

## Galston Community Council

### Minutes of Meeting held on 10/05/2016

**Present** Community Councillors:

**In Attendance** EA Cllrs G Mair, E Whitham, PC Derby, PC Jordan, Inspector Menzies and Lesley Boyce and Ian Harper from EAC

#### Apologies

**Matters Arising** raised the issue of 'The Footpath', is there any progress? replied that attended a meeting on 29/03 and was told that he would get a report, but he hasn't received it yet. stressed that he is very concerned as the path is likely to be eroded by the river.

**Police Report** As reported plus, the police introduced themselves, in particular, Una Menzies, as the new Community Police Officer.

commented that the car that he had reported at the last meeting was still there.

commented that quad bikes were racing on Barrward Road and Milrig Crescent and that it is only a matter of time before there's an accident. added that they are also on the cycle way.

introduced the two visitors from East Ayrshire Council, Lesley Boyce and Ian Harper from the Corporate Enforcement and Environmental Health Department.

- They described their roles in enforcement in relation to fly tipping, dog fouling, littering and smoking.
- commented that in his opinion the biggest cause of littering was corporate littering by then council in relation to the 'red bins' which don't work.
- It was agreed that this should be taken up with the outdoor amenities department.
- Extensive discussion followed about children and littering and the problems in imposing the FP notices. It was agreed that this would be taken up separately.
- suggested that they should look at Catherine Drive as it is dreadful, many councillors added to the list of areas where littering enforcement and dog fouling in particular is bad.
- raised the issue of funding of the enforcement officers, querying that perhaps the money spent on dog poo bags should be spent on enforcement?
- asked if littering is a criminal offence. The answer is yes, but if the Fixed Penalty is paid then it is discharged.
- said that they would get back to us by the next meeting re schools.

## **EAC E Whitham**

- The problem on the B7037 had been reported to Stuart Turner from roads.
- There is a meeting for home owners of old homes within the conservation area on Thursday
- The old primary school is back on the market, discussion followed, that it should never have been allowed to get to this state; the legal agreements for such sales are being reviewed.

## **EAC G Mair**

- Loudoun Castle. G Mair described what had happened at the planning Meeting, at which he had clearly been massively frustrated. 4 recommendations were made by the council; not enough information, required a revisit, recommend refusal, if planning permission is granted by the Scottish Government then the council would require some input into the conditions.
- It would appear that there is concern that inadequate information has been supplied by the developers in relation to the strategic cost of the development, in particular, in relation to the different stages.
- There is a planning committee this Friday; on the agenda are a Clockston road application and an application at the Meadows.

brought up on going problems at the primary school development in relation to drainage.

and asked that the small footpath adjacent to the primary school could be upgraded.

## **Secretary**

**Planning** - as reported

**Finance** – as reported

**Events** There is to be a stall at the fete

**AOCB** and attended as meeting at The Community Trust the spending on the Portland Arms is likely to be £1 054 769.

talked about the River Clean Up which has the support of EAC.

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Next meeting is on 14/06/16