RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 14 May 2026, at Ralston Community Centre

Present: Allan Thompson (Chair), Rod McLelland, Grace Berry, Alison Scott, Bill Whyte, Bill Gray

In attendance: Cllr Neill Graham,

Apologies: Simon Hall (Secretary), Cllr Graeme Clark, Ashleigh Pieraccini

Not in attendance: Cllr Jennifer Adam, Scott McFarlane, Robert Elliott

Action

Welcome from the Chair: Allan welcomed all to the meeting, including Alex and Nick – Local Place Plan Final Presentation and, Christopher Smith and colleagues representing United Juniors Paisley FC, presentation about their organisation. The meeting agenda was shortened significantly with the focus being on the Final Draft of the Local Plan and the Presentation and discussion from/with United Juniors Paisley FC (CAT application being considered by them)

Police Report:

Theft - 0
Robbery - 1 (detected)
Serious assault - 0
Common assault - 0
Drug offences - 2 (in relation to the same address)
Anti-social breach -1
Traffic offence. – 1

Discussion also included that the police speed camera van is making a difference to speeding

Councillor's Reports: c/f to June meeting — **Cllr Neill Graham/ Cllr Graeme Clark**

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

Matters arising from the minutes: No matters arising noted — **n/a**

Secretary's Report: Since the last meeting, 32 Emails have been received, 4 circulated. Emails of note – BT intend to remove the payphone at the East Lodge end of the park. Barshaw Park Toilet Block- email concerned about the state of this and is asking if it is to be repaired or demolished. — **Simon**

Treasurer's Report: current balance in main account is £45, 452.63 **Allan**

Ralston Activities:

Our **Spring Programme** is now into week 4 and going well. We received around 300 enrolments, and to date around 280 have attended and paid £30 (or £27 for 9 Monday Classes). Banked £7627 in fees to date and retained £100 since may have to refund if classes are off on Monday15 June due to holiday. Classes due to finish on 2 July. Engage Renfrewshire will visit classes next week, and we're preparing an online questionnaire to issue to the participants as part of our evaluations, and for evidence for Engage Renfrewshire and National Lottery **Rod McLelland**

Autumn Programme will take place from late September to early December, again for 10 weeks. We've received additional grant funding from the National Lottery to introduce new classes to the programme, so already planning since details will require to go into the newsletter in June/July - looking at Sculpt Yoga, Dance Fit, Couch to 5k, Tai Chi, Walking Football, Line Dancing etc. Charges for these classes must be minimal, so looking at charging £10 as introductory offer for each 10-week block of these classes. Remaining 16 classes will run as before, meaning that we should have around 20/22 classes running from September. We must acknowledge the National Lottery Community Fund in our adverts, newsletter etc

Planters- purchased summer bedding and compost from McLaren's; should get planters tidied and re-planted in next 10 days

Meeting with OneRen re Sports Centre- no one from OneRen appeared for our meeting on 24 April - now rearranged for 19 May

Sports Camps - M3 Ballers ran a successful Easter Soccer camp for children, but have indicated that they would rather run their camps from Seedhill Playing Fields, since their equipment is stored there

Local Place Plan: The FINAL version of the Local Plan was discussed as a main item, and it will be submitted tomorrow **All CC**

Thanks were extended to Nick and Alex for all the work which they have put in to making Ralston's Local Plan.

AOB: **Allan**

Allan will be attending Paisley east Local Partnership next week and we hope we will be awarded funding for the planters and for a summer event.

Date of next meeting (AGM): Thursday 11 June 2026 at 7:30pm, in person at Ralston Community Centre. **All**