RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 12 June 2025, at Ralston Community Centre

Present: Allan Thompson (Chair), Simon Hall (Secretary), Fergal McCauley (Treasurer), Grace Berry, May Fernie, Scott McFarlane, Rod McLelland, Heather Masterton, Alison Scott.

In attendance:, Cllr Graeme Clark.

Apologies: Bill Gray, Bill Whyte, Jacqueline Wood, Cllr Neill Graham.

Not in attendance: Cllr Jennifer Adam

Action

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

Police Report: None present.

Community Wardens: None present.

Councillor's Reports: Cllr Clark: Ralston Day Centre: Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is proposing to close the Day Centre. Cllr Clark is campaigning to retain it. A consultation is open until 30 June: https://www.renfrewshire.hscp.scot/article/14630/Renfrewshire-IJB---Public-Engagement---June-2025 Ralston Pavilion: Ralston Skills complained to OneRen regarding the condition of the Pavilion, some repairs have been completed. Arkleston Road Bridge: Will be closed for 6 months for repairs. Telephone Cabinet: BT own it, it's been made safe and will remove it.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Proposed by May Fernie, seconded by Alison Scott.

Matters arising from the minutes: None.

Secretary's Report: Since the last meeting, 32 emails had been received, 2 circulated. No emails of note. Rod advised that last month some participants on the Activity Classes raised concerns about speeding on Glasgow Road. The community council agreed that they were deeply concerned and thought a speed study and installing a speed camera would be beneficial. Concerns were also raise regarding the limited pedestrian crossings over Glasgow Road, meaning children and the elderly need to travel an extended route to a crossing. The Community Council asked Cllr Clark to raise the issue with the Council. **Cllr Clark**

Treasurer's Report: Fergal advised that since the April meeting there was £5,590 income and £701.98 expenditure on the main account, resulting in a current balance of £26,496.90. Wellbeing Fund: There was expenditure of £678.50 leaving balance of £6,171.50. Total bank balance of £32,668.40.

Ralston Activities: Rod advised that there are 2 weeks left on the 7th block of activities, £5,680 in fees have been collected. Bootcamp continues to

struggle for numbers and is running at a significant loss. Next block starts on 1 Oct for 10 weeks up to December. Community Health and Wellbeing funding changing to a multi-year funding model.

Local Place Plan: Allan confirmed that we will receive £9,500 from the Council to support us developing a Local Place Plan. Allan has met with our consultants, Nick Wright Planning twice already. There are 4 stages:

Stage 0: **Preparatory work** **June-July 2025**
Establish a steering group (initially RCC Office bearers) to guide community engagement, contact key stakeholders, do research and prepare survey.

Stage 1: **Aspirations** **August-September 2025**
Gather ideas and aspirations from across the local community through survey, organisations, community groups, promote through website/Facebook.

Stage 2: Priorities **October-December 2025**
Agree priorities to feature in the plan. Publish feedback, hold community event, discuss delivery with potential partners.

Stage 3: Plan **January-February 2026**
Agree plan and actions. Publish draft Plan for feedback, update Plan, submit Plan to Renfrewshire Council for registration.

AOB: Paisley Alive Festival: Scott shared about a fitness and health festival which takes place in May 2026 on the Friday-Sunday after the bank holiday weekend. Friday and Sunday will be free, while Saturday ticketed, bands and high-profile speakers planned. 6,500 people have signed up so far. Penilee Railway Bridge: Fergal highlighted that the road surface is crumbling and is at increased risk now the Arkleston Road Bridge is closed. Cllr Clark will pursue. Balfron Road: Road impassible earlier due to vehicles parked on both sides of the street. Ralston Sports Centre CAT: Heard that a new CAT application is in progress, the Community Council will be advised when it gets to the next stage. Ralston in Bloom: 33 planters have been renewed. Old plants were placed in the bins as before, however this caused the bags to rip when being collected. Council are suppling stronger bags for next time. Ralston Seniors Club: This replaces Ralston ROAR and starts on 1 August, with a special session on 15 August to celebrate the new club. Rod has arranged for an activity session to be included. Millie: May called trying to pay for a brown bin, but Millie couldn't recognise her landline and she had to visit the Council in person. Ralston Community Day: Date confirmed as 23 August. New Members: Allan confirmed we can still take on another 4-5 members, please share with anyone who may be interested.

Cllr Clark

All Members

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