

Galston Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 13th November 2018

Present	
Present EAC	G. Mair,
Apologies	

Item No	Subject	Action By
1	Minutes Proposed/Seconded Proposed Seconded	
2	Matters Arising – correction as she was present at the last meeting.	
3	Police Report in attendance. 5 Sgt & 10 PC. Ward priorities - Violence & Disorder, Drugs, Road Traffic 1. Violence & Anti-Social Behaviour 2 assaults & 1 x drinking in public & 4 x S38 2. Vandalism 1– scratch vehicle, 3. Dishonesty – 5 theft shoplifting, 1 theft OLP, 1x theft h/breaking 4. Road Safety/Road Crime – 2 x hit & run, 1 x careless driving; 2x speeding & 1x VDRS & 1x Twoc, no D/L, no ins, attempt pervert 5. Drugs (Possession) – 4 (all together in a car) New Policing strategy settling in, Officers now familiar with area and known trouble spots.	
4	East Ayrshire Report Sally Cogley – sent report by email Parking- ARA – constructive meeting, will pick up later. Anti Dog Fouling Campaign - Partial reduction since programme began in summer but problem continues. Seeking help to identify perpetrators. Pursuing small scale very local campaigns. Will be launching a big “Spring Clean” initiative tying in dog fouling with Litter in Schools Initiative. Restorative Justice – Litter in Schools Notable reduction in roadside litter between Galston and Loudon Academy but still an issue. One pupil caught littering has attended compulsory school litter pick. Sally has presented to various Parent groups. Meeting Heads of feeder schools to develop an appropriate	

	<p>programme for the primary schools. Speaking to Heads of all academies to roll out throughout East Ayrshire.</p> <p>George Mair</p> <p>Licensing Board – Co-op application for provisional licence and solicitor acting advised that the big Co-op would close. EAC Legal team advise that Lidl are not interested in it. EAC Licensing Board has decided that there are now enough Off-Sales and any further applications will be treated as over supply and likely to be refused. New policy is in force from November.</p> <p>As part of planning application it was stated that the Post Office would move into the new shop.</p> <p>ARA - have applied to extend the 30mph limit and public lighting as far as Barrwood Gate. Limit will be 40mph</p> <p>George advising that he sent a note of resurfacing requirements – Meadowside Rd has been brought forward.</p> <p>Parking – spoken to Kerr Chalmers, was constructive meeting with community.</p> <p>St Sophia’s Primary – 2 alternatives, either relocate to former Music dept of Loudon Academy and it would move into main school or moves/merges with St Andrews in Kilmarnock. Will go out to consultation. Issues with rebuilding/renovating on current site due to access and unsuitability of current building.</p>	
5	<p>Chair Update Galston Celebrates</p> <p>CC running Santa Claus Grotto - purchased books for gifts. Xmas Lights – to be put up on the morning of event, some broken but Henk is going to light up Galston & repair them. Only funding for some of lights, additional costs being met by the Castles.</p> <p>Tree – Council were going to put a smaller tree up, Sally wanted a bigger one and is organising a 17ft tree. To be located under church wall at the corner. arranging erection, fencing, lighting.</p> <p>Armistice Day – has written to thank participants. Beautiful poem read by 2 children. Big turnout. For next year to see if can borrow PA from the school or Galston Trust. 16 wreaths laid.</p>	
6	<p>Finance Report</p>	

	<p>Wreath - £34.00 Postage - £3.95 Floodlight Barr Castle - £415.85 No1 Account – £2653.70 No 2 Account – £4875.55</p>	
6	Planning – repointing of the Muckle Brig is only application	
7	Events – nearly new stall at Loudoun Academy Christmas Fayre, donations required. Seeking assistance for set up from 430pm, event 6-8pm.	
8	<p>Parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – fed back from meeting with ARA. He agreed to discuss with CC and for feedback to be given to ARA. <p>Meeting started with ARA doing walk round and agreed to do a detailed audit.</p> <p>Detailed discussion took place and feedback agreed as below.</p> <p>Agreed that will line the parking bays in Church Lane car park.</p> <p>Cross St – ARA propose to remove loading bay and substitute for parking bays – mostly in agreement with this. 2 hour time limit to be reduced to 30 mins.</p> <p>Disabled Bay on Cross St – discussion regarding putting a disabled bay in Cross St. Good idea but G Mair told not possible. Asked to investigate possibility of marked bays outside butcher with a disabled accessible bay at the corner behind the bus stop</p> <p>Bridge St – ARA to investigate possibility of bollards in front of bank - generally felt a good idea. 2 hour time limit to remain.</p> <p>Wallace St – issue is Indian Takeaway, difficulties with doing anything there. ARA unable to come up with an engineered solution. Problem is parking on double yellows and traffic wardens finish at 5pm but issue is in the evenings.</p> <p>Station Road – difficult road layout. ARA claimed vehicles parked would slow people down, disagreed. His view is that should be a double yellow line with no loading anytime up to entrance with Bentick St. on the right hand side as you go up – wide support for proposal.</p> <p>Parking meters– ARA sought views on introduction of meters and/or pay and display. CC view is that would drive people out of town to Tesco</p> <p>Church Lane Car Park (Balmoral) –ARA proposed time limit 2 or 3 hours – CC did not agree with that as they felt it was an appropriate place for staff to park for work. Bays to be lined.</p>	

	<p>Henrietta St – when Co-op build there will be bays with it and the rough ground down the lane where people park just now could be looked at for bays depending upon ownership and access. ARA should be asked to take into account Co-op when considering Henrietta St. Also be asked to consider possibility of creating formal parking on rough ground of lane that connects to Barrmill Rd.</p> <p>Ayr Rd – request from to consider extension of 30mph limit beyond the Chris Hoy way as there is a significant danger to those crossing the Ayr Road due to the speed of traffic. All agreed appropriate.</p>	
9	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Town Chambers – sought agreement to discuss with and Galston Trust for a joint letter to EAC regarding the Town Chambers. CC in agreement. George Mair advises to go to Cabinet in early December.</p> <p>Gap Sites – question gap sites in town raised</p> <p>Barr School – George advises lack of interest in purchasing</p> <p>Titchfield St – in private ownership</p> <p>Millrig Cres – in private ownership</p> <p>Library – raised issue of library being closed on Saturday, apparently it was due to staff shortages as library staff had phoned in sick. received email to say that there had been a note on the door but that was not the case.</p> <p>Past Chair – discussion and agreement on an item to mark her chairmanship</p>	
11	Date of Next Meeting 11th December 2018.	