

Galston Community Council
Minutes of meeting
14/02/17

Present:

Apologies: EAC G Mair, G ORourke, I Allan

In Attendance:

Matters Arising: The handwritten minutes from the previous meeting are to be typed and distributed by

suggested that the 'temporary' closure of the Coop and post office should be discussed at this stage rather than be left to AOCB, all agreed and discussion followed.

The most recent update from was read and discussion followed. There was general agreement that the current position (ie closure due to potentially unsafe building) was predictable / inevitable and that it was disappointing that the Coop and council did not have a planned response.

Frustration was expressed that in light of the community having found 2 alternative 'homes' for the Post Office, that neither appeared to have be given any consideration by the Coop / council.

The temporary bus service (since discontinued) to Newmilns Post Office was discussed, along with the replacement service that is going to Kilmarnock.

It was also agreed that communication by the Coop / Council was very poor.

Police Report:

As reported

commented that cycles were damaging the path.

commented that the 101 service is not very good. added that it exists for routine matters, and that for those matters it does work.

introduced from the Powerhouse Gym.

spoke to the committee about a planning application in relation to the Standalane Pub (opposite the gym). He commented that the application for a takeaway and shop would look very bad at the entrance to the town and that he thought that cars parking for takeaways would park on the road use his car park. (The pub car park is to the rear of the premises and not geared up to accommodate a takeaway trade). Bearing in mind the bus stop and school nearby he thought that this would be dangerous. Additionally, he commented that there is already a problem with underage drinking in the underpass and that this problem would be worsened.

explained that he and number of others had submitted objections and were waiting to hear from the council.

expressed concern about the application, the deadline for objections had been met, and therefore the CC could not take any further action but were also concerned. agreed to keep the CC updated.

Secretaries Report;

Nil

EAC Report

EAC Whitham

Spoke about the previous cabinet meeting at which funding for various projects including Galston CARS had been agreed.

See email exchange attached (dated 14/2/17) between and – this summarises the funding allocation in relation to the various projects in Galston.

Discussion followed about the bollards adjacent to Balmoral Knitwear, this was raised by who commented that if the ‘Balmoral’ Lorries damaged the bollards, and then they should be responsible for their repair. added that if the bollards are being regularly damaged then perhaps they shouldn’t be there, added that they are there for safety – they protect the pedestrians.

The bus timetable was discussed next, including the fate of the No. 2 bus and the X01 from Darvel to Glasgow.

asked about the stretch of pathway behind the Barrmill lockups saying that it was dreadfully overgrown and needed attention. The old fisherman’s platform was practically inaccessible.

commented on street lighting on cemetery road

raised the issue of Ross Court, stressing that there many underlying issues that needed to be looked at.

spoke about the road junctions of Blair Street and Maxwood Road – with additional housing and therefore traffic, this junction was too busy for its design. She added that the traffic light intervals at the cross roads needs to be looked at.

asked about the building site behind the house on Manse Gardens, the committee was referred to an email exchange between and (on behalf of , a resident of Andrew Lundie Place). It is clear that the enforcement as directed by EAC has not been acted upon.

Events

The Christmas Market 2017 will be held on 26 November.

The trust fete is to be held on Saturday 10th June, ideas are welcomed for an idea for a stall that will actually raise some money!

AOCB

asked if the committee could come up with suggestions for a community project for her son who is doing his Duke of Edinburgh award.

suggested that he could assist with the annual litter pick.

Next meeting 14/03/17

2 attachments