community fun day. New Members: Council have confirmed that we can bring new members on through an interim election. Existing members please advise Allan if intending to retire. Interested members please advise Allan if wishing to join. **All**

Date of next meeting: Thursday 10 April at 7:30pm, in person at Ralston Community Centre.