

**GASLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING 14/06/16**

Present Community Councillors

In Attendance _____ and PC's

Apologies EA Cllrs G Mair and E Whitham,

The guests were welcomed. The minutes of the last meeting were proposed and seconded
and _____ respectively.

Matters Arising _____ said that he had submitted apologies for his absence from the last meeting. _____ raised a query about the Loudoun Castle development, _____ explained that not enough information re the funding of the development had been submitted. _____ reminded the committee that a week of hearings was to take place at the end of August.

Discussion took place re vandalism within the town centre during the night following the cattle show. _____ commented that the bar at the cattle show had closed at 6 pm. By 11 30 pm the YF were not in the Wee Train, they had clearly moved on and it was therefore unlikely that they had caused the damage.

Police Report As reported.

_____ mentioned a white van that is regularly parking on Glebe Road and causing an obstruction.

EAC No report

Finance No report - _____ had a query re the April accounts, which couldn't be answered.

Discussion

_____ were attending the meeting as they wished to express concern about current development within Galston and the negative impact upon their business.

Two issues were raised

- Disruption caused by the current building works, including an absence of any discussion with local businesses as to how this could have been mitigated. And a fear that when work commences on the Portland Arms the disruption will continue.
- The proposed development on Henrietta St, with the move of the Coop from its current site to Henrietta Street, along with the post office. If this development goes ahead, they feared that reduction in footfall that would result would be catastrophic for their business and possibly for other businesses too.

_____ added that no consultation had taken place in relation to their business and that some of their customers, some of whom have mobility problems are unable to access their shop, yet, the skip, WC and cars of builders are parked within the shut off road area.

_____ left the meeting.

Correspondence from the developer Ryden stated that the Community Council had expressed support for the Henrietta Street development. This was contested and it was agreed that a letter should be written stating so.

Planning Decisions

04/0720/OL Allseasons
16/0216/LB Portland Arms
16/0161/PP 5 Bridge Street (shop front)
16/0319/PP 19 Holmes Road (rear extension)
16/0408/AMCPP Barr Castle
16/0049/PP VG Energy
16/0193/PP Allseasons
16/0215/PP Portland Arms
16/0256/PP McConnell Pharmacy
16/0257/PP 11 Maxwood Road
16/0286/AMCPP RW Scotland
16/0290/PP 105 Orchard Street
16/0013/EIASCR Primary School

Planning Applications

16/0351/PP Cessnock Road
16/0353/PP 12 Manse Gardens
16/0376/PP 5 Primary Court
16/0408/AMCPP Barr Castle
16/0013/EIASCR St Sophias Primary School
16/0345 PP 36 Henrietta St – 2 retail units
16/0408/AMCPP Barr Castle
16/0013/EIASCR School plus 3G football pitch

The only planning item that received discussion was the Henrietta St development. Extensive and very confusing discussion followed.

A vote was taken in relation to this application. The result was 6/4 in favour of the development with 1 abstention.

It was agreed that a letter would be written to the council expressing concern in relation to the issues raised by

AOCB

Events

£20 was made at the Gala

Bins

A request for a new bin has been declined by the council, the cost is £165.35, if we pay for one ourselves, the council would empty it.

The Christmas market is on 20/11

described the vandalism of a planter on Sunday morning.

Plants have been stolen from the planter outside Balmoral knitwear.

The Galston Community Council website is to be (re)launched, names of community councillors are to be included.

The next River Clean-up is taking place on Sunday 26th June.