RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Present: Allan Thompson (Chair & Treasurer), Simon Hall (Secretary), Grace Berry, Robert Elliot, Bill Gray, Rod McLelland, Alison Scott, Bill Whyte.

In attendance: Cllr Graeme Clark, Cllr Neill Graham.

Apologies: Heather Masterton.

Not in attendance: Cllr Jennifer Adam, Scott McFarlane, Ashleigh Pieraccini.

Action

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

Police Report: No police in attendance and no report provided.

Councillor's Reports:
Cllr Clark: Hawkhead Bowling Club: Club don't have enough money for repairs needed to building. Submitted an application for planning permission to build 6 houses on the south green, with a view to selling the land to a developer. Two hours free parking: In Council car parks during December. **Cllr Graham:** Graffiti on Scottish Power box on Penilee Road: Cllr Graham has contacted Scottish Power to sort. Underpass for Grammar: Work is starting on Renfrew Road and continues until April 2026. Blocked Gullys: Recent heavy rainfall and leaf litter has resulted in some localised flooding. If any flooding identified, contact Cllr Graham and it will get cleared within 24 hours.

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

Matters arising from the minutes: Gleniffer Thistle: Meeting taking place on 27 November, 7-9pm in St Mark's Church, where Gleniffer Thistle will share their intentions with the public and gauge their interest.

Secretary's Report: Since the last meeting, 31 emails had been received, 11 circulated. Emails of note: A complaint about a short term let at Barshaw House. Transport for residents with mobility issues: Resident asked whether we were aware of anything: Possibly Dial-a-bus, the Council also organise transport to Council events. Petition for more powers for Community Councils: We agreed that we would not support this petition, as this work and responsibility should sit with paid authorities. In addition Community Councils find it difficult to attract volunteers to become members, which would only be made worse with the added responsibility. Hawkhead Bowling Club: Resident raised concerns regarding the proposal. Firework Control Zone: A resident asked if the Community Council would engage with the community to gauge interest in applying for a control zone. The CC is in favour, however they are difficult to enforce. Public Procession: East Gate Church have been granted permission to hold a public procession from Paisley Abbey to Bellahouston Park.

Treasurer's Report: Following Fergal's resignation from the Community Council, Allan is in the process of being able to access to the bank account. Therefore there is no treasurer report this month.

Local Place Plan: Nick will be in one of the halls at St Mark's Treemendous event on 6 December.

Ralston Activities: Rod advised that: Autumn Programme: is going really well with great numbers. After school drop-off Trial Classes: Our trial classes have begun with 10 at Power Yoga and 4 (plus 4 babies) at Buggy Fit. Pulse only had 1 enrolment, so did not go ahead. These programmes are running at a slight loss, which will be covered by existing funds. 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. As our grant funding has not been confirmed yet, we have chosen not to extend the programme to include Tuesdays yet. However there is demand for this, so we hope to do so in the future.

AOB: Paisley East Local Partnership: Allan attending the next meeting, if interested in attending please contact Allan. There are 4 meetings a year, including June when they decide how grants will be issued. Newsletter: Received from the printers today, wanting to deliver swiftly in order to promote the meeting about Glenifer Thistle's CAT. Thanks to all in the community who have agreed to help deliver. Ralston in Bloom: Rod advised that McLarens have supplied winter plants. We also paid someone to place them in the planters for us. Royal Mail: Bill G highlighted that mail had not been delivered most days this week and they were only prioritising parcels. Cllr Graham agreed to see what could be done. Circus at Barshaw: Bill G highlighted that the grass areas have been significantly damaged. Cllr Graham advised that they will have paid to have this reinstated. Ralston Seniors: Bill W confirmed that the club is going well, have added some new members but would welcome more.

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