

# Gullane Area Community Council

Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane  
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## Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016, 7.00pm at Gullane Village Hall

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:	Jeremy Findlay (JF), Chair	Gullane
	Tom Drysdale, Vice Chair (TD)	Dirleton
	Malcolm Duck (MD)	Aberlady
	Martin White (MW)	West Fenton
	Karen Chapman (KC)	Gullane
	Donald McDonald (DMcD)	Dirleton
	Donald Hay (DH)	Aberlady
	Dorothy Arthur (DA)	Gullane
	Cllr Dave Berry (CllrB)	East Lothian Councillor
	PC Iain Paterson	Community Ward Officer
	Lynne Simpson (LS)	Secretary
	3 members of the public	

No	Item
1	<p><b>Election of Office Bearers and other roles– Chaired by CllrB</b></p> <p>Not all places on GACC have been filled therefore there was no actual election and two vacancies still exist (one each for councillors representing Gullane and Aberlady).            Cllr B thanked the previous GACC members and welcomed the new members.            ‘Elected’ members are JF, MD, MW, TD, DMcD, DH, AMcC, SM, JH</p> <p>Election of Chairman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TD nominated JF and MD seconded. No further nominations and JF accepted post of Chair.</li> </ul> <p>Election of Vice Chairman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JF nominated TD and DMcD seconded. No further nominations and TD accepted post of Vice Chair</li> </ul> <p>Election of new members under Casual Vacancy rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JF proposed KC and DA be elected onto GACC to fill the two Casual Vacancies</li> <li>• JF nominated KC, MW seconded – unanimously agreed and KC accepted</li> <li>• JF proposed DA, DH seconded – unanimously agreed and DA accepted</li> </ul> <p>Election of new member as Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TD proposed KC and MW seconded. No further nominations and KC accepted post of Treasurer</li> </ul> <p>GACC representative on Local Area Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JF and DMcD to remain as GACC representatives, AMcC and TD to be substitutes</li> <li>• DH already represents Aberlady Community Association on LAP</li> </ul> <p>GACC representative on Coastal Communities Museum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MW to remain as GACC representative</li> </ul>

	<p>GACC representative on CAPP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action JF:</b> to check AMcC happy to continue as GACC representative</li> <li>• DH and MD to be substitutes</li> </ul> <p>GACC representative on Aberlady Nature Reserve Advisory Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DH to be GACC representative. <b>Action MD/JF:</b> MD to provide JF with name of contact at Group and JF to let them know.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action JF</b> to check with Lilian Pryde at ELC whether the role of Secretary (which is separate to minutes secretary) needs to be filled by a member of GACC. Some discussion as to whether a separate role is necessary or required.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from: Angus McCallum (AMcC), Sian Morris (SM), John Hendry (JH), Cllr Tim Day (CllrD), Cllr Jim Goodfellow (CllrG)</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b></p> <p>Previous minutes were confirmed as a true reflection of the meeting.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Matters arising – replies to correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aberlady Parish Church – sign board purchased and will be erected soon.</li> <li>• £200 donation to GACC from Gullane Co-op. GACC members to consider how it could be used – <b>Action All GACC members</b>. Wheelchair access to the beach had been suggested but noted that this had been discussed at the Local Area Partnership in the past and was dismissed due to the distance between the beach and the car park, the cost of providing tarmacked access down to the beach and because the paths were deemed to be too steep.</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Police report – period 01/10/2016 – 26/10/2016</b></p> <p>GACC members were asked to complete online publication survey for Police Scotland, it will take 10 or 15 minutes to complete. <a href="http://www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts">www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts</a></p> <p><b>Road safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot road checks carried out on 7<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7 vehicles stopped at Dirleton and 5 at Ballencreeff. One fixed penalty ticket issued and one vehicle seized as there was no insurance.</li> <li>• Accident on Main St, Gullane – driver failed breath test and was charged accordingly</li> <li>• Accident on A198 at Archerfield – driver failed breath test and was charged accordingly</li> <li>• Accident on A198 between Gullane and Aberlady, one minor injury and no charges</li> </ul> <p><b>Antisocial behaviour</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 arrest and charge of assault at Golf Inn</li> <li>• Fence at Yellowcraig Playpark set alight and damaged. Enquiries ongoing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Housebreaking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 attempted housebreaking on Marine Road, Gullane. Enquiries ongoing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Parking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing issue of complaints re parking in disabled bays on Main St, Gullane</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of a clown standing near the football pitch in Gullane.</li> </ul> <p>The date of the next CAPP meeting is Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm, at the North Berwick Council Chambers.</p> <p>Traffic wardens will be patrolling East Lothian (three on week days and two at weekends).</p>

	Initially they will issue warnings, and after 2 weeks will start to issue tickets for illegal parking. Dangerous parking will continue to be dealt with by the Police. Deployment of the traffic wardens likely to be driven by areas where there are currently complaints from the public about illegal parking.
6	<p><b>Local priorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dirleton Primary School Play Pod – GACC contribution authorised by JF but not paid yet, JF to recommend to ELC that payment is only made once Tesco contribution is received. <b>Action JF</b> to confirm this with ELC and with applicant</li> <li>DMcD had been asked for GACC decision on support for upgrade of benches in Dirleton. No application for funding has been received and that is required before decision is taken.</li> </ul>
7	<p><b>Planning matters</b></p> <p><b>Tree preservation orders, Broadgait, Gullane</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TD confirmed that two separate tree preservation orders had been served for trees at several properties on the east side of Broadgait. The first was to revoke the existing order and the second is a new order that fits with updated regulations. This is believed to be a technicality but TD to get clearer explanation from ELC. <b>Action TD</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Draft East Lothian Local Development Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MW and TD have produced a lengthy document and a technical appendix relating to proposed housing sites in Gullane as GACC submission to proposed LDP, which is due to be submitted by 7<sup>th</sup> November.</li> <li>This has been circulated to GACC members and there were no further comments or questions.</li> <li>Most of the points are the same as those in the individual planning applications already discussed at previous GACC meetings.</li> <li><b>Action TD/JF</b>: TD to send documents to JF who will submit on behalf of GACC</li> </ul> <p><b>Dirleton – Castlemains Place</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CALA have withdrawn the planning application for houses at Castlemains Place, Dirleton in light of concerns expressed by ELC planners and Dirleton Village Association (DVA). CALA to meet with ELC planners and DVA to discuss alternative proposals.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dirleton – Foreshot Terrace / Ware Road</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 applications submitted, one for housing and one for a strip of land with trees, to accommodate drainage and SUDS installation.</li> <li>TD has circulated a draft letter of objection to GACC members, key points of which are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The site is not designated for housing in the proposed LDP</li> <li>Two developments in the village are unsustainable, eg limited capacity of infrastructure, such as Primary School</li> <li>Site covered by Countryside Around Towns policy and development would be a breach of that</li> <li>Conflicts with Dirleton Conservation Area statement, particularly in relation to views of Dirleton Castle and Oatfield House from the East</li> <li>Concerns about biodiversity – winter feeding site for both geese from Aberlady Nature Reserve and curlews. Ecology report in the planning application does not mention these factors so requesting that an environmental impact assessment is obtained.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The contents of the letter reflect a more detailed objection the DVA.</li> <li>No further comments from GACC members. <b>Action TD/JF</b>: TD to send letter to JF who will submit on behalf of GACC</li> <li>It was reported that there are differing opinions within Dirleton as to which, if either, of the two sites for which planning permission is being sought is preferred. Mr W Main, a member of the public attending the meeting, who has a financial interest in the site at Foreshot Terrace, read from a document published by ELC with reference to the Main</li> </ul>

	<p>Issues Report (MIR) of 2015, which commented extensively on the advantages and disadvantages of each site but it was pointed out that this was a summary of representations which had been made to ELC in response to the MIR and that it did not represent ELC's views on each site. It was re-iterated that in making representations on the current planning applications in relation to each village, GACC is seeking to reflect the majority view as expressed in each of the villages, as evidenced at public meetings within them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DMcD and TD wished it to be recorded that, contrary to a suggestion by Mr Main, they are not seeking to prejudice opinion in Dirleton against the Foreshot Terrace proposals, and they have requested that the Main family stop asserting that this is the case.</li> </ul> <p><b>SES Plan – covering Edinburgh and surrounding area in South East Scotland</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new version of the plan is out for consultation with submissions due by 24th November. TD and MW will produce a draft response and circulate it to GACC members for review.</li> </ul>
8	<p><b>Website</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AMcC to retain overall responsibility for the GACC website (JF to confirm)</li> <li>• LS to take care of regular admin on site, eg adding minutes, next meeting details etc</li> <li>• DA to approach developer of GOOD website for help with any further development</li> </ul>
9	<p><b>Village Reports</b></p> <p><b>Gullane – KC, JF, DA, MW</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted that Saltcoats Field was busy in October as it was used for the European Reverse Ploughing Championships</li> </ul> <p><b>Dirleton – TD, DMcD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refurbishment/replacement of public benches in progress</li> <li>• Phone box thought likely to be retained by BT as over 70 calls were made from it last year</li> </ul> <p><b>Aberlady – DH, MD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refurbishment of Coffin Lane, a path around the Church leading to Kilspindie, is to be part funded by the Local Area Partnership</li> <li>• Survey of benches to take place with a view to establishing cost of refurbishment or replacement. This may lead to an application for funding from GACC.</li> <li>• Requirement for public toilets likely to be raised again due to popularity of John Muir Way. Noted that toilets at bridge by nature reserve in poor condition.</li> </ul> <p><b>West Fenton – MW</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report</li> </ul> <p><b>Drem</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report</li> </ul>
10	<p><b>Any other competent business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr B has written to Abellio about the poor train service.</li> <li>• East Coast Buses are to introduce a night bus service from Edinburgh to North Berwick. Details are on their website.</li> <li>• MD has a tourism industry meeting with Fiona Hyslop, Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs in November – happy to raise any concerns passed on by GACC members.</li> <li>• <b>Action: JF</b> to circulate a list of meeting dates and venues for 2017</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remembrance wreaths distributed to village representatives.</li></ul>
11	<b>Date and venue of next meeting</b> <b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016, 7.00pm, Gullane Village Hall</b>