

**GALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING 13/12/12**

**Present**

**Apologies**

**In Attendance** EAC G Mair, PC O'Donnell

The minutes were proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

**Matters Arising**

At the last meeting extensive discussion took place regarding concerns about the future of the police station. \_\_\_\_\_ spoke to Inspector Colin Shearer, who responded as follows: The information had come about as a result of a FOI request to the police estates department by a newspaper. While there is truth that the estates department is reviewing properties indeed this is a constant process and some police stations in Scotland may be closed or relocated for a number of reasons. However, there is no intention at the moment that the police station in Galston is to be closed. The current building is being assessed which could result in a relocation elsewhere within the town, but there is no intention of closure. This newspaper report was described as being unhelpful and sensational journalism.

**Police Report**

The body found in the woods was that of \_\_\_\_\_ who went missing 3 years ago.

\_\_\_\_\_ asked about the bright light in Cunningham's yard (now North Seal Scaffolding) as this shines down Barr Street and blinds motorists.

PC O'Donnell presented the report.

\_\_\_\_\_ asked about the traffic light filter system, pointing out that there were a number of bumps, probably caused by an ineffective filter system.

\_\_\_\_\_ pointed out that with the increased traffic flow on Henrietta Street, she was concerned about the junction with Blair St.

\_\_\_\_\_ asked if a licence is required to run a business from a house as it would appear that a garage / car repair business is being run from a house on Meadowside Road, this involves work at night which is noisy with cars etc in the garden.

\_\_\_\_\_ said that there had been an accident at Ross Court / Gas Lane and that a sign had been damaged.

PC O'Donnell left the meeting.

**EAC G Mair**

The house at 34 Wallace St is now gone.

The scaffolding at the Principal Café will be down before Christmas.

The Town Chambers Visit took place a few days earlier, this included EA Councillors Mair and Whitham plus representatives from the council. The condition of the building was found to be not as bad as anticipated.

Extensive discussion followed with all members present expressing and / or feeling extremely dissatisfied with the lack of any progress with regard to the future of the property and that it was being allowed to decay. It was agreed that [redacted] would take this forward with the council and ask C McArthur from EAC to attend the next meeting.

Environmental Health is to be chased up – re house on Goatfoot Road.

The Potholes at the cemetery have been repaired.

The internet access at the library has improved.

[redacted] asked about the covers for the gas meters, stating that some appeared to have been damaged, it was suggested that he should contact the gas helpline.

[redacted] asked about VAT for the Christmas lights.

[redacted] added that the barrier at Dunblane Gardens is being repaired on 12/01/17.

[redacted] asked about the hedges on the approach to the school stating that they appear to be overgrown.

[redacted] and [redacted] asked about street lighting, referring to the stretch of the A71 which is lit, and Cemetery Road which isn't, [redacted] is awaiting a response from ARA.

## **Finance**

[redacted] presented the report

## **Secretary**

As presented

## **AOCB**

[redacted] spoke about the application for the puppy farm, stating that it is to appear in front of the licencing panel on 12/01/17. [redacted] added that he had visited the premises and thought that it looked satisfactory. He commented that the residual ill feeling that has been provoked is as a result of a similar (but badly managed) venture by a relative in Ireland.

[redacted] gave an update about the state of the River Irvine Path way (erosion issue). Eventually a reply had been received from ARA (the agent), stating that a solution to the problem is being jointly sought by ARA and SEPA. The detailed email had been issued to cc members separately.

Subsequent to the meeting, [redacted] received a further update from Azar Ali, in which he explained that due to a staffing change at SEPA a 'greener approach' was being investigated. While we had already been informed of this, he included diversion notices which would be implemented if there became a real risk of the path collapsing.

raised a concern about Ross Court, stating that it is being increasingly used contrary to the purpose for which it was intended, ie for resettling people with housing problems, it was suggested that this in part explains the increasing number of police incidents at the property.

added that the state of t repair of the property is dreadful and depressing for residents. added that it is undergoing a renovation programme.

presented the accounts for the xmas fayre

Next meeting 10/01/17