

GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
(Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane)
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2011
Held in Aberlady Kirk Stables

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:

G Fraser	Chairperson	J Findlay	Gullane
R Dick	Vice Chairperson	J Aitken	Aberlady
R Ainslie	Treasurer	S Morris	Drem
H Heenan	Aberlady	A McIntosh	Gullane
A Steel	Dirleton	PC Banks	Lothian & Borders Police

Item	Detail	Action by
1	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Linda Ogilvie.	
2	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the meeting were accepted with the following amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HH advised that in the Village Reports, the last paragraph relating to Aberlady should read the Pleasance not the Mair • RA advised that also in the Village Reports, the one way system for Gullane Primary School should read 'advisory' not 'regulatory'. 	
3	MATTERS ARISING – REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENCE	
4	<p>POLICE REPORT Incidents were reported as follows:</p> <p>Aberlady 30 Jan – youths fighting in the area of Sinclair Crt, Aberlady. 14 Feb – eggs thrown at addresses in Kilspindie Crt Aberlady. 22 and 24 Feb – stones thrown at addresses in Kirk Rd Aberlady.</p> <p>Gullane 13 Feb – youths rampaging through gardens in Roseberry Placem Gullane. 15 Feb – 3 windows smashed at village hall 17 Feb – 3 vehicles entered when parked also garage entered and an amount of golf equipment was stolen. 18 Feb – 3 further windows smashed at village hall 19 Feb – male arrested for breach of the peace</p> <p>Dirleton Windows smashed at the PCB at end of the village green. Vehicles are driving through the no entry sign outside the castle.</p> <p>It was noted that persons are going round doors offering to carry out roofing works. Any information on any of the above incidents should be passed to the police.</p> <p>A new Community Warden has been appointed. RD lamented on the lack of continuity which was an important aspect of Community Policing, a letter of complaint was to be sent to Tom Shearer at ELC.</p> <p>A large representation from Ballencrieff was in attendance at the meeting to complain about the speeds and driver behaviour at the B1377. PC Banks explained the actions that the Police could take, but this was more in regard to reckless or dangerous driving. The issue of road signage/speed limits were up to ELC.</p> <p>To conclude a long debate on the issues, a letter should be sent to the Head of Transportation at ELC not only from the Ballencrieff residents, but also one in support from the Community Council requesting a meeting between ELC/the residents and the Community Council and the police to seek what solutions are available to this problem.</p> <p>HH advised that the matter of speed bumps in the Pleasance was being addressed via a letter to Ray Montgomery at ELC.</p>	

5	<p>LOCAL PRIORITIES – RD RD advised that there is currently an amount of £3158.36 in available funding. 5 Grant applications were considered by the meeting.</p> <p>Scottish Bowls Coaching, Primary Schools project – application turned down. Gullane & Dirleton History Society - £1,000 awarded on condition that amount is ring fenced and receipts/paperwork forwarded. Dirleton PS Forest School Partner - £1,000 awarded on condition of receipts forwarded.hip Dirleton School Partnership Fundraising Group - £700 awarded specifically for a project recording device – receipts required. Gullane & Dirleton History Society re new Coastal Communities Museum - £300 awarded on condition that a notice is displayed advising of donation by Community Council</p> <p>Bill Nimmo presented an update on the Coastal Communities Museum following the award of £300 to the Gullane & Dirleton History Society. The opening date of the Museum is scheduled to be April 2012 with the necessary amendments for disabled access and fire safety being completed, alongside an extension to the library and a tutorial room for educational purposes. The museum will be staffed by volunteers and a management committee will be appointed.</p> <p>An exhibition will be held during this year’s Fringe by the Sea to increase awareness and promote the museum. Any feedback should be directed to Bill.</p>	
6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>Planning Matters: Rose Cottage, Gullane. AM attended a Planning Committee meeting (at which Cllrs Rankin and McKinnon were in attendance). The application was turned down after effective intervention by ASM on behalf of Gullane residents and also by our Councillors who went against the advice of the planners on this occasion.</p> <p>Gullane Green – the remedial issues regarding the parking on the green have been incorporated into the budget, according to Cllr McKinnon.</p> <p>Dirleton Green – SS advised that the DVA subcommittee was waiting on a revised parking proposal, and he would update once this was known.</p>	
6	<p>VILLAGE REPORTS</p>	
	<p>Aberlady</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mair Calming measures and the yellow lines on Main Street. HH had spoken to Colin Baird who had advised Hugh to contact Cllr McKinnon. The works were due to start in January 2011, but HH was to draft a confirmation letter to Colin Baird and to cc Cllr McKinnon. • Illegal parking outside the shop. A letter had gone to Ray Montgomery requesting a site meeting. • Grass on the Back Lane. Colin Baird had advised that due to the current bad weather this was to be followed up in the Spring. • A tree had fallen in the high winds into a residential property. This route was used by school children so JA is to follow up. • Parking by the school. A response was due from Peter Forsyth. HH was to take up, as well as pursuing the size of the sleeping policemen after the recent road tarmacking. 	
	<p>Dirleton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With regard to proposed wind turbines, JF was to check if the ELC guidelines had been published yet. • This year is the 400 year anniversary of the church, and the 100 year anniversary of the school and SS would advise of any activities in both of these in due course. 	
	<p>Drem – nothing to report</p>	
	<p>Gullane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new tennis courts were going ahead, but there was no formal planning application for the medical centre – although funding had been approved. • Deer are still causing a problem. A consensus survey was being undertaken in conjunction with ELC. This had to take place over 2 consecutive nights which had been hampered by the bad weather. Ongoing concerns were noted over road safety as well as the pest element. 	
7	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS The invitations to the evening at the Mallard on 17th March at 7pm have been sent out to helpers and distributors of the Newsletter as well as those providing assistance in the recent Skatepark.</p>	
8	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will take place on Thursday 31 March at 7pm in Dirleton Church Hall.</p>	