

Gullane Area Community Council

Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane
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Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 28 September 2017, 7.00pm at Gullane Village Hall

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:	Donald Hay, Chair (DH),	Aberlady
	Angus McCallum (AMcC),	Aberlady
	Malcolm Duck (MD)	Aberlady
	Sian Morris (SM)	Drem
	Karen McDougall (KMcD),	Gullane
	Dorothy Arthur (DA)	Gullane
	Martin White (MW)	West Fenton
	John Hendry (JH)	Gullane
	Cllr Findlay (CllrF)	East Lothian Councillor
	Cllr Goodfellow (CllrG)	East Lothian Councillor
	Tony Thomas (TT)	Cala Representative
	Pamela Mitchell	GACC Secretary
	7 members of the public	

No	Item	ACT
1	Apologies Apologies were received from: Tom Drysdale, Vice Chair (TD), Cllr Henderson (CllrH) PC Iain Paterson (PCP), PC Deborah Gray (PCG)	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting Previous minutes were confirmed as a true reflection of the meeting, however, TD requested that the following wording be added to the Dirleton section of the Village reports: "The DVA has altered its constitution, its function will now include social issues as well as conservation of the village "	
3	Matters arising & Correspondence West Fenton Road – MW now has the appendix to the letter from Alan Stubbs, Roads Service Manager at ELC. Whilst the letter is a reasonably positive response, it does not detail the criteria required for a 30mph zone. Cllr F will try and establish what this criteria is. MW will respond to the letter querying further the 30mph zone. Cllrs G and F support this, and the CC agreed that they will continue to support the 30mph zone. There is a meeting on the 5 th October between Cala, Cllrs G/F/H, Mr Ian Monk, and West Fenton residents regarding further extending the network of cycle paths around Gullane. MW will attend as representative for the CC.	CllrF MW MW
4	Police report – period 30/08/2017 – 27/09/2017 Road safety There are no road safety issues to report for the past month.	

	<p>Antisocial behaviour</p> <p>There are no issues of anti-social behaviour to report for the previous month</p> <p>Housebreaking</p> <p>During the early hours of Monday 11th September 2017, 4 males were disturbed attempting to break in to a garage in Garleton Court, Gullane. The males made off in a vehicle. The vehicle was later traced abandoned in Edinburgh whereby the males ran off on foot, but were later detained by Police. Further enquiry is currently being done.</p> <p>Parking</p> <p>During the month of August 2017, 69 parking tickets were issued in Gullane and 1 in Aberlady by East Lothian Council Parking attendants. This figure includes the coastal car park area of Yellowcraig.</p> <p>On 1st September 2017 a complaint was received from Gullane Village Hall regarding vehicles using their carpark. This is an ongoing issue. Police attended and advice was given.</p> <p>Other</p> <p>On 3rd September 2017, the theft of a bottle of champagne was reported by staff at The CO-OP, Gullane. CCTV footage captured the male shoplifter, who has already been identified for previous thefts of champagne from the shop. Enquiries are currently ongoing to trace him.</p> <p>On 8th September, staff at Archerfield reported that coins from the fairy trail in the walled garden area are being stolen. Details were obtained and further enquiries are to be made.</p> <p>During the afternoon of 13th September 2017, the theft of 3 pairs of Ray Ban sunglasses was reported by staff at Ballantine Goldie Optometrists, Gullane. CCTV images are available of the culprit and enquiries are still ongoing.</p> <p>On Friday 22nd September, it was reported that an electronic tablet and a quantity of cash had been stolen from a room within Greywalls Hotel, Gullane. Details were taken and enquiries are ongoing.</p> <p>AMcC attended the last CAPP meeting on behalf of the CC.</p> <p>The date of the next CAPP meeting is on Wednesday 25th October 2017, 7.30pm, in the Council Chambers, North Berwick.</p>	
5	<p>Local priorities</p> <p>AMcC reported on the following funding applications to the Local Priorities Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gullane Playgroup Garden, £2000, this is still under consideration • Drem Defibrillator, £1580. The LPF is minded to approve this application and this is endorsed by the CC. • Gullane Bowling Club, application for funding to re-harl wall costing approximately £5000. The LPF is considering part funding. 	

	<p>The LPF is currently considering total funding of £6080.</p> <p>The DVA are expected to submit an application for Christmas lights in the next few weeks for a grant of approximately £1000.</p> <p>KMcD presented the GACC accounts to Year End 31 March 2017, to be filed with ELC by 30 September 2017. She suggested appending further details of grants awarded by GACC to aid clarity, to which all agreed, and noted that the accounts balanced each year. The CC approved the accounts.</p>	
6	<p>Planning matters</p> <p>King's Cairn, Archerfield TD circulated (by email) a letter regarding this planning application and the CC approved that it be sent.</p> <p>Foreshot Terrace, Dirleton TD circulated (by emailed) 2 letters regarding this planning appeal and the CC approved that they be sent</p> <p>Muirfield Nursing Home, Gullane The CC had objected to an application to demolish the gable, the application was refused by ELC. A new application has now been submitted to demolish the gable and rebuild as per the existing design. MW suggested that the CC write to ELC asking for certain conditions, including that external finishes be compatible with existing finishes. The CC agreed, MW will prepare and send letter.</p> <p>Offshore Wind Turbine Development DH attended a meeting held by the developer of the wind farm off the east coast of Dunbar. Cllr F noted that there will be an application submitted for a potential wind farm off Wemyss Bay.</p> <p>Planning training course MW followed up with Planning Aid Scotland when at the Geddes Learning Festival which he attended. They suggested they could look for examples of Community Planning across multiple small settlements. MW proposes he continue his discussion with Planning Aid and the CC agreed.</p>	<p>MW</p> <p>MW</p>
7	<p>Website</p> <p>PM to email Gary Hitchin, website designer to gain further access rights.</p>	<p>PM</p>
8	<p>Village Reports</p> <p>Gullane DA met with Colin Thain, Cala's site manager. The demolition is progressing. If any construction traffic is seen going through village then Mr Thain asked residents to try and obtain registration numbers. The Fire Training College development will be finished by 2021, with a showhouse opening 2018. DA remains concerned about tree removal at the site, despite assurances of a replanting scheme. TT confirmed the landscape plan allows for tree removal.</p>	

	<p>Fentongait East site will start mid-November 2017, with a projected finish date of 2020. DA expressed residents' concerns regarding protection of wildlife. TT confirmed that there is no ecological watching brief in the planning consent.</p> <p>There was a question from the floor about the lack of provision of adequate local services given the rising population. There was a discussion about the loss of local businesses. A member of the public noted that the developer contribution made to ELC will be spent on local services.</p> <p>DH stressed the importance of good communication. Cllr F noted that he had received a poor response to his suggestion of starting a Gullane Community Association. MD highlighted the importance of local people supporting local businesses.</p> <p>Aberlady and events The Aberlady Arts Group "poppy fall" of over 5 thousand crocheted poppies is well advanced and will be attached to scaffolding rather than the church tower as originally planned, to avoid any damage to the recently refurbished tower. Visitors to this exhibition will be invited to donate to Poppy Scotland. DH anticipates the Arts Group will apply to the LPF for a grant towards the cost of this display. MD said that Aberlady residents were generally opposed to a 20mph speed limit in the village, especially along the main road, and there was support for this from the floor.</p> <p>Dirleton Via email from TD. The first lunch club session on 6 September seems to have gone well.</p> <p>Drem Nothing outstanding.</p> <p>West Fenton Nothing outstanding</p>	
9	<p>North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership Meetings Copies of the North Berwick charrette document have been circulated to members. DH is still concerned about CC representation and would like to seek clarification on how many CC members can be representatives and what their voting rights are. DH and Cllr G concerned that a public meeting held in North Berwick would attract more attendees from North Berwick, and those members of the public were given voting rights despite not being voting members. Cllr G will look into. MW asked if DH could circulate the results of the meeting.</p>	<p>TD</p> <p>CllrG DH</p>
10	<p>Any other competent business</p> <p>MW will attend South East of Scotland Stakeholders Partnership meeting on 11 October, regarding Yellowcraig bathing water quality.</p> <p>MW will attend the Frank Tindall Commemorative Lecture being run under the auspices of HADAS. He has already provided some contextual information about Gullane for the speaker.</p> <p>DH Introduced Bill Scott, who was present, an Aberlady resident who is interested in becoming at CC member. The CC agreed to co-opt Bill on the committee as an Aberlady member and Bill Scott agreed.</p>	<p>MW</p> <p>MW</p>

	<p>DH had been asked by Aberlady residents if the village could obtain an electric car charging point. Cllr G noted that it would have to run from a Council supply, and a suitable location was discussed. TT suggested the SOC car park.</p> <p>Cllr F asked the CC how the £200 received from the Gullane Co-op was allocated? DH to ask KMcD.</p> <p>Addendum: Update regarding Aberlady Post Office, the Health Board will have a meeting later this month to make a final decision to the proposed pharmacy application to set up in the village and retain the PO. It has now been confirmed that the East Linton PO will close at the end of February 2018. This could have a knock on effect in that the “outreach” PO services are currently being run by East Linton PO staff.</p>	DH
11	<p>Date and venue of next meeting</p> <p>Thursday 26 October at 7.00pm, Dirleton Kirk Hall</p>	