RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 8 May 2025, at Ralston Community Centre

Present: Allan Thompson (Chair), Simon Hall (Secretary), Grace Berry, May Fernie, Bill Gray, Heather Masterton, Alison Scott, Bill Whyte.

In attendance:, Cllr Neill Graham, Cllr Graeme Clark, Community Police, Kevin Dalrymple.

Apologies: Fergal McCauley (Treasurer), Rod McLelland, Jacqueline Wood, Scott McFarlane.

Not in attendance: Cllr Jennifer Adam.

Action

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

Police Report: In the past month there has been 8 incidents, including 1 house breaking; 1 under 18 year old with an offensive weapon controlled drugs and breach of the peace; 2 breach of the peace and 2 road traffic incidents.

Community Wardens: None present.

Councillor's Reports: **Cllr Clark**: Free for 3: Following a campaign, the Council has reversed it's decision on when children start nursery. Court of session gender decision: Will be carried forward into planning and council buildings. Pavement parking: A number of cases on Newtyle. Yellow lines: Have now been added to Newtyle, Gartmore and Lanfine. Renfrew Bridge: Has now opened. Barshaw Play Park: Work has now been completed. CCTV at Barshaw: Has been discussed with Chief Executive, no funding currently available. Parking at Cornershop: Bill G highlighted that the Disabled parking bay needs repainted. **Cllr Graham**: Pothole on Tylney: Has been filled. Pothole on Glasgow Road: Has been reported. Sports Centre: New blinds are being installed. The toilet isn't priority, as others are available. Local Area Partnership: Ralston Seniors Club received full funding. **Cll Clark**

Minutes of the previous meeting: Proposed by Bill W, seconded by Alison.

Matters arising from the minutes: Ralston Seniors Club: Bill W advised that they are very excited by the funding confirmation, they will meet to agree the way forward.

Secretary's Report: Since the last meeting, 33 emails had been received, 4 circulated. Emails of note: Art Department call for entries: Deadline 31 May 2025. Barshaw Gala Day: 21 June, will be loading and waiting bans on Glasgow Road, Hawkhead Road, Arkleston Road and Oldhall Road. Play Spaces Survey: To assess the distribution and quality of play spaces in Renfrewshire, submissions sought from Community Councils. Please review survey and feedback to Simon, who will submit on behalf of Ralston Community Council. Deadline is Friday 13 June. **All**

Treasurer's Report: Fergal will provide update at the next meeting.

Ralston Activities: Rod emailed advising that the new programme is in its second week: around 210 enrolments received. £5,500 fees collected, with more to come. A new instructor for Pilates on a Monday has been secured. The Bootcamp instructor managed to increase enrolments to 14. Class lists and registers have been sent to instructor and receipts will be sent to participants. OneRen neglected to open the Sports Centre for the first class, however this was resolved in time. Rod is looking at options for 9am classes starting in October. Rod has submitted the annual report to Engage Renfrewshire, showing how the April-December 2024 funding was used.

Local Place Plan: Kevin Dalrymple from Renfrewshire Council discussed the changes to the planning system in Scotland. The PowerPoint slides are shared with the minutes. Renfrewshire are at the early stages of developing the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan – Evidence gathering, which will be presented to Council in June or September and then to Scottish Government. The Local Development Plan will be adopted by the end of 2027. Communities can develop Local Place Plans, giving them an opportunity to be involved in the planning process. For the Council to consider these as they develop the Local Development Plan, Local Place Plans must be submitted by 31 March 2026. Plans should focus on the use of land and show evidence that they are deliverable, so engaging with land owners is helpful. The Council can provide support to communities in developing a plan, including best practice guides, funding, mapping support, data from the evidence report, startup meetings and reviewing the draft plan. Allan thanked Kevin and advised members that a portion of our June meeting would be dedicated to discussing our thoughts on what could be contained in the plan. **All**

AOB: Ralston Community Fun Day: Allan confirmed that we have received funding from the Local Area Partnership for an event later this year. Ralston in Bloom: Planters are looking great, but will need summer bedding and compost in next few weeks, approx. £600. Allan confirmed that we have received funding from the Local Area Partnership, which will cover this and more. Shop on Tylney: Opening as a skin piercing and tattoo shop. Telephone Cabinet: May highlighted this is still in a dangerous state. Cllr Clark had been advised it would be dealt with, but will follow up. **Cllr Clark**

Date of next meeting: Thursday 8 May at 7:30pm, in person at Ralston Community Centre.