

**Galston Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on 09/02/16**

**Present** Community Councillors

**In Attendance** EAC G Mair, EAC E Whitham, PC K McKie, PC S Merrylees

Minutes of the last meeting were proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

**Matters Arising:**

\_\_\_\_\_, mentioned that at the December meeting, chemist opening hours had been discussed, any further news?

G Mair said that the A71 will have work starting the following week at Gowan Bank, which will be finished in the summer. The road will not be closed, but a stretch will be restricted to one lane open at a time.

\_\_\_\_\_ enquired about development at the Town Chambers. As a reminder, EAC owns the Town Chambers and the Coop site, the Coop has an outstanding 4-5 year lease.

\_\_\_\_\_ added that the proposed garden on the corner has been abandoned, that Murdoch is going to be using the corner as a building site for development in an adjoining building. Discussion followed, the future of the Town Chambers continues to be unresolved. Nb, listing status checked – it's not listed.

**Police Report:**

As reported

**EAC:**

EAC E Whitham and G Mair

The housing at Chapel Lane is nearly finished

The traffic Islands at Mayfield (Hurlford) are going to be removed

Recycling – the red boxes are under review

Flooding – At Ross Court and Gas Lane are under review by roads and housing

\_\_\_\_\_ raised the issue of traffic at the traffic lights, the delivery van for the kebab shop causes congestion.

There is to be a presentation for Galston Primary school, about the co-location of the two schools on 24/2.

Discussion followed about the school playing fields, an all-weather pitch is to be put in.

\_\_\_\_\_ asked how the playground will work – it is to be one play ground which is mixed, housing two separate schools.

\_\_\_\_\_ asked about the new cycle track which is well made and quite wide (8 – 10 ') until Newmilns, where it narrows to about 2', due to lack of cooperation by a landowner, bizarrely – this is one of the landowners who was instrumental in the existence of the track. \_\_\_\_\_ queried the wisdom of commencing a project which required cooperation from all interested parties; until cooperation from all those parties had been agreed. Additionally, it was pointed out that sections of the track and river bank have suffered storm damage. Discussion followed about the quality and extent to which any feasibility study had been carried out, by consent, it was agreed that this should be followed up within the council to the chief executive and to D Reid.

\_\_\_\_\_ enquired about storm damage to Cemetery Road

E Whitham described the damage sustained by Loudoun Academy following the recent storms, the school has lost 14 class rooms, including the IT suite and the physics lab.

mentioned the quads in the woods and small motor bikes – Burnhouse Brae and Cessnock Woods.

commented on the state of poor repair of the Z class road towards

#### **Finance:**

As reported

#### **Events:**

The Burns Supper is on Saturday 13 – thanks to all those who have helped and are supporting it, particularly, thanks to for his hard work.

#### **Secretary:**

##### **Planning**

Letter from VG energy, asking for support re application 16/0049/pp, the secretary will ask for further information, to be put before the committee.

#### **AOCB**

reminded CC's of their responsibilities and asked if the community council should have intervened in the Community Trusts actions in relation to the Portland Arms. Discussion followed, it was pointed out by that all correct procedures have been followed, so it is not for the CC to intervene.

reminded all present that the litter pick would be taking place in April, date to be confirmed at the next meeting.

said that she was looking at organising a clean-up of the River Irvine from source to mouth, more at the next meeting.

, said that congratulations are due to Gauchlands residents association, they have a shop on Fridays and have won an award.

Next meeting 08/03/16

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