

Galston Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 8th May 2018

Present	
Present EAC	G. Mair, S. Cogley, E. Millar & L. Hughes
Apologies	

Item No	Subject	Action By
1	Minutes Proposed/Seconded Proposed, Seconded	
2	Matters Arising – no matters arising	
3	<p>Police Report PC U24 & U131 in attendance. 5 Sgt & 10 PC. Ward priorities - Violence & Disorder, Drugs, Road Traffic</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Violence & Anti-Social Behaviour – 5 2. Vandalism – none noted 3. Dishonesty - 3 4. Road Safety/Road Crime -2 5. Drugs (Possession) – 1 <p>Question asked re white van at – no crimes reported to Police in respect of this.</p>	
4	<p>East Ayrshire Report</p> <p>Sally Cogley</p> <p>GP Practice</p> <p>Sally & attended meeting with GP Practice. They are short staffed at the moment but are recruiting. Asking people to bear with them.</p> <p>raised issue of parking in Galston. Sally has spoken to them and they are reviewing all of parking in Galston. Wardens have been in and cars have been booked this week.</p> <p>noting that car park usually has spaces nowadays, since Balmoral has shut.</p> <p>George Mair</p> <p>Council have started tidying up around Titchfield St and there are plans to continue and tidy up other areas.</p> <p>asked about lamppost opposite his house, George advised awaiting new lamp standard which is on order.</p>	

	<p>- raised issue of grass not being cut in Cemetery Rd, Cllr Mair advising that they are behind with grass cutting due to planting out of flower beds. Also raised issue of lack of benches/removal of benches. George suggested grants and community council may want to take it on. Cemetery Rd one has been removed and none on the walk up the cemetery. There are some in the Cemetery, inside the wall, maybe time to some outside due to the expansion of the cemetery. Discussed and agreed that would contact Ogilvie & the prison to get prices and styles.</p> <p>suggested a bin should be put in the layby on the Sorn Road, up past Gibbs of Galston, lots of litter in layby.</p> <p>asked about co-location of St Sophia's, Cllr Mair advised that report to go to cabinet after the recess. There has been a rumour that will bus the kids to Mount Carmel and as result 3 prospective pupils have been removed from P1 intake for August 2018. Councillors are not in favour of Mount Carmel, children come from Darvel and can't expect 4-year olds to go to Kilmarnock from there. Cllr Mair also pointing out that causes issues for parents attending meetings etc. Cllrs both agreed that they will press the Education department for a statement.</p> <p>asked about Council Chambers, options were on display at Gala Day, out for consultation, continuing this week, plans in library. There is a form for people to complete.</p>	
5	<p>Chair Update</p> <p>Town Centre - met with Craig McArthur, he said it depended on state of Council Chambers how much money was involved and whether it could be saved. said was in better condition than the Portland and it could be saved. Discussion re poor level of maintenance. Community Council's view was expressed on previous occasion.</p> <p>has advised that view of Trust was that 2 shops should be put on site.</p>	
6	<p>Louise Hughes Community Worker, EAC - Community Action Plan</p> <p>CAP is a 5-year vision for the future of the community, if we want to make one there is an open meeting held then a steering group set up and a survey sent to all households which, once there is a 40% return, there will be analysis that thereafter a vote, leading to a CAP.</p> <p>End result is a 5-year plan of what community has said and it becomes the vision of the community. Can become a focus for community to work together to achieve an aim. e.g. Catrine and the "Make Catrine Sparkle" event.</p> <p>There is no funding attached however it can be used as a catalyst and in support of funding applications.</p>	

	<p>Cllr Mair explained that it is much of the work that was done at the outset of the Trust (set up before CAP's were created) but decision taken that should not be CAP as work had already been done by the Trust. His view is that there would be more grant opportunities.</p> <p>Louise confirming for Community Council to make the request to pursue.</p> <p>General discussion of how it would work and what it would involve.</p> <p>Proposed by _____ & seconded by _____. No opposition.</p>	
7	<p>Finance</p> <p>No1 Account – no change</p> <p>No 2 Account – paid for stones for Balmoral Garden</p>	
8	<p>Secretary</p> <p>Gala Day - Made £133.80 from little outlay. Was successful event.</p> <p>Town Trail Board – Permission for sign to go up, _____ was not advised and no input, decision has been taken to put it half way along the wall.</p> <p>Balmoral Gardens –The Highland Toffee chips arrived and were laid by Community Payback Order unpaid workforce. _____ and _____ attended and assisted.</p> <p>Joint Community Council – 700 jobs to go and will be natural wastage</p> <p>Steven Mair – Co-ordinator for young people and sports.</p> <p>Loudon Academy is to be a hub in the future.</p> <p>Brainstorming meeting – Newmilns raised awareness</p> <p>Darvel – Sports Centre and Co-op Buildings</p> <p>Fenwick – litter picks, xmas lights, 40 wrap round lights on Main St.</p> <p>Galston – litter pick, Barr Castle light up and Balmoral Gardens.</p> <p>To reconvene In October.</p> <p>Xmas Tree – will go back into its usual position, it needs a new pipe and is going to take up the arrangement of the new pipe.</p> <p>Grants – next closing date is August and _____ looking at that.</p> <p>Planning – 7 Maxwood Holdings – extension of lounge</p> <p>- Clockston Rd – application for 1.5 storey house.</p> <p>_____ has bought the land next to the old school, only just happened so expecting plans to be submitted in due course.</p> <p>Road Resurfacing – started across EAC</p> <p>Recycling Centre – Western Rd, has re-opened but new access not finished yet.</p>	
9	<p>Events – meeting for Gala Day</p>	

10	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Posters for charity motorbike event on Sunday 5 August. Concerns raised about level of drunkenness in the town after Newmilns show.</p> <p>Suggestion that instead of gift for something is arranged for the nursery and a treat for the children who are going to Westpark to entertain the residents – all agreed</p> <p>– asked about extension of 30mph limit and speed cables on road, Councillors confirmed that is under consideration after recent accident.</p> <p>– raised question re Barr Castle lights, confirmed has been agreed and now waiting for EAC to install.</p> <p>– raised issue of Dunblane Gardens as no longer in village and taking responsibility. Following barrier repairs there are cracked tiles and it needs a bit of TLC.</p> <p>Newmilns Food Fayre is Saturday 15 September 2018 & Craft Festival on Sunday 16th September 2018.</p> <p>Community Choices Fund is open for applications, will be a meeting in Kilmarnock to advise, date to be confirmed.</p>	
11	Date of Next Meeting 14th August 2018.	