RALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 11 June 2026, at Ralston Community Centre

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

In attendance: Cllr Neill Graham, Cllr Graeme Clark, 1 resident interested in joining the Community Council.

Apologies: Grace Berry, Bill Whyte, Police.

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

Action

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

Police Report: None provided.

Councillor's Reports: Cllr Graham: Paisley Grammar: Build remains on schedule and under budget. Closing ceremonies in progress. Local Area Partnership: Funding granted to a number of groups in Ralston, including the Community Council, Friends of Barshaw Park, Scouts and Ralston Out of School Care. Hawkhead junction: Awaiting team to assess possible adjustment to the timing of the lights. Residents survey: Awaiting team to conduct a survey of residents on Newtyle, Gartmore and Lanfine Roads, to gather thoughts around ways to manage issues identified. **Cllr Clark:** Hawkhead Bowling club: Granted planning permission for housing on part of their land. Electric Scooters/Bikes: Police doing a targeted campaign trying to manage the issue. Funding for Improvements prior to CAT: £1m funding available. Rod asked for more information. Ralston Primary: Mrs Claire McLaren has been appointed the new Head Teacher. **Cllr Clark**

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

Matters arising from the minutes: Last meeting a resident interested in joining the community council should have been noted in the minutes. Allan will discuss with Nick routes to progress re Hamilton's Garage. **Allan Thompson**

Secretary's Report: Since the last meeting, 68 emails had been received, 7 circulated. Emails of note: Grammar school closing events: 6 & 18 June. M8 J17 closure: Westbound off-slip closed 8pm-6am between 10-13 June for investigation of possible pedestrian crossing.

Treasurer's Report: Bank Balance as at 12 March: £43,062.54.

Local Place Plan: Plan has been approved by Renfrewshire Council.

Ralston Activities: Rod advised that the Spring Programme has run for 7 weeks, with good numbers at all classes. Due to the bank holiday on 15 June, 4 classes have moved to Ralston Bowling Club. Engage Renfrewshire

visited classes, after successive funding, and were very impressed. It would be worth seeking an award for the programmes, which would help with future funding applications. Autumn programme is almost finalised. Secured lottery funding to introduce 5 new classes at reduced cost of £10 per block: Line Dancing, Tai Chi, Dance Fit, Yoga Sculpt and Couch to 5k. In total 21 classes will run at Ralston Community Sports Centre. Meeting with OneRen: Met with Victoria Hollows and Mark Tokeley and raised the following issues: Heating; repairs to the Astro pitches and Pavilion; Extending opening hours of hall and gym; Installing MUGA; solution to avoid children climbing the fence to access the Astro pitches. Still awaiting response to these issues raised, Cllr Graham will follow up. **Cllr Graham**

Ralston Fun Day: Will take place on 22 August, in process of booking everything.

AOB: Summer Newsletter: Simon confirmed that the newsletter is almost ready, had reserved page for Friends of Barshaw Park, however nothing received, so will fill with other content. Ralston in Bloom: Summer flowering plants have been installed. Bill Gray passed on a residents appreciation for the planters. Walking Group: John McCarthy has led 2 walks so far, with a 3rd taking place later in June. New Members: Allan confirmed that a couple of residents are intending on joining the community council and the newsletter will include an article seeking more members, particularly filling Chair and Secretary roles. Euan Gray will attend AGM in October to support process. Renfrewshire Community Council Forum: Alison attended on Monday, which included a presentation from SPT. Next meeting on 7 September. Barshaw Park: Robert highlighted that after the last bank holiday the bins were overflowing and park a mess, raising concerns for the upcoming bank holiday.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 10 September 2026 at 7:30pm, in person at Ralston Community Centre.