

GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
 (Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane)
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30 JUNE 2011
 Held in Dirleton Church Hall

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:	G Fraser	Gullane	R Dick	Vice Chairperson
	H Heenan	Aberlady	J Findlay	Gullane
	A Steel	Dirleton (Chair)	A McIntosh	Gullane
	R Ainslie	Treasurer	S Morris	Drem
	L Ogilvie	Secretary	PC Banks	Lothian & Borders Police

Item	Title	Action By
1	<p>Sandy Steel opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the June meeting in particular Duncan Sutherland who may become a Community Councillor for the Gullane ward.</p> <p>APOLOGIES Apologies were received from the following: V Sked and JAitken.</p>	
2	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.</p>	
3	<p>LOCAL PRIORITIES There are currently two applications pending from the Aberlady ward.</p> <p>Aberlady Community Association for a £500 grant towards work at Aberlady Village Hall – the sub committee's report had been distributed and it was agreed to support this grant when planning permission has been obtained. A representative from Aberlady Community Association was in attendance and thanked the CC for their consideration.</p> <p>Aberlady Heritage Group are a new social enterprise organisation applying for funding towards a historic images project and also for audio visual equipment. 50% of the proceeds from the project will be put towards local initiatives. It was agreed that the project would not be awarded a grant.</p> <p>A vote of thanks was made to RD for all his efforts and sterling work regarding the complex area of Local Priorities during a great number of years. One of the biggest projects recently had been the local skateboard project which had taken a great deal of effort on RD's part. JF will now chair this group.</p>	
5	<p>POLICE REPORT PC Banks reported as follows and apologised for not being in attendance at last months meeting as he was on a training course.</p> <p>Aberlady</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vandalism to the roof tiles of the Primary School. It was noted that access was gained via the portacabin roof which had not been treated with anti vandal paint. • Several reported incidents of youths riding bicycles within the church grounds and generally hanging round the area. Any information would be appreciated. • During the month there have been numerous visits to check on parking in the area. <p>Gullane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foot patrols have been increased in the area and numerous tickets have been issued to drivers regarding parking on the crossing on the main street – there is a fine of £60 and 3 penalty points for parking within the limits of the crossing. • Police will be on the lookout for additional youths coming into the area – First Bus will alert Police to groups of incoming youths. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overnight on 5th/6th June a garage on Vardon Road was broken into and an off-road motorcycle stolen. • The tennis court gate has been damaged during the month possibly by youths using the courts for the purpose of cycling/skating. Any information should be passed to PC Banks. • Calls have been received to the public toilets and Goose Green regarding youths congregating. The situation is being monitored. RD enquired as to how many youths seem to be involved – 4 or 5. RD felt it important to know the numbers involved – the Operational Officers log the number of youths involved. The Community Warden will also monitor the situation with youths congregating throughout the village. <p>Dirleton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/6-25/6 overnight – door of the church was forced open by breaking a lower panel - nothing appears to have been taken. • Speed camera checks within the last month will be continued over the summer months. It had been noted that vehicles would appear to be parked inside the grounds of Archerfield whilst drivers are in the Castle Inn – the drink driving campaign has been prolonged and will continue over the summer months. • On a general note PC Banks reminded everyone that home and personal security should be important. Anything suspicious should be reported to the police. PC Banks can be contacted on 01620 893538 or Crimestoppers 0800 555 111. • Thefts of petrol/diesel are taking place throughout the area. • An accident had occurred on the stretch of road at Archerfield. ELC have advised previously that the road itself is not a safety issue but that previous accidents have been due to driver error and further education of drivers may be required. • GF noted that the tennis courts at Gullane had been officially opened and it is hoped to erect security cameras – the committee will speak to the Police regarding this matter. There has been some damage to the court due to the cyclists/skaters who have accessed the site. PC Banks will speak to the residents in Hamilton Road who may have seen something. • AMCI asked PC Banks about groups of cyclists who are cycling 2 or 3 abreast on the main roads. If they are a cycling club please pass details to PC Banks and he will speak with the appropriate club. 	
4	<p>MATTERS ARISING – REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Community Planning Forum – this had been brought up at the previous meeting – GF advised that he had some details. These meetings are very important and do have a direct impact in the area therefore representatives are required to sit on the group and to attend meetings. All who had attended the meeting were circulated with two surveys; one regarding Lothian and Borders Police and the other survey on transport. GF felt that there were too many Forums and it becomes difficult to know which are of the most importance. RA advised that it had been previously stated that this area was to take part in a pilot but no direct approach had been made to the Community Council. GF felt that it was important for Community Councils to become involved in planning at a very early stage when they have the opportunity to influence planning proposals for their area.</p> <p>Jim Goodfellow from North Berwick Community Council then addressed the meeting as a follow up to the Community Planning Forum meeting.</p> <p>He advised that a meeting had taken place on the first Saturday in June and officials had claimed to have written to every organisation in the coastal area – 70 people from North Berwick were in attendance. It is hoped that the next meeting may be held in Gullane. JG advised that it is vital that the CC become involved as this Forum may take over some of its current functions. It was felt that the Forum do have the ear of the local authority administration with regards to funding etc although they are not an elected body. It was felt that there may be some difficulties in bringing together CCs from different areas as they are more interested in issues which will directly affect their own areas as opposed to the larger area.</p> <p>RD felt that this was a fait accompli and that the CC should request that someone come along and explain to the CC what is happening – this was agreed. It was noted that Veronica Campanili and also Cllr Mackinnon are involved.</p>	
6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Andrews Court has now been accepted by the developer as the name for the Templar Lodge site. • Drs Surgery/Day Centre – Rumour was that some part of the funding had slipped away but GF had been advised that plans will be registered within the next week or so. The timescale seems to have slipped by a few months. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans were available for a new children's nursery at Fenton Barns – plans are only available for viewing at tonight's meeting. Rose Cottage – The Reporter had held a site meeting and had upheld the appeal. 	
7	<p>VILLAGE REPORTS</p> <p>Dirleton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dirleton Fete and Games will take place on Sat 16 July from 1pm – 5pm. Major anniversaries are looming for both the church and primary school – SS felt that there would shortly be notification of celebrations being organised. <p>Drem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that the road works had ended today. <p>Gullane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RD – was disappointed with the new parking arrangements at the bottom of Goose Green and felt that there were gaps which cars could pass through. GF felt that with so much erosion of the edges what has been effected would make the area look better and allow the grass to come through with possibly a little watering. JF will speak to the Golf Inn with a view to them watering the area to allow this to happen. Following meetings regarding the recent deer survey the Deer Commission have indicated that some control is required. Steve Baldry who has attended many of the CC meetings and spoken on this issue has agreed to take the project forward on behalf of the CC He will work closely with the various agencies. SB was thanked for taking on this complex issue. Mr and Mrs Dalton have now erected a deer fence which has helped with deer control issues within their own garden. It was noted that 10 gardens had been open for viewing under the garden scheme. <p>Aberlady</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HH advised that works were now completed on the Mair Road traffic calming. Colin Baird advised that the bus stop on the Main Street will be restored to the original site of the raised pavement and the shelter will be relocated. 	
8	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>500 houses in North Berwick – time to get involved was when the Local Plan was formulated. Concern was that no attention had been paid to the infrastructure. It was noted that the High School will be extended.</p> <p>There are three stages in planning:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local plan and numbers for area 2. Framework document – infrastructure. House type and road transport network and limit of number of houses. It was at this stage that the decision was taken to expand the High School. 3. Planning permission <p>North Berwick coastal museum – committee members required.</p> <p>It was agreed that Duncan should become a new Councillor – if he was interested! It was also suggested that Steve Baldry be co-opted on to the CC.</p> <p>GF concluded the meeting by thanking RD for his support during his 10 years as a Community Councillor. RD has worked tirelessly and with dignity and commitment and has always tried to support the community in which we live. GF also wished to thank his wife Gillian for her support especially with the distribution of the newsletter. RD has worked with various projects such as the Drs Surgery, skatepark, website, public toilet refurbishment and has had great success in all he has done. GF felt he was owed a huge debt of gratitude.</p>	
9	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will take place in Gullane Village Hall at 7pm on Thursday 28th July 2011.</p>	