

Galston Community Council
Minutes of Meeting
14/03/17

Present:

Apologies:

Present: PC James Hail and PC Andy Duffy

Matters Arising:

The minutes of the meeting held on 10/1 were proposed and seconded by _____ and _____ respectively.

The minutes of the meeting held on 14/3 were proposed and seconded by _____ and _____ respectively.

_____ commented that the bike use on the cycle way was / is quads not cycles.

EAC G Mair commented that the planning Application at the Standalane Pub had been refused.

_____ referred to the planning application for Loudoun Castle which is being presented to Scottish Ministers in May. It was agreed that a letter supporting the application would be submitted.

Police:

As reported.

In addition extensive discussion followed regarding Ross Court. A number of reported incidents have occurred. Dissatisfaction at the change of use was expressed, saying that this is contrary to the original intention, ie homes for the elderly.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Chief Executive.

_____ said how a number of vehicles are cheating the (temporary) one way system, early in the morning.

_____ reported the 'red car' that is always at the traffic lights on Wallace Street, bumped up on the pavement – impeding the traffic.

Finance:

As reported

East Ayrshire Council:

EAC Mair

Spoke about the cancelled bus service that this is being followed up via the MP.

Discussion followed about the Coop and the Post office. As last month, great frustration was expressed by all, concerning dissatisfaction with EAC, the Coop and the Post office. Additionally, frustration was expressed about the rumours that are circulating about sites being considered for development. The councillors were unable to comment.

There is substantial community support for a speed restriction on the A71 to 30 MPH from the roundabout to Barrwood Gate. However, this is not supported by the Police or ARA. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Chief Executive and ARA.

Street Lighting on Cemetery Road was brought up again, it has been looked at and is regarded as being 'too challenging' to follow up.

A request for traffic management has been made at the road junction where the following roads meet:

Barrmill Rd
Maxwood Rd
Henrietta St
Blair St
Blair Cresc

It was assessed by ARA who deemed that the problems are due to building related traffic which is temporary.

The community council disagrees with this analysis and have requested that EAC Mair goes back to ARA for a further review.

The River Irvine Path proposal 3100 000.....

EAC Mair introduced the Grand Tour of Ayrshire Cycle race. This event is due to take place on 30/04 and will involve extensive road closures. Members of the committee questioned the benefit to the community of this event and the impact that the road closures would have on residents and businesses. It was established that no businesses so far (within Galston) had been informed of the closures. EAC Whitham stated that Newmilns was organising a family event in Jamieson Park.

pointed out that there are extensive cycle routes within the Valley and that there should therefore be no requirement for the suggested road closures.

Extensive discussion followed in which a number of councillors pointed out a) Notification for an event with such a big impact should have been far earlier b) In what way would the local economy actually benefit.

It was suggested that a letter should be written to the CE of the council asking for the event to be cancelled. A vote was held to this effect, the committee voted 8 : 3 in favour of cancelling the event.

EAC Whitham

The path behind the Barrmill Industrial lock ups is being cleared by the unpaid work squad.

Funding has been received from a participatory budgeting scheme from the government called the 'Community Choices Fund'. A pot of £80 000 was allocated to East Ayrshire Tenants and Residents Federation to distribute to local communities who do not have community led action plans. Vibrant Communities have already done participatory budgeting events in the communities which do have community led action plans.

Within Galston, funding was allocated to; The Friendship club, The citizens cabin, The Boys Brigade, The Galston Community Development Trust and the Galston Angling Club.

asked for calendars to be provided for bin collections in the New Year.

mentioned that there is substantial damage to the Wallace Street and Richmond Bridge due to the weight of the vehicles from North Seal scaffolding.

The councillors were asked about road repairs in the area, communities had been invited to submit requests for road repairs – nothing had been submitted from Galston.

mentioned that 2 dogs had died from toxic shock due to eating contents of the recycling bins. added that this is due to inadequate rubbish collection / recycling.

commented that IT within this building was very poor – there should be internet – apparently there is fault within the building which prevents it.

Secretary

ran through the secretary's correspondence.

Planning

The application for the Standalane had been rejected.

AOCB

thanked for procuring £180 towards the planters.

said that there will be 2 vacancies for community councillors and that she would be advertising on Facebook.

stated that she would be standing as an independent candidate at the forthcoming council elections.

stated that had replied to her query regarding the standard of finish of one of the CARS projects - number 33 35 Bridge Street and that the contractor would be applying another coat of paint.

introduced 'I Clean My Space Initiative' being proposed by Vibrant Communities which encourages all property owners and tenants to take pride in the appearance of their properties, this is being championed by and .

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