

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26 MAY 2011
Held in Aberlady Kirk Stables

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present: H Heenan Aberlady (In Chair) J Findlay Gullane
 A Steel Dirleton A McIntosh Gullane
 R Ainslie Treasurer J Aitken Aberlady
 Cllr N Rankin East Lothian Councillor (for final part of the meeting)
 L Ogilvie Secretary

Item	Title	Action By
1	<p>APOLOGIES Apologies were received from the following: George Fraser, Russell Dick, Sian Morris, PC Banks and Veronica Sked.</p>	
2	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting subject to the following amendments: Under item 4, Aberlady village report – 7th row should read Sea Green in place of Village Hall. Gullane report should read Whatton Lodge in place of Whim Lodge.</p>	
3	<p>LOCAL PRIORITIES AS advised of an application received from Ian Malcolm in respect of an Aberlady group. Further details are required on the new group he is representing and on receipt of the appropriate details the bid will then be considered at the next meeting.</p>	
5	<p>POLICE REPORT In the absence of PC Banks no report was made.</p>	
4	<p>MATTERS ARISING – REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENCE Nothing to report.</p>	
6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS Queens Court was agreed as the preferred name with Queens Gate as a secondary suggestion. LO will email Catherine Philips from ELC to advise of the decision.</p> <p>Rose Cottage – AMcl advised that this appeal is now with the reporter and an outcome is expected in the near future.</p> <p>JF spoke to the meeting on the proposal to close off the north side of Goose Green as had been discussed at the last meeting. JF had spoken with immediate neighbours and it was felt that this may not be the best option. Further consideration is required.</p>	
7	<p>VILLAGE REPORTS</p> <p>Aberlady JA updated the meeting on the situation with the bus stop on the Main Street. It seems that the majority of local people wish the bus stop to be retained in the centre of the village. If the shelter is moved to Sea Green a suggestion was made that the stop be moved to its original location – which would allow the use of the ramp on the original site.</p> <p>JA advised of a site meeting with ELC and HH on the style and placement of planter outside the Londis shop. Maintenance of planters is under discussion.</p> <p>JA updated the meeting on the speed restrictions on the Mair Road; the area has been marked out but JA had been unable to speak to Colin Baird from ELC for a timescale as he is presently on annual leave.</p>	

	<p>Gullane AMCl had attended a meeting regarding the deer problems in the area. The Deer Commission, SNH, ELC, RD and AMCl had all been in attendance. It had been agreed that steps had to be taken to reduce the deer population as there had been a marked increase in the population over the last 6 or 7 years. There are various options available and further advice is awaited from the Deer Commission – it was noted that they had been very helpful with the whole issue.</p> <p>RA advised of the deaths of Eva Edmiston and Isla Butler. Eva had served on the Community Council for a number of years and had previously been a District Nurse in the area. Isla was a great supporter of the village and had served on the Millenium group and was a stalwart supporter of the village hall and Gullane in general. Both Eva and Isla will be sadly missed in the community.</p> <p>Muirfield Riding Therapy have issued an invitation to Community Councillors to look at the new facilities. Anyone who would like to go along should contact Susan Law and arrange a suitable time.</p> <p>AMCl advised that gardens in the village will be open under the Scotland's Garden Scheme – 3rd July.</p> <p>Dirleton AS advised that verges had been cut back and thanked SM for her help in passing the query to the correct person within ELC.</p> <p>The DVA meeting had taken place and the plans to formalise parking at the village green had been accepted. It was noted that the one way system will also be an improvement.</p> <p>The Headmistress of the Primary School had offered her thanks for the funding provided by the Community Council.</p> <p>Drem Nothing to report.</p>	
8	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS Mr Jim Gibson addressed the meeting on his concerns regarding the traffic calming works scheduled for the Mair. His concern related to the number of speed bumps planned – 13. He felt that these could cause significant problems with snow ploughs and emergency vehicles. To avoid the bumps traffic may use School Road as an alternative. Mr Gibson has spoken with Peter Forsyth from ELC and is awaiting his response. Mr Gibson asked whether the CC could write in support of his concerns. It was agreed that we would write to Peter Forsyth noting the concerns and seeking a response from ELC on whether this number of speed bumps might be too many. It was noted that the traffic calming works are the culmination of 5 to 6 years discussions with ELC, local residents and the Community Council.</p> <p>Cllr Rankin entered the meeting.</p> <p>East Lothian Council are holding a consultation process regarding the building of 500 houses on the outskirts of North Berwick. This would impact on local schools and infrastructures. There was a concern from the floor regarding the impact on local village schools. Cllr R asked that representation should be made.</p> <p>RA advised of an article in the East Lothian Courier advertising a meeting in North Berwick in connection with Community Planning and was concerned that the Community Council had not been approached regarding this meeting.</p> <p>A member of the public advised of an incident in Aberlady where there had been a disturbance and cars vandalised. PC Banks will follow up on this and advise the gentleman of the outcome.</p>	
9	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will take place in Dirleton Church Hall at 7pm on Thursday 30 June 2011.</p>	