

Galston Community Council
Minutes of meeting held on 11/02/14

Present: Community Councillors

In attendance: EAC G Mair, (GCDT) and PC's K Paterson and A Kilpatrick

Apologies: EAC A Brown

Margot welcomed

Minutes of the last meeting were proposed by _____ seconded by _____

Matters Arising: _____ raised an issue re the frontage of the coop, it was agreed that it would be discussed later.

Police Report: Was presented. _____ asked about officer coverage in the local office. The office is covered every day except between the hours of 03 00 and 07 00, when coverage is organised from Kilmarnock. _____ added that he had seen people knocking on the office door, outside of the hours of 9 – 5, the explanation is that officers may not be in the actual office but out, attending to matters. If so, dial 101.

Finance Report: Was presented. Mandatory accounting practice training is to be provided for community councillors. The accounts were scrutinised, it was agreed that the call out charge for the Christmas lights was very fair.

_____ was asked to bring the committee up to date re the Trust.

The constitution is a 20 page document and can be viewed on the website. But specific reference was made to sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5; which relate specifically to improvement and recreation, the town centre and income generation.

We meet on the 1 and 3 Mondays of the week; the minutes are published on the website.

The number of members has grown, and we have at least 1 member per street.

We have received a grant from awards for all.

We have a shared notice board with the community council

We publish a free quarterly news magazine called 'Galston News'

The first thing that the trust did was a massive consultation programme within the

community, to assess what was needed. An action plan was then developed and agreed –

we are working towards this 2013 – 2020.

One of the first things was to change the 'red chips' at the surgery to create 2 disabled parking bays.

With regard to the Tesco money; the mechanism for its release has just been agreed and the money will shortly be available.

The map on the website shows an area contained within a dotted line. Buildings within this area are potentially eligible for funding for their improvement. Again; full details of the scheme are described on the website.

The Council has approved £1.3m for the upgrade of the Town Chambers.

We are trying to secure funding/grants to construct a 'sports cage'

At the 'Gap site', structural repairs are being carried out in the adjacent building.

We intend turning it into a garden corner with various notice boards

We are also getting people to sign up to the Galston Lottery, if you haven't done so far please do.

QUESTIONS

asked is there a time limit for the Tesco money?

Re the usage of the cage, how much is the one in Newmilns being used? Is this from Tesco money? ANSWER no, not Tesco money.

asked about the response from home owners re the CARS scheme

EAC G Mair, intervened and explained that there is a meeting tomorrow to explain the scheme further. Discussion followed about the extent of the publicity relating to the scheme.

Further discussion followed about the possibility of the Trust acquiring a property and if so, which?

WAS THANKED

EANC: NONE

IVRP: Going well

EAC: EAC G Mair

- The road within the cemetery is awaiting quotes
- Dog fouling still a problem
- The PVC cladding at the coop was discussed and generally considered to be very unsatisfactory.
- The Coat of Arms is currently under Margot's custodianship
- The local offices at Darvel and Newmilns are to close in April, followed by Hurlford, staffs are to be redeployed or made redundant.
- A dog bin has been requested for Cessnock Road
- asked why the council had appointed its own staff to investigate the Mining Mess; specifically, why the HR director?

asked about Ross Court, was it being used to capacity? What is it actually used for? Does it benefit Galston residents? What has changed since it opened?

G Mair explained that it is a resource for the social work department, it is therefore up to that department to determine its use, but he would look into it.

asked if the pavement at Barrmill road could be attended to.

pointed out that the path from Meadowside Road to Park Road needs to be repaired and that litter is a problem near the Primary School.

added that there is a bin outside her shop, but that there is still a terrible mess, what has happened to the street cleaners.

Secretary:
EAC

Creation of new provision 3-18 year old in Gaelic Education

Letter from Vibrant Communities Re Various Matters End of year accounts etc

Notice of proposed public procession by Campsie Club

Proposed New dwellings Plot 5&6 Maxwood Road

Felling of Cypress stem and works to Sycamore Tree – Cemetery Road

Correspondance Sent

To EA Grant application for 150 years celebration

Letter to Provost re – Civic Celebration Fund

150 years:

updated the committee

AOCB:

There will be a trust fete following a 'Commonwealth' theme.

Michael Fullerton - vibrant communities wants to speak at the next meeting, he's coming in March

Plus the campus cop.

We all need to be re nominated for the AGM, forms will be available at the next meeting.

Litter pick – to organise

added that, re the date of baton run, as it had been confidential, she felt compromised.

- White plastic shop front why had planning enforcement been waived? He pointed out that if a member of the public did that they would be criticised. George replied, he agreed and it should be enforced.

George added that he believed it to be temporary, agreed it was not ideal, but the post office and shop needed to be opened.

suggested inviting M Marshall to a future meeting to explain the CARS project.

Next meeting 11 03 14

