RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: Cllr Graeme Clark, Cllr Neill Graham, 2 residents interested in becoming Community Council members, 4 representatives of Gleniffer Thistle.

Apologies: Heather Masterton.

Not in attendance: Cllr Jennifer Adam.

Action

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

Police Report: No police in attendance and no report provided. Cllr Graham advised that a car was broken into on Penilee Road.

Councillor's Reports:
Cllr Clark: Ward Profile: Received profile of ward, which covers several Community Council areas. Have asked for breakdown to understand what's happening in each area. Integration Joint Board: An amendment has meant that the proposed cuts to services have been delayed. The Head of the HSCP is working on an alternative way to balance the budget. Redevelopment of Paisley Grammar site: Event where Nixon displayed proposals for 120 mixed tenancy flats. Paisley Alive Festival: Licence for the event has been approved. Speeding and Parking: Received several complaints. Trees: Complaint regarding tree that's raised the pavement. School crossing patrollers: Decision to withdraw has been paused for further consideration. **Cllr Graham:** Redevelopment of Paisley Grammar site: Sale is subject to planning permission. Proposal for a mixture of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom flats, some will be sold to a housing association. Concerns raised that the listed part of the project will be developed last. Potential CAT for Community Sports Centre: Met with a football club who are interested in the pitches at the sports centre.

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

Matters arising from the minutes: None.

Gleniffer Thistle: Club is 50 years old and don't currently have a home. Looking at options, which include the Marches, buying land and developing pitches and a CAT for Ralston Community Sports Centre. Key aims are to find a home for the club, where we could be part of the community, with modern facilities open to all. Would like to work with the community and groups that already use the facilities and enhance what they do, including a new multi-sports astro pitch and developing the grass areas for community use. Would seek to develop a committee, which would include members of the community as well as Glennifer Thistle. Cllr Clark asked that as they

would no longer be in Glennifer, whether they'd consider changing the name of the club? Cllr Graham asked whether they'd plan to hold a public meeting to share their plans with the community and get feedback. Glennifer Thistle confirmed that they would. Rod highlighted that securing adequate funding would be key.

Secretary's Report: Since the last meeting, 27 emails had been received, 5 circulated. Emails of note: Application for redevelopment of Paisley Grammar Site: Can view the development proposals on 23 October , 6pm-9pm at Paisley Grammar School. Paisley Alive Festival Survey: A music, motion and wellness festival for families, held in Barshaw Park. Survey closes 19 October. https://online1.snapsurveys.com/Interview/1b115da5-8464-448c-b275-5d0274be155c

Treasurer's Report: Fergal advised that since the September meeting there was £667.40 expenditure on the main account, resulting in a current balance of £22,326.54. Wellbeing Fund: There was no expenditure leaving balance of £4,091.50. Games account balance after £113.25 spend is £842.52. Planters current balance is £3,220. Local Place Plan current balance is £4,750. Total bank balance of £35,230.56.

Ralston Activities: Rod advised that: Autumn Programme: Classes have now started and continue to be popular. After school drop-off Trial Classes: We're also running a 4-week taster in November with the aim of attracting mums and dads as they drop their children off at Primary School in the morning. These drop-off classes will run from 9-9.45am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and we hope we're providing intense Activity Classes that will attract this target group – Power Yoga, Pulse, and Buggy Fit (which is directed towards young mums and their babies) These classes will not be funded by the CMHWB Fund, and so require to be self-funding, and we're charging £20pp for each 4-week class- hopefully the income will balance our costs. Winter Programme: If we are successful in getting funding, classes will continue in January. Considering including the post-school drop off classes in the 10-week winter block of classes.

Local Place Plan: Nick advised that 220 people have responded to the survey. Nick shared some high level analysis of the results, which will be circulated and published on our website. Next steps: Nick will be running a session for P4-7's, potentially focussed on what they would like to see done with the sports fields. The completed plan needs to be submitted by end of March. The Community Council agreed it would be wise to hold an event to share the results of the survey with the community, discuss options and generate actions for the plan. It was suggested that coordinating with an existing event may increase community engagement with this event.

AOB: Ralston in Bloom: Rod advised that the planters have really brightened up the community this year, thanks to the sunny weather, and helped by many rain showers! They continue to bloom even into late Autumn, and we'll soon be removing the summer bedding and replacing

with winter flowering pansies and spring bulbs. We were delighted to receive additional funding from Renfrewshire Council to keep this programme going for several years, and would seek volunteers who'd like to help plant and maintain these planters during the year – we'd supply the plants and compost, etc. Christmas Newsletter: Simon advised that he's started drafting the newsletter, which will go to printers at the beginning of November.

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