

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

Present: community councillors

In Attendance: EAC's Alan Brown and George Mair; ; Frank Gallop, HM Inspector of Police; Henk Bembom, Loudoun Castle plus his team, David Mace, Nick Laister, Francis Shaw, Craig Thomson.

Apologies:

Minutes of the last meeting were proposed by and seconded by

Matters Arising:

pointed out that the next meeting is 9 December and the Christmas Fayre is the 7 December not 6 December.

raised the matter of the library being closed for 2 weeks during the summer, Alan Brown said he would follow this up but stated that he thought it best to accept this; as at least the library is still open.

enquired about the number of Christmas lights confirmed that there are to be 10.

Police Report:

As reported.

G Mair commented on the two traffic wardens; it was pointed out that it is a waste of time for them to visit on Wednesday pm's, which is half day closing and the parking problems don't arise.

thanked the police for their assistance on remembrance Sunday.

introduced HMIP and handed over to Frank Gallop. Mr Gallop stated that the first true inspection of efficiency and effectiveness has taken place since the re organisation; that in any event this region is regarded as being an area of good practice having previously been within the Strathclyde division.

ANY COMMENTS?

commented that police can't book parking - silly but important. Answer, they can take action if required.

queried the number of foot patrols ? It was explained that grade 3 and 4 category responses are normally on foot.

asked if the review took into account the civilian teams, as they are long serving and know the area. Answer - point taken.

and both commented that historically there were more police in the area. Answer, historically policing was more straight forward, today there are many more specialised teams for eg terrorism which use up significant parts of policing budgets.

The police were thanked and they left the meeting.

introduced the Loudoun Castle team.

David Mace commenced the presentation, and explained that next week they would be submitting their planning application to EAC.

He summarised the expertise of the team.

In essence, 3 applications are to be submitted, 1 for the castle, 2 the housing, amenities and lodges in the grounds, 3 for the retails park - to be al later project, 'House of Bruar' type of development.

Henk then summarised and explained that following the previous application they had taken on board the various comments and hoped that they were coming up with something good.

EANC:

Alan Brown

£185k has been spent on the cycling track, funding for next year is £231k, for the linkage to Newmilns, the ultimate aim is to link Irvine with Strathaven.

All agreed that it is good.

185 k for the cycle track, the lighting is great. Also funding for next year 231k for linkage from Galston to Newmilns.
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said thank you

Path behind old school, need to check who owns it, the council owns the street but not the path

- checked it out a few years ago, the part in front of the cottage is owned by the cottage - theft her part is owned by the council.

St Sophia's paint work; additional funding for a school replacement programme. Some discussion followed, do you upgrade or improve?

It cannot be closed - concern, but don't want it built next to the " new school"
63 kids at the school

'Francis wall' - Building standards have issued a dangerous buildings notice.

MUGA has been sorted

Portland Arms - now owned by the trust.

re the library - think we should tolerate 2 week shut down.

Road markings down on Wallace Street.

traffic Wardens have been out 10 notices issued

The roundabout at the top of Orchard Street is being monitored.

Grants committee meeting, £ 750 for our lights.

George and at a Fracking meeting today. Uk govt finished a round of licence applications. All at EAc concerned about bonds.

Questions - , culvert at waterside farm needs attending to.

, consultation on renewable energy funding, shouldn't we be consulted?

next Tuesday is the last day for the brown bins.

, lighting in Bridge St, it's v bad, Henrietta st is v bad. George added, he has a running battle with roads / lighting.

GEORGE

A complaint about the Burnawn getting clogged by the pillars at the Barr castle tree trunks and leaves etc.

Town chamber, still considering the options, speaking to the owner of the coop. The council can still choose to do it in isolation - but would rather not.

FINANCE:

See attached

SECRETARY:

Awards nominations for special groups.

The Wee train planning application has gone to the planning committee due to number of objections.

Proposed Introduction of a Traffic order Cumnock/Galston and Kilmarnock

AOCB:

Xmas Fayre is 1 - 4 on Sunday 7 December. Volunteers are required to help clear away from 4pm.

Setting up will commence at 9am.

Tescos have donated 200 selection boxes for Santa.

is proposing that there should be a Community Gala in summer 2015, to be organised jointly by the various community groups. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting.

Next meeting 9 December