

Galston Community Council
Minutes of meeting held on 14/01/14

Present: Community Councillors

In Attendance: EAC's G Mair; A Brown and PC's J Boyce and J Ferguson

Apologies:

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

Matters Arising: none

Police Report: Was presented, issues raised:

_____ raised the parking issue again, specifically in relation to Orchard Street/New Road. It was pointed out that wardens would be patrolling, focussing on inconsiderate parking.

EANC: nothing to report

IVRP: Meeting tomorrow, _____ read out a letter/email from _____ – in relation to the query raised last time (new paths/inadequately maintained old paths). _____ reiterated his point that if the paths are NOT maintained then the original funding is wasted. _____ was asked if at the meeting 'tomorrow' she would clarify the purpose of the feasibility study. It was also suggested that volunteers may be available to help with maintenance.

EAC:

EAC A Brown

- Belvedere Lane is believed to be the responsibility of the council – though AB is to check
- No answer yet to the cost of the demolition works at Barrmill
- The council served a dangerous buildings notice upon itself for the 'coop' building on Cross Street. Repairs are being undertaken; additionally the Coop has brought in its own engineers to look at the building. The Post Office will be shut until the end of February, _____ has submitted a request – but has been turned down for a mobile post office. _____ pointed out that the road closure has had an enormous negative impact on local businesses, and the lack of information has added to the frustrations.
- Protective fencing has been put in Bridge Street because of the wall.
- The first cabinet meeting took place today with the Community Empowerment Scotland bill, this will include such things as; right to buy, community planning, recovery of expenses in relation to derelict and dangerous buildings, allotments and greater transparency re land ownership.

- In the budget talks pre-Christmas, it was agreed that there would be 2 full time wardens in EA for dog fouling.
- Some of the older schools are to be given a makeover to smarten them up.
- £200 000 is to be made available for internship schemes.
- A sum has been put aside for small business start up

asked about the recycling of plastics schemes, pointing out that in the high winds, they were blowing all over the countryside. questioned whether this system was effective for the outlying areas?

asked about the recycling at the coop, it was established that 'white vans' frequently empty their rubbish at these bins rather than at the council recycling site on London Road.

commented on the efficiency of the council at rubbish removal following a telephone request.

EAC G Mair

- Not much to add.

raised – to both councillors: the difficulty in turning right from the exit to the new Tesco on to the A71; would it be a good idea to impose a mandatory left turn, and then, round the roundabout etc? All agreed that this was a good idea.

asked about the knocking down of the garages

asked about the frontage of the coop, would it be made to be more 'in keeping'?

Finance:

Presented

Annual allowance for community councils for the next 3 years has been published, it is being reduced.

Events: nothing to report

Secretary:

Correspondance received : Felling of one Sycamore, scrub and works to multiple trees
Dark Wood Cessnock Galston

AOCB

The gales played havoc with the Christmas lights, there were 4 call outs, and we need to review what we do for next year.

and are to attend a meeting re the proposed hub at Crossroads.

Jennifer Morrison, from EAC will be coordinating the AGM, we must all get re nominated before April.

has asked if the CC would like him to attend the next CC to explain what the community trust is doing - all in agreement.

Tesco's has offered £5000 for a community charity; the Brownies are going to ask for a contribution.

A presentation by John Smith followed about the 150 anniversary. Extensive planning and discussion took place. The minutes for this part of the meeting were circulated previously 20/01/14.

It was agreed that £1000 would be donated for the event by the CC.

A Control Committee was agreed, comprising:

Next meeting Tuesday 11 February

SJC 28/01/14