RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 8 January 2026, 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, 2 Police Officers, 4 Residents, Nick Wright.

Apologies: Ashleigh Pieraccini, Cllr Neill Graham.

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

Action

Welcome from the Chair: Allan wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed all to the meeting.

Police Report: Police advised that since 11 December there was 1 assault, 1 vandalism, 1 theft from motor vehicle and 9 reports of fraud. Cllr Clark highlighted the high number of complaints he's received regarding speeding on Glasgow and Hawkhead Roads, as well as using Newtyle, Gartmore and Lanfine as shortcuts, and requested police speed checks. The Police agreed to consider options.

Councillor's Reports:
Cllr Clark: Garages behind School Road: Rubbish has been collected and working to improve the area. Grit Bins: The Council's Winter Management Plan defines gritting routes and where grit bins are located.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Proposed by Rod, seconded by Robert.

Matters arising from the minutes: Firework Control Zone: Applications close on 30 January. Simon and Allan to meet to complete. **Simon Hall** **Allan Thompson**

Secretary's Report: Since the last meeting, 22 emails had been received, 2 circulated. Emails of note: Email of thanks: A resident emailed to thank the Community Council for helping get trees trimmed. Consultation on Prohibition of Waiting and Loading: Proposal for Penilee Road at Kinpurnie to be 'No waiting at any time'.

Treasurer's Report: Bank Balance as at 22 December: £32,410.15.

Local Place Plan: Nick gave an overview of the activities completed so far to identify priorities for the plan, including the survey, work with the school and engagement at the Treemendous event. The feedback gathered has now been developed into draft proposals for the plan. We spent time reviewing these proposals and making recommendations for enhancements. Nick will develop these into a draft plan, with will be ready next month. This will be promoted via social media etc, we also agreed to hold a drop-in event for the community to discuss the content of the draft plan.

Ralston Activities: Rod advised that the Autumn Programme has now finished, with around 240 people have enrolled for the winter programme, with 2 classes filled. Rod is looking at options to run an additional yoga class to meet demand. Some instructors have had to drop out and Rod is in the process of getting replacements. Funding: The 2-year grant funding was refused, but have been given 1 year funding. Rod is applying for Lottery Funding for future classes.

AOB: One Ren: Rod suggested inviting them to a meeting to discuss their plans for the Community Sports Centre. Allan recommended meeting them privately first, before inviting them to a public meeting. Yoga Classes: A new Yoga class run by a resident is starting in the Scout Hall. We agreed to promote this on out website and Facebook. Heart-start: Bill advised that 25 people have registered for the training on 18 January.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 12 February 2026 at 7:30pm, in person at Ralston Community Centre.