

GALSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 08/01/13

Present: Community Councillors [redacted] (acting chair), [redacted] (secretary), [redacted] [redacted] (treasurer), [redacted]

Apologies: [redacted] and EA Councillor G Mair

In Attendance: EA Councillor Brown

[redacted] said that he had been asked at the last minute to stand in as chair and was prepared to do so, though if anyone had a comment to make in this respect to do so now.

No comment followed, the meeting proceeded.

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by [redacted] and seconded by [redacted].

Matters Arising:

- [redacted] apologised for the spelling of 'awful' on page 2.
- [redacted] commented that there was no treasurer's report.
- A debate about the bank accounts followed, essentially querying the necessity for the No 2 account.
- [redacted] added that he considered it to be unacceptable that the accounts following on from the Xmas fayre had not been finalised – due to the non submission of expenses by 2 community councillors. [redacted] considered herself reprimanded.
- [redacted] commented on the volume of work that the secretary has, and that a) she should ask for help and b) all community councillors should be prepared to help.

Police:

PC T Campbell and PC S Cairns, report from 10 December - 7 January.

[redacted] enquired about the house breaking in Darvel, the PC's replied that these crimes had been detected.

EANCFR

No Report

IVRP

No report

EAC

EA Cllr Brown

- Loudoun Academy pitch is nearly finished, slightly behind schedule due to the weather.
- The Leisure Centre proposals were progressing with construction due to start later in the year. [redacted] asked how it would work; A Brown explained that it would function like any other leisure centre outside school hours.

- A meeting with regard to the local office was planned for Friday this week.
- Within the council there was to be ONE committee for grant determination (to be chaired by A Brown), it would have 11 committee members and a quorum of 4 (as per the planning committee meeting) [REDACTED] expressed concerned that, as with the planning committee meeting, local decisions could be made by councillor out with the local area.
- [REDACTED] queries the new EA Development plan, debate followed and it was eventually established that the plan is available on the councils website, [REDACTED] and Alan Brown kindly circulated the information the next day. [REDACTED] pointed out that the closing date for consultation was the end of the month and that he was concerned about 2 issues:
 1. The community council had not discussed the plan and was therefore incapable of comment
 2. That he was unhappy about one aspect of potential development.

Extensive debate followed during which the possibility of reconvening the meeting was considered and rejected. The debate became rather heated; [REDACTED] complained that he objected to the way in which he had been spoken to by [REDACTED].

Finance

Due to the holidays no new statement had been received.
 [REDACTED] expressed concern about the No 2 account and the control over it.
 The accounts were circulated to all on 10/01/13.

Events Committee

Items covered above.

Secretary's Report

Letters from EAC re bin collections and from the Scottish Government re coping with emergencies

Planning Applications

Proposed erection of Dormer Windows to 3 Barrwood Gate
 Erection of detached one and half storey dwelling house – Ground at 5 Sornhill Cottages

AOCB

The Duke Street/Station Road junction was discussed

Next meeting

12/2/13