RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 11 December 2025, at Ralston Community Centre

Present: Bill Whyte (Stand-in Chair), Simon Hall (Secretary), Grace Berry, Robert Elliot, Rod McLelland, Ashleigh Pieraccini, Alison Scott.

In attendance: Cllr Graeme Clark, Cllr Neill Graham.

Apologies: Bill Gray, Allan Thompson (Chair & Treasurer).

Not in attendance: Cllr Jennifer Adam, Scott McFarlane, Heather Masterton.

Action

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

Police Report: No police in attendance, but a report has been provided. Since 1 August there have been 20 road traffic offences (19 detected), 11 of these speeding offences mainly on Glasgow Road; 5 theft by housebreaking/theft of motor vehicle (4 detected); 1 vandalism (undetected); 1 threatening and abusive behaviour (detected).

Councillor's Reports:
Cllr Graham: Glasgow Road/Hawkhead Road Junction: Meeting an Officer in the new year regarding adjusting the sequencing further. Newtyle/Lanfine/Gartmore Roads: Concerns regarding rat-running and parking. Surveying residents in New Year to understand what they would like to see happen. Glasgow Road: Residents requesting double yellow lines opposite park. **Cllr Clark:** CCTV in Local Parks: Council has agreed to inter-party discussions regarding reviewing the policy on CCTV use in public parks. AI Answering Service: Council IT department looking into adjusting the AI system making it easier to speak to a human.

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

Matters arising from the minutes: Gleniffer Thistle Meeting: Not well attended by community. Gleniffer Thistle delivered a good presentation, residents raised a number of concerns. Gleniffer Thistle will now consider whether to proceed to the next stage. RCC could consider inviting OneRen to a future meeting to discuss their plans for Ralston Community Sports Centre. Royal Mail: Bill G's wife wrote to MP Alison Taylor who agreed to write to Royal Mail regarding the poor mail deliveries.

Secretary's Report: Since the last meeting, 28 emails had been received, 5 circulated. Emails of note: Firework Control Zone: Council has now confirmed the process to apply for them. Members are supportive of considering and application. Festive bin collections: No bin collections on Thursday 25 Dec/1 Jan, instead: Grey bin collected on Sat 27 Dec, Green bin on Tue 30 Dec and Brown bin on Thu 8 Dec. Council will no longer issue bin collection calendars, however they can be accessed online or paper copies requested.

Treasurer's Report: Most invoices have now been paind, however Allan is still in the process of being able to access to the bank account via the App.

Local Place Plan: Nick attended the Treemendous event at St Mark's.

Ralston Activities: Rod advised that the Autumn Programme has now finished, with around 200 people attending. Winter Programme: We will open enrolments on 2 January and we will also run a 10 week programme of 2 after school drop off classes. Should hear regarding 2-year grant funding by end of month.

AOB: Defibrilators: Bill advised that the defibrillator at St Mark's was recently used by police, replacement pads have been purchased. Heart-start: Booked for 18 January, 22 people registered so far. Newsletter: Members thanked Simon for producing another excellent newsletter, which has received positive feedback from the community.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 8 January 2026 at 7:30pm, in person at Ralston Community Centre.