RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 12 February 2026, at Ralston Community Centre

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

In attendance: Cllr Graeme Clark, Cllr Neill Graham.

Apologies: Simon Hall (Secretary), Bill Gray, Ashleigh Pieraccini

Not in attendance: Cllr Jennifer Adam, Heather Masterton.

Action

Welcome from the Chair: including Sandra who came along because she is considering joining the Community Council.

Police Report: No police present and no report submitted.

Councillor's Reports:

Cllr Clark: Traffic lights at Glasgow/Hawkhead/Arkleston to be reconfigured again to reduce the lengthy wait on the main road. Double yellow lines are also to be installed around this junction. Community Sports Centre: Rod explained to the Local Cllrs that there is only one working toilet that at the Community Sports Centre, which is, as Bill pointed out an environmental health issue. Cllr Clark has taken this as an action. Potholes on Penilee Road bridge are causing damage to cars and have been for a very long time now. One resident has had to replace two tyres in the last few months, and it seems that many drivers are using the middle of the road as a safer option in avoiding potholes, but this is an safety issue. **Cllr Graham**: also updated us on the Litter pick from the bridge down towards the industrial estate. This was undertaken by volunteers and there isn't any long-term plan about tackling this growing issue.

Cllr Clark

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

Matters arising from the minutes: Allan and Simon met earlier this month to complete the Fire work control zone. This was submitted but, the lack of evidence has (formally recorded complaints to the Council) we are unable to proceed. Simon to circulate message to RCC.

Simon Hal

Secretary's Report: 35 emails have been received since the last meeting (6 have been circulated). Main email is the one from SEPA /The Flood Risk Management Plan was reviewed in our meeting, and we noted Ralston issues to be drainage, particularly in the following roads:

- Glasgow /Darvel Road – lodge house – main road
- Duchray/Glasgow Road
- Buchlyvie/Auchmannoch Roads
- Glasgow/Arkleston Roads (at Barshaw main gate)

Simon to send response please

Treasurer's Report: Allan advised that we banked £6500 in fees and £7000 in funding (Total - £13,650) and paid an instructor and some OneRen charges out in January - £250.52. In February so far, we have paid in fees of £1290 and paid out to One Ren and instructors £1155. Our current balance in our main account is £45, 944.63

Local Place Plan: The draft Local Plan has been completed and a Drop-in day has been arranged for 14 March, at Ralston Community Centre (Allanton Avenue) from 10am – 4 pm. This is a tremendous opportunity to contribute to the future of our community. Refreshments will be available.

Ralston Activities: Rod updated the numbers for our winter programme, which are the highest ever, at around 270 residents having signed up. Fees of £7750 have been deposited. We are running 16 classes per week now (costing £9000). We have received a CMHWB grant (funding for 1 year) and we have submitted an application with National Lottery. We have 15 residents so far, to sign up for the new walking group. John McCarthy has offered to take this group

M3Ballers Area Local youth coaching company. They are going to transfer their operations to the Astro at RSC and will run easter coaching camps there.

AOB:

- Funding for Ralston Fayre in the summer (applications now)
- Festival (in Barshaw park) update from Scott
- New cc members (including office bearer roles)

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