RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Present: Allan Thompson (Chair & Treasurer), Simon Hall (Secretary), Bill Gray, Rod McLelland, Ashleigh Pieraccini, Alison Scott.

In attendance: Cllr Neill Graham, Cllr Graeme Clark, 2 Police Officers, 3 Residents from Newtyle Road, 2 Residents interested in joining the Community Council.

Apologies: Grace Berry, Robert Elliot, Bill Whyte.

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

Action

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

Police Report: Police advised that in the past month there have been 4 crime reports, including: 1 Road Traffic Offence (driving without an MOT), 1 Assault and 1 Fraud, where a resident received a call from someone posing as the FCA advising that there had been illegal activity on their accounts, then someone turned up at their door impersonating a police officer and asked for the cards. Fortunately the resident didn't pass them any details, however the police asked people to be vigilant. You can check the identity of a police officer by viewing their Warrant Card, asking for their name and shoulder number and calling 101/999 to verify their identity. Allan highlighted our concerns regarding speeding on Glasgow Road, Police agreed to visit with the speed camera more often. We discussed the merits of having a fixed speed camera or Speed Reminder Screens. Residents from Newtyle raised concerns about rat running and speeding, where the police stopped 55 cars one morning between 7:45-8:45am. The police agreed to visit more often, stopping and ticketing cars as a deterrent.

Councillor's Reports:

Cllr Clark: Community Sports Centre: Toilet has now been fixed. Hawkhead Road: No further changes will be made to the junction while the Council conduct a Road Safety Audit. Newtyle Road: Police have suggested moving the Access signage to make it more visible. Penilee Road Bridge Potholes: Council are responsible for repairing the road, but can only do so with the permission of the railway. Considering using Jet patcher in the interim. **Cllr Graham:** Penilee Road Litter: Two litter picks a year, next should be April. Hawkhead junction: Yellow lines pained on Hawkhead should provide more space for cars to pass. Paisley Grammar: The new walkway is due to open in next few weeks and school is also running to schedule.

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

Matters arising from the minutes: None.

Secretary's Report: Since the last meeting, 28 emails had been received, 7 circulated. Emails of note: Paisley East and Whitehaugh: Produced a Local Area Plan. Consultation on Disabled Parking Places: Publish on website. Graffiti: Resident concerned regarding graffiti on utility boxes. Drains and Broken utility box at Glasgow Road/Darvel: Resident concerned that these were still ongoing. Dog Fouling: Resident concerned about the issue and asked if we would include an article in our next newsletter. **Bill Gray**

Treasurer's Report: Bank Balance as at 12 March: £40,629.01.

Local Place Plan: Allan confirmed that residents are invited to view the local place plan at an open event on Saturday 14 March, 10am-4pm.

Ralston Activities: Rod advised that the Winter Programme is nearing completion and planning the Spring programme. Simon has drafted new fliers and the booking system. Funding: Due to submit an interim report to the Community Health and Wellbeing fund, along with a questionnaire from the Scottish Government. The National Lottery Funding application has reached the final stage. Meeting with OneRen: Arranging meeting to discuss their plans for the Community Sports Centre.

AOB: Food Waste Bags: Additional bags available in libraries and recycling centres. Ralston in Bloom: Planters are beginning to bloom. Current funding will cover the summer bedding. Consider applying for further funding. CAT Expression of Interest: Allan advised that FC United Juniors have submitted a Expression of interest in Ralston Community Sports Centre. They may attend our April meeting to present their plans. Cllr Clark advised that £500k remains of funding available to upgrade buildings that may be subject to CAT applications. Newsletter: Planning on publishing our next newsletter in the summer. Agreed to include articles about dog fouling, attracting new members, seeking office bearers and promoting the Ralston Fun Day. Alison highlighted the need to allow enough time for delivery, considering the limited availability of volunteers over the summer. Pavement Parking: Residents from Newtyle highlighted the impact that now being able to park in pavements had on narrow streets like Newtyle. Newtyle Residents Survey: A resident asked Cllr Graham about the resident survey mentioned in the RCC December minutes. Cllr Graham recalled that this related to options of installing speedbumps or yellow lines and agreed to check with the Council on this and report back. **Simon Hall** **Cllr Graham**

Date of next meeting: Thursday 9 April 2026 at 7:30pm, in person at Ralston Community Centre.