

**GALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

**Present: -**

Police: PC Jordan

**Apologies:-**

**In Attendance** EAC: - S. Cogley

The minutes were proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ welcomed \_\_\_\_\_ who was observing the meeting with a view to joining the Community Council

**Matters Arising:** - S. Cogley gave brief outline of town centre plans and agreed to hold over detailed discussion until Councillor's update.

\_\_\_\_\_ commented that the potholes at the Cemetery had still not been repaired, despite numerous reports being submitted. S. Cogley agreed to raise the matter again with the relevant department.

**Police Report** – PC Jordan reported:

Drug Dealing and Misuse – 1 x possession

2 x possession with intent to supply

Road Traffic Offences - 1 x disqualified driving- apprehended

- 1 x dangerous driving and no insurance - reported to PF & vehicle seized

Assaults – 3

Vandalism- 2

Dishonesty- 5

The issue of takeaway delivery driver from the Taj obstructing the traffic lights was raised again with the Police.

**EAC Report**

**S. Cogley**

**Town Centre Update**

- EAC are continuing efforts to support the local businesses. This has included visits from members and senior officers.
- New signage erected this week.
- Pavements being swept and cleared of leaves each day and church path had been cleaned.
- Yellow Bus Scheme to bring people from outskirts into town centre, not well used yet but publicity ongoing and hopes word of mouth will increase usage.
- The Business Event organised by the Trust was also not well attended.
- Programme of events on Saturdays, started this week with Face Painting
- Reigart demolition is continuing, although not much outward signs work ongoing inside. Soft strip almost complete, propping and scaffolding over the next week. Also, intrusive surveys of Council Office.

A wide discussion took place about the pressure on and support for businesses and S. Cogley confirmed this was under consideration and efforts being made but there are regulatory constraints.

Christmas Lights were discussed and agreed that businesses could not possibly be expected to contribute confirmed usual grant application had been made and remaining costs could be met from existing funds.

### **Town Centre Future**

Picking up from earlier discussion about proposals concern was expressed that there was a lack of consultation. S. Cogley confirmed that there were some initial drawings but only suggestions at this stage. They included creating a retail unit on the corner and a walkway through to car park with disabled access at new side entrance to building replacing Co-op/Council Offices.

S. Cogley undertook to bring a copy of drawings to the next meeting and gave reassurance that there would be consultation on plans before being implemented.

Cycle race - Due to late submission of further information on route changes following feedback for this year, East Ayrshire will not be involved in 2018 but may be in future years.

Loudon Castle Estate - Update given. Hearing and Inquiry sessions are w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> October and 6 November respectively in Park Suite, Kilmarnock. No agenda yet but Hearings are the issues considered non-controversial and the Inquiry will hear evidence from 5 witnesses on each side.

### **CARS update**

Candy Coated Café – ongoing discussions with owners and contractors over snagging – EAC involved 5-9 Bridge St – (Ladbroke's & opticians) Issues with Titles are ongoing and efforts being made to resolve.

Ongoing works to A.M. Christie, Principal Café and McConnell's appear to be progressing well.

Governance & Scrutiny Committee – S. Cogley advising she is a member of this committee, it has excellent chair however she has been disappointed by lack of attendance and engagement by some members.

Loudon Academy – has had a visit from Deputy Minister

New Bins – new bins will be introduced in April with weekly collections. Letters and new timetables will be coming out as there will be some changes to collection days.

Remembrance Service – 12 November. George Mair will be in Galston this year. Due to works the route will have to change and plan is to leave from Church car park and walk down to Cross then up. will confirm time with Minister when she returns from holiday.

### **Sensible Dog Ownership Scheme & Tesco Grant**

expressed some concern about the scheme and what it entails. Discussion took place and scheme explained. He advised experienced difficulties with website, seems it's a MAC/PC compatibility issue. agreed to check insurance position and, in meantime, seek extension of time for grant from Tesco. Agreed to update members by email in advance of next meeting.

### **Finance**

presented the report

### **Secretary**

No report due to holiday

Planning Applications

Cessnock PI – extension

113 Orchard St – rear dormer extension

S Cogley – farm related building

Meiklecarleith – Single storey extension  
95 Brewland St – front porch  
Maxwood Rd – single house in garden, house on corner of Blair St

### **Events Committee**

Christmas Market  
Donations required for bottle stall before next meeting  
Balmoral happy for us to use their car park.  
Christmas Card competition organised.

### **AOCB –**

raised issue of a website entry, ascertained after discussion that was a Facebook post on the public section which is open and appropriate for it to be so. Not a post that required any action taken.

invited to submit application to join.

**Date of Next Meeting – 14 November 2017**