

**GALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING 08/11/16**

Present

Apologies

In Attendance EAC E Whitham, EAC G Mair, PC Sclater, PC McKay

Matters Arising

The minutes were proposed by _____ and seconded by _____

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Police Report

As reported.

_____ spoke about the report published the previous day that the police station in Galston had been identified for potential closure. Substantial discussion followed. _____ proposed that we should 'campaign' to keep the office open, _____ seconded this proposal, a vote was taken, there was unanimous support; it was then agreed that correspondence expressing our concern would be issued, including asking the councillors to reinforce our proposal that a valley presence should be maintained – plus a request to the other community councils in the Valley to do the same. They identified agencies were / are; Police Scotland, The press, The Justice Secretary, the local MP, the local MSP, the Chief Constable and the Chief Executive of EA Council. It was also agreed that a comment should be posted on the CC Facebook page.

_____ asked if there was any truth in the rumour that a body had been found at Loudoun Kirk, the reply was no comment.

_____ commented that there is a very bright light shining from Cunningham's yard.

_____ asked if drugs' testing was routinely carried out on offenders –

reply – no.

Finance

As reported.

Secretary

No Report

EAC

EAC C Mair

Work at 34 Wallace Street has started

Principal Café renovations are due to start.

Discussion of the River Irvine path adjacent to _____

_____ property then followed. _____ from SEPA is required to carry out the remedial works; however any works will need to take into account the salmon spawning season.

Lengthy discussion followed, every one expressed concern about the cost and inadequate planning of the path way. It was agreed that a letter of complaint / concern would be sent to Fiona Lees.

Discussion of the Town chambers then followed. A letter had been sent to Fiona Lees by the trust – expressing concern about the state of the building; as a result of this correspondence a visit was being organised by the council (Craig McArthur). complained that the community council was ignored. It would appear that the council is waiting for vacant possession of the entire building before doing anything. suggested that some of the fund that has been allocated for the town chambers is spent making the building water tight. referred to the plans that had been drawn up a number of years ago when it was intended that the social work offices were due to be housed there. It was agreed that a letter expressing concern would be sent to Fiona Lees.

EAC C Whitham

The house on Goatfoot road has had warnings issued by Environmental health. New recycling bins are being introduced which will effectively have 3 draws – a triple stacker and they will be put out each week. The red boxes and black boxes are obsolete.

asked about his electricity query. asked about the potholes at the cemetery. commented that there was limited internet access at the library. commented that A71 is dangerous where it joins Titchfield Street as the traffic is too fast, that the 30 mile restriction should be extended. commented that the Maxwood road junction is getting increasingly busy with an increased number of houses and needs looking at. commented that Cemetery Road needs lights. commented on a consultation document issued by EA and asked all to reply. Sally to issue the link. commented on the disgusting state of the footpath under the A71, that it is dirty and dangerous. NOTE this has been cleared this week (16/11) by students at Loudoun Academy, a teacher, and .

Planning

mentioned a new plan for Middlethird involving conversions of barns into houses, plus enabling development.

Events

Christmas Market – is on Sunday, all to help please from 9 30, stall holders from 11. The carp park will be closed from 12 noon on Saturday.

has repaired the Christmas lights and has found a 'new' christmas light for all to see.

AOCB

The parade is on Sunday departing from the police station at 10 45.

Next meeting 13/12 SJC