

MINUTES OF MEETING
Held in Dirleton Village Hall on Thursday 23rd February 2012

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:

A McIntosh (AM)	Gullane (Chairman)
R Ainslie (RA)	Gullane (Treasurer)
J Aitken (JA)	Aberlady
H Heenan (HH)	Aberlady
G Fraser (GF)	Gullane
S Morris (SM)	Drem
S Shorthouse (SS)	Gullane
Veronica Sked (VS)	Gullane
A Steel (AS)	Dirleton
CLr Rankin (CLr R)	East Lothian Councillor
L Ogilvie (LO)	Secretary

Item	Title	Action By
1	<p>APOLOGIES Apologies were received from the following: Jeremy Findlay and Duncan Sutherland. Jim Goodfellow attended the meeting.</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 amendment: Under item 4 second last paragraph Gilsland should be replaced by Ferrygate and should read as follows: CLr M advised that the land at Ferrygate is currently listed as DC1 Under Item It should be noted that the gentleman who spoke from the floor regarding the land to be sold as a site for employment was Mark White. The Chairman advised that the following letters had been sent: Mr Foy regarding the Goose Green tree planting, a letter supporting NBHS PTA and objecting to the proposed housing at Gilsland, and also to ELC re Fenton Barns objecting to the enabling build. Copies of all correspondence had previously been circulated to all CC members. GF had followed up the suggestion of a Jubilee Wood at Gosford but no indication of support from Gosford was forthcoming. It was noted that a conversation will take place with the current earl of Wemyss, James Neidpath. Drem lights will be carried forward to next month's meeting.</p>	
3	<p>LOCAL PRIORITIES AS advised of one application from Gullane Mini Hockey Club. Mark Lucas from the hockey club summarised as follows: The CC had previously helped with a grant to help purchase equipment and the club has gone from strength to strength. Every Sunday morning they train at facilities in Haddington which incurs a cost. The club offer taster afternoons to try and get as many children involved as possible. £600 is requested to cover the cost of training courses. Mark will undertake a Level 2 course which will then allow him to train other parents involved. Fund raising will be undertaken to help cover the costs. The meeting agreed to support the group for the sum of £600. Mark advised that an astroturf facility for the village would be excellent; possibly a joint venture by many local clubs. Mark will investigate funding possibilities. LO to email the civic pride documentation received today.</p>	LOV

	<p>There is now a sum of £1100 available to spend. AS advised that Dirleton Primary School have plans to celebrate their centenary year as have the Church but no recommendations have been received as yet. Groups are encouraged to come forward with any funding proposals. Funds should be committed by the end of March.</p> <p>The Chairman intimated that he would step down from the Local Priorities sub group; SS volunteered to take his place on the group. JF is in India at the moment and on his return this will be formalised.</p>	
4	<p>MATTERS ARISING – REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>A letter had been received today in connection with civic pride funding. This is available for projects that will make a difference in local areas. A sub group to discuss this was suggested.</p> <p>RA advised that Monday is the launch of an older peoples strategy. This seems to have had limited circulation and her knowledge of this did not come through the CC. Cllr R advised that other CCs have expressed their displeasure at not being invited to the event.</p> <p>It was noted with concern that no date has been given yet for the start of the build of the new Drs surgery and day centre in Gullane. GF advised that he had been advised that the matter is with planners and lawyers who are discussing who will look after the building following its completion; when this has been resolved things will move forward.</p> <p>The Chairman had received a copy of a letter sent to Mr Dalton from Cllr M; matters regarding the deer will now be left to the Deer Commission and ELC to take forward.</p>	
5	<p>POLICE REPORT – PC Banks reported as follows:</p> <p>Gullane There has been an increase in crimes of vandalism and nuisance behaviour in the area, carried out by two youths one of whom is local and has been charged with three of the offences and a further 17 are ongoing. PC Banks expressed great appreciation for the assistance from members of the community.</p> <p>Aberlady 3 February - a vehicle was broken into on Haddington Road and clothing/jewellery taken.</p> <p>Dirleton Hand held radar checks throughout Dirleton; they will continue for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>10 Road traffic accidents have occurred over the period mainly due to driver error. One elderly female obtained serious injury as a result of one of the accidents.</p> <p>Any incidents should be reported to the Police on 01620 893538 or to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. PC Banks can be contacted on colin.banks@lbp.pnn.police.uk</p> <p>It was noted that 999 should be used when a crime is ongoing and the above numbers at other times. The Police have leaflets detailing contact numbers and PC Banks will distribute.</p> <p>A traffic survey will be undertaken by the two traffic wardens who will be doing a walk round. If anyone has any issues they would like considered they should be passed to PC Banks.</p> <p>One call had been received regarding deer over the last month.</p> <p>Cllr R raised the issue of mud on roads; farmers used to clear this up, do they have an obligation to do this? PC Banks advised that before the hours of sunset they are required to do so. Any instances of this should be reported to the Police and will then be checked.</p>	
6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>GF advised that one item had been passed to SM for her consideration.</p> <p>SM advised that a deadline had been missed for making comment on three wind turbine applications.</p> <p>AS advised that the DVA had written objecting to an application for a wind turbine near Dirleton Castle. He noted that it was interesting that Historic Scotland had not raised any objection.</p> <p>RA had attended a meeting of the AOELCCs on planning aid. RA had arrived at 8pm to discover that the meeting had started at 6pm. Groups had consulted and their comments will now be considered. It was noted that CCs attending represented very different areas. A further meeting will take place at Halhill.</p>	

	<p>GF felt that there are so many groups and initiatives asking us to visualise many things; we can only do so much within our own area. Kaela Scott from LCPP asked to come along to the meeting but it had been agreed to leave this to another meeting. RA felt that the LCPP highlight youth issues and work well with young people in our area. It was felt that there is an element of duplication and that LCPP is not a democratic group; they are appointed by ELC and are another layer between the CC and ELC. Cllr M suggested that in some areas such groups are required as the CCs are not as actively involved in the community.</p> <p>JA was thanked for producing the newsletter with his sub-committee of GF, AM, and SS. JA will circulate the finished document and is hoping for no changes; printing will take place next week. Russell Dick's distribution list is available and volunteers are required. RA and GF will liaise and prepare the newsletter for distribution.</p>	
7	<p>VILLAGE REPORTS</p> <p>Aberlady</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bus shelter is now in place in its amended form. <p>Drem</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Dirleton - AS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DVA had met and have placed on hold their plans to purchase a defibrillator. The next meeting will take place on 22 March. Parking has now been formalised and works have begun. No-one has come forward as a new CC representative for the village. It was noted that AS has almost completed his four year term. <p>Gullane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VS advised of barbed wire along the top of a fence in The Falcons/Finches. PC Banks will look at this. SS – It had been brought to SS's attention that school children are departing the bus and gathering/using the road to West Fenton as a shortcut to the houses at the bottom of the Muirfield estate. This is unsafe. In the past the CC have supported not having a footpath on this roadway as its inclusion could lead to more houses being built. Pupils should get off the bus at the next stop and use the crossing. PC Banks will speak with Gordon Cuthill of First Bus and suggest this. PC Banks will be at the High School tomorrow and take this up with the Headmaster. 	
8	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>RA – Gullane School parking – there is a bay with double yellow lines which could be used as a drop off point for the school. PC Banks advised the problem stems from a neighbour dispute and a letter has been sent to residents in the area regarding parking. PC Banks suggested that the CC write to him and the removal of the double yellow lines can be considered as part of the parking survey.</p> <p>SS – would like sight of the risk assessment for the deer culling; this was prepared by Steve Baldry and SNH and considered very carefully by ELC. SS has concerns regarding safety and noise levels. AM will ask SB to pass SS a copy of the assessment. Neil Clark from ELC will meet with SNH next week and report back – it was agreed that matters regarding the deer should now be left to ELC and the Deer Commission to progress. It was suggested that ELC will hold a meeting to discuss the roe deer in Gullane Village Hall; as yet the CC have no details of the meeting.</p> <p>A new schedule with forthcoming CC meeting dates will be issued.</p> <p>The Costal Museum representative (Graeme Bettison) will attend the May meeting to give an update.</p>	<p>LO</p> <p>AM</p> <p>LO</p>
9	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will take place in Aberlady Kirk Stables on 29th March at 7pm.</p>	