

Gullane Area Community Council

Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane
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Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 26th January 2017, 7.00pm at Dirleton Kirk Hall

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:	Jeremy Findlay (JF), Chair	Gullane
	Tom Drysdale, Vice Chair (TD)	Dirleton
	John Hendry (MD)	Gullane
	Martin White (MW)	West Fenton
	Angus McCallum (AMcC)	Aberlady
	Donald Hay (DH)	Aberlady
	Dorothy Arthur (DA)	Gullane
	Cllr Tim Day (CllrD)	East Lothian Councillor
	Cllr Dave Berry (CllrB)	East Lothian Councillor
	Lynne Simpson (LS)	Secretary
	8 members of the public	
	Tony Thomas (TT)	CALA Representative

No	Item
1	<p>Apologies Apologies were received from: Sian Morris (SM), Karen Chapman (KC), Malcolm Duck (MD), Cllr Jim Goodfellow (CllrG)</p>
2	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting Previous minutes were confirmed as a true reflection of the meeting.</p>
3	<p>Matters arising – actions from November meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website support – JF still speaking with people about improved support Gullane Post Office – possibility of Postcode Plumbers making space available for it, Library does not look feasible. Post Office themselves not being helpful but activity to find a new location in Gullane is ongoing. Aberlady Post Office / Pharmacy – Action AMcC: to complete questionnaire on behalf of GACC. DH has leaflets with details of link, encourage others to also complete. Parking at Drem and Longniddry train stations – ELC now looking at options in Drem, including turning the maintenance siding into further parking spaces. Broadband speed – Dirleton now has fibre capability as far as the exchange. Gullane different as there are several cabinets in the village and not everyone connected directly to the exchange. ELC have confirmed it is in the hands of BT as to where upgrades are applied.
4	<p>Police report – period 30/11/2016 – 24/01/2017 Both police representatives unable to attend so JF read out police report.</p> <p>Road safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No incidents <p>Antisocial behaviour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No incidents

	<p>Housebreaking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16/12 – Golf Inn, Gullane broken into. Nothing stolen, enquiries ongoing. • 4/1 – House in Main Road, Dirleton broken into. Some items stolen, enquiries ongoing. • 9/1 – Building site on East Links Road, Gullane broken into. Enquiries ongoing. <p>Parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaint about car parked in loading bay outside Gullane Co-op. It had left before police arrived. <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30/11 – 2 car vehicle accident involving lorry on High Street, Aberlady. Police and fire attended, High Street closed for short time whilst road cleared. • 04/12 – Male in possession of knife on Muirfield Drive, Gullane. Police attended, male charged and kept in custody until court appearance. • 04/12 – Window broken at Muirfield House, Gullane. Enquiries ongoing. • 05/12 – Large fire at outbuildings near to Fenton Barns. Enquiries ongoing. • 24/01 - Male arrested and charged with stalking offences. He has been reported to The Procurator Fiscal in relation to these offences. <p>No-one from GACC attended last night's CAPP meeting so current local priorities to run on for the next month.</p> <p>The date of the next CAPP meeting is Wednesday 22nd February 2017, 7.30pm, at the North Berwick Council Chambers.</p>
5	<p>Local priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dirleton benches – cost has changed after an alternative supplier was found with lower prices. As cost per bench has reduced, TD requested that Dirleton Village Association be allowed to retain funding already received from GACC with a view to funding more benches than originally planned, all of which will have a plaque acknowledging GACC support. All agreed to support this proposal.
6	<p>Planning matters</p> <p>Future of Scottish Planning consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a consultation launched by the Scottish Government that is open to all to provide feedback. It runs until 04/04/2017. • Action TD and MW: already looked at the proposals and will produce a draft GACC response for the February GACC meeting. • Initial impression is that proposal is for planning to be more centralised but with a wider range of people involved in planning and other local issues, possibly speeding up initial approve/reject decisions. <p>Other activity in the past month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments lodged on behalf of GACC regarding proposed changes to cottages in Fenton Barns. • Comments lodged on behalf of GACC regarding proposed mobile phone mast in front of Fire Training School in Gullane. Street box would reduce pavement to about 50cm wide. Suggestion is to move it further back, partially into Fire Training School grounds. TT confirmed CALA looking at that proposal. • Letter of objection submitted on behalf of GACC regarding renewal of permission for two wind turbines at Muirton Farm, Drem. Original planning granted in 2012, guidelines have since changed, and these are considered to no longer comply. Objection supported by Drem residents. • Result of appeal on proposed Anaerobic Digester plant at Standalane due to be delivered this month. • No updates on various proposed new housing developments except that planning application for approval of matters reserved under the outline planning permission already granted for Gullane Fire Training School development has just been submitted.

	<p>TT to send key documents to JF for GACC to review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on SES Plan has not been processed yet. <p>Gullane – Drem Core Path</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian Monk requested GACC support for the proposed route of the section of path from the layby on the B1345 adjacent to the Peffer Burn into Drem. The landowner has rejected other proposals and this is the only option he is offering, which the campaigners for the core path have decided to support. • Drem residents, two of whom were present, voiced concerns about the route into Drem because of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The circuitous route, which they don't believe people will use ○ The extra expense of this route compared to a more direct route between Gullane and Drem ○ Closeness of proposed route to back gardens in Drem ○ Fundamental question of whether the path will be well used ○ Drem residents request that mediator looks at alternate routes into Drem, and that support is deferred until this is settled • It was also stressed that the full extent of the path needs to be clarified. • Although some Community Council members expressed concern about this solution, after discussion JF proposed that GACC support the proposed route with the strong proviso that the entrance route into Drem must be agreed to the satisfaction of Drem residents. All agreed with this proposal. • Meantime it was noted that the appointed mediator would complete his report on options for ELC.
7	<p>Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update, JF still speaking to possible sources of support. North Berwick Community Council have launched a Facebook page. JF will monitor to see how it is used to see if GACC may wish to go down that route also.
8	<p>Village Reports</p> <p>Aberlady – AMcC, DH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAP funding refurbishment of benches. • Discussion in village whether hedge by the war memorial should be removed. Mixed opinions and no decision reached. <p>Dirleton – TD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing further to add to previous discussion on benches. <p>Drem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report <p>Gullane – JF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erosion of the beach significant during recent bad weather. Also concern about use of the beach by some exercise classes doing further damage. TD commented on fencing work at east end of Broad Sand that seemed to have resolved the problem there. Action JF: to speak to Stuart Pryde at ELC about potential action required. <p>West Fenton – MW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report
9	<p>Any other competent business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotrail are holding a public meeting to discuss train services in East Lothian in Prestonpans Town Hall, New Street, EH32 9JW from 7pm - 9pm on Wednesday 1st March. Agreed that a GACC representative should be present, Action JF: to establish who is available to attend.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TD and DA had attended CAP meeting – ELC is to establish a charette (defined in the dictionary as either a public meeting or workshop devoted to a concerted effort to solve a problem or plan the design of something, or a period of intense work, typically undertaken to meet a deadline) to assess the position of North Berwick town centre and how it can be improved for residents, businesses, visitors and people who work there. This will take place over a 3-day period, possibly in May, and GACC and local residents in our community council area may be asked to participate. TD and DA will keep GACC advised on developments as it is important for the whole area. A new agenda item will be added from next month onwards to cover updates from the CAP meetings. TD will pass CAP minutes on to LS who will distribute to the whole GACC. • Traffic Wardens are now issuing tickets and are planning to enforce the coastal car parks.
11	<p>Date and venue of next meeting Thursday 23rd February 2017, 7.30pm, Aberlady Kirk Stables</p>