

GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
 (Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane)
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
Held in Gullane Village Hall on Thursday 25 August 2011

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:	J Aitken	Chairperson (Aberlady)	A McIntosh	Gullane
	A Steel	Dirleton	V Sked	Gullane
	R Ainslie	Treasurer	D Sutherland	Gullane
	G Fraser	Gullane	PC Banks & PC Dobie	Lothian & Borders Police
	H Heenan	Aberlady	Cllr N Rankin	East Lothian Councillor
	J Findlay	Gullane	L Ogilvie	Secretary

Item	Title	Action By
1	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies were received from the following: SM.</p>	
2	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting with one alteration from JA to Item 8 in Any Other Business – the final sentence should read as follows: <i>AM advised that signage was being erected by ELC warning of a deer management plan in that area with a view to carrying out a cull.</i></p>	
3	<p>MATTERS ARISING – REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>GF had held discussions with the planners regarding the Drs surgery. It would appear that no traffic impact survey has been completed – planners do not envisage a huge increase in vehicular traffic. Colin Baird had suggested extending the double yellow line from the post office as a safety measure.</p>	
4	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>PC Banks reported to the meeting as follows:</p> <p>Aberlady Parking on crossing outside Londis will incur a fixed penalty and 3 points on a drivers licence. 5 August – sign stolen from Waterstone House. 21 August – Youths reported in school grounds. Officers were involved in a serious incident and did not attend – damage to the school occurred. 6 August – reported sighting of a big cat on the Aberlady to Haddington road.</p> <p>Gullane 28-29 July – pots stolen from La Potiniere – vehicle was required to move these pots. 3 August – two work vehicles broken into on Muirfield Terrace – nothing taken. 5 August – waterproofs and mobile phone taken from Gullane Golf Club 6 August – Gullane Games parade called off due to bad weather – games passed without incident. 8 August – Damage to two tents outside the Clubhouse. Possibly tried to set them alight. 16 August – Deer cull took place at Gullane Bents, repeated again on 18th and 25th August.</p> <p>Dirleton Speed camera van checks continue within the area.</p>	

	<p>Drem No incidents.</p> <p>There had been eight traffic incidents throughout the area during the month – all appear to have been driver error as opposed to fault on the roads.</p> <p>GF sought PC Bank’s opinion on extending East Links Road. PC Banks will look at the plans. PC Banks was advised that a lady had reported issues with parking on the roadway down passed the Library and she had been unable to pass down this road – PC Banks will check up on calls made as he was not aware of this. PC Banks did feel there could be road safety aspects if the roadway was widened. It was felt that there had been an accident recently when the fence outside the Mallard Hotel had been hit by a lorry.</p>	
5	<p>LOCAL PRIORITIES</p> <p>There are no new requests. A letter of thanks had been received for a grant awarded to Aberlady Village Hall.</p>	
6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>Bollards at goose green – JF</p> <p>JF advised that previously the CC had been approached by a resident of Goose Green regarding closure of part of the roadway and the installation of bollards. It had now come to JF’s attention that not all residents were in favour of such measures. In a survey of 15 houses 3 had been in favour with the rest against the plans to various degrees. It was agreed that the CC should write to ELC to make it clear that the idea does not have the approval of the bulk of the residents as we had originally been led to believe. JF will notify the person who brought this to the meeting originally. It was noted that the hedge at the junction is need of cutting back and this may help with sight lines.</p> <p>Muirfield Nursing Home</p> <p>GF had received an email regarding Muirfield Nursing Home which would involve the provision of 60 ensuite rooms, purpose built. There would be provision for 20 parking spaces and 85 people would be employed at the Nursing Home. The plans were strongly supported.</p> <p>Saltcoats farm and steading - plans to develop 4 bungalows</p> <p>GF advised that permission is required for new access to the site which involves moving the access road on Gullane Golf Club property. The plans submitted are to alter the access across the childrens golf course. Very little notice has been given and it was noted that many groups use the east links road area as a safe walkway to school. There are also concerns about increased traffic in the East Links Road area.</p> <p>Various people spoke at the meeting who all felt very strongly that this alteration to the road should not go ahead. A petition is ongoing within the village which will be handed to the CC. 29th August is the last date for consultation but the CC will note interest in this matter. A sub group (JF, AMcl, DS) will meet and co-ordinate a meeting with Gullane Golf Club. It was noted that the plans are factually incorrect. There was great concern that if the developer pays for the new access road it would be naïve to think that only four houses would be built.</p>	LO Letter written to ELC
7	<p>VILLAGE REPORTS</p> <p>Aberlady</p> <p>Car parking is still an ongoing issue at the Londis store. Planters had been suggested and a site meeting arranged but it had been decided that planters would restrict delivery vehicles. Other options are now under discussion.</p> <p>Double yellow lines at Sea Wynd – ongoing but no action as yet.</p>	

	<p>Bus stop/shelter – agreement had been reached to move the shelter but keep the stop. Colin Baird is dealing with this but has been on holiday. A lady from the floor felt that there had been inadequate consultation regarding this issue and that the initial discussion should have been held at a meeting in Aberlady and not in Gullane. All discussions on the subject had been minuted and she was made aware that discussions take place on all issues at all meetings rather than only in the village they relate to.</p> <p>HH had attended a meeting of the Nature Reserve Advisory Group who undertook their annual tour through the East Lothian reserves.</p> <p>It was noted that the ELC motorised street cleaning vehicle had swept School Road – this had been much appreciated.</p> <p>Gullane Plans are available to look over. AMcl advised management of the deer is underway and wished to thank Steve Baldry for all his work. ELC will provide signage to advise of the deer management.</p> <p>Dirleton and Drem Nothing to report.</p>	
8	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Public liability insurance for next year has been quoted as £137.80. It was agreed to accept this costing.</p> <p>It was agreed to make it clear in the next newsletter that meetings are rotated but that is not to disallow people the opportunity to raise points. All ward issues are discussed at each meeting. CC members travel to each of the meetings and no claims for travel expenses are made by Councillors.</p> <p>SS felt that the CC needed to find out more about the Community Planning Partnership and what they deal with as it was felt that some of their remit is currently dealt with by Community Councils. It was felt an explanation is required from ELC. It was agreed that officials should be invited to a future meeting to explain the situation. Kayla Scott and Stephanie Kerr are the representatives. HH felt that in 2009 a letter had been received to advise that Community Councils would not be affected by Local Community Planning. (At the end of the meeting it was decided not to invite Kayla and Stephanie to the next meeting).</p>	
9	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will take place in Gullane Village Hall at 7pm on Thursday 29th September 2011.</p>	