

GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
(Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane)
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MINUTES OF MEETING
Held in Dirleton Church Hall on Thursday 31st May 2012

Present:	A McIntosh (AM)	Gullane (Chairman)
	J Findlay	Gullane
	S Morris (SM)	Drem
	D Sutherland (DS)	Gullane
	A Steel (AS)	Dirleton
	PC Colin Banks	Lothian & Borders Police
	Cllr Day (Cllr D)	East Lothian Councillor
	Cllr Goodfellow (Cllr G)	East Lothian Councillor
	L Ogilvie (LO)	Secretary

Item	Title	Action By
1	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies were received from the following: H Heenan, J Aitken, G Fraser, R Ainslie, S Shorthouse and V Sked.</p>	
2	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>SM was thanked for taking the minutes of the previous meeting and they were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting subject to the following amendments: Cllr S Mackinnon should be noted as present at the meeting. Under Item 6 Planning Matters the heading should read Gullane Surgery and Day Centre. Under Item 8 Mr Betterson should read as Mr Bettison.</p>	
3	<p>MATTERS ARISING – REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police report – speeding through the village of Kingston – resident extremely concerned and had written to East Lothian Courier. • Muirfield Nursing Home – delivery of correspondence had now been resolved. • Roe Deer – SNH have written to ELC regarding a policy for deer management – a copy of the letter will follow to the Chairman. • Dirleton – overgrown vegetation at west end of the village – this has been raised with ELC through SM. This has also been passed to Cllr D at the meeting of the DVA. • Press at the meetings – a brief press release to be considered at the end of each meeting. • Draft open space strategy – final document to be issued. • Angela Leitch - list of CC meeting dates. • RA had written a letter of thanks to retiring key holder of Gullane Village Hall. <p>The death of John Fortune had been noted with great sadness. John had been a stalwart member of the Community Council and following his retirement from the CC had continued to assist with various projects. The Chairman will write a letter of condolence to the family. The funeral will take place at Dirleton tomorrow and AS and SM will attend.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Graham Bettison for representing the CC on the North Berwick Coastal Museum group. Graham then gave a summary of his background for the benefit of</p>	Chair

	<p>the members advising that he had become involved through the history group and Bill Nimmo. He advised that three members of the committee had resigned including the Chairman and the group are now refocussing. One of the items on the agenda for the next meeting will be setting up the group as a limited company; Anderson Strathearn have agreed to take this forward and provide the necessary administration for this purpose, free of charge. A Business Plan will also be required. The appointment of Trustees will then be the next stage of the process and it is hoped that some individuals from the local wards may come forward to undertake this; or from the local History Societies. Thoughts on how best to use the museum space are required and various local groups have been asked to comment on this; a flexible space is required. It was noted that the CC had donated some funding to this project at an early stage. The Chairman thanked GB for his update and attendance at these meetings and looked forward to his further update at the meeting at the end of June.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>LOCAL PRIORITIES</p> <p>JF advised of an application from DVA for a heart defibrillator to be secured on the outside wall of the Castle Inn, Dirleton to allow access at all times. The location was of some concern to the meeting. The total cost will be £2168 and 50% of this cost has been requested. The sub-committee has discussed this application and recommends that a sum of £800 should be offered as a contribution with a condition attached that the defibrillator is placed in a secure area. This was agreed.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>POLICE REPORT – PC Banks</p> <p>During the period of the last report these are the incidents of note.</p> <p><u>GULLANE</u></p> <p>There has been an increase in the number of calls relating to youths in the area of Gullane Bents; these were attended to promptly due to early contact with the police.</p> <p>Between 1000 –1730 on 12/05/2012 – 5 sets of Golf Clubs were stolen from a vehicle outside the Clubhouse at Gullane Golf Club.</p> <p>Overnight 22/05 - 23/05 – At Kirklands, Main Street, Gullane, A window was broken within the extension currently being built and a Bench Saw was stolen.</p> <p>Afternoon of 13/03/2012 – An address at Hamilton Road was subject to a break in. Numerous small items were stolen; enquiries are ongoing.</p> <p><u>ABERLADY</u></p> <p>On 09/03/2012– Luffness Court Aberlady – a young person was chased along the street by two dogs from a garden; the young person sustained biting and scratch marks.</p> <p>Between 09-11/03/2012 – Aberlady Mains a circular chainsaw was stolen.</p> <p>On 3/4/12 - A gents Mountain bike was stolen from outside an address in Rigg Place</p> <p>Reports have been received that ‘parts’ Wipers etc have been removed from a vehicle at Kirk Road; please report any incidents immediately.</p> <p><u>DIRLETON</u></p> <p>On13/04/2012 – Washing was stolen from a line at The Gardens, Dirleton.</p>	

	<p>Hand held radar checks have been carried out throughout Dirleton on several occasions and will continue to be undertaken for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>PC Banks asked that over the summer months members of the public should be vigilant in locking up belongings as there are a greater number of visitors to the local area.</p> <p>PC Banks can be contacted at North Berwick Police Station on 01620 893538, or CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111 or by email on colin.banks@lbp.pnn.police.uk should anyone have any information on any of the above crimes or require any advice.</p>	
6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>AM has been over the planning applications and there is an issue which came to light yesterday regarding an application for an airstrip at Castlemains. This was originally mooted in 2006 and LO provided the minutes from April and May 2006 noting the details. A site meeting is planned for 10am on Friday, meeting at the road end to East Fenton Farm. The planning committee will meet on Wednesday 6th June. The Chairman asked those present at the meeting if they had any strong feelings on this issue. Surprise was expressed as we had not received any notification. In 2006 it had been noted that there was strong feeling against such a proposal and that WMcNie had left it to individuals to make their own responses to the application. The CC had written a letter of objection at the time objecting to the noise levels and it had been confirmed that a copy of this was held by ELC. The application has been made by a group of enthusiasts currently based in Edinburgh (East Lothian Aero Club) and the area would comprise of hangars, a tower and fuel storage taking in an area of 920m. 800 airstrip with a safety zone up to 920m. The original planning application had received support from ELC Economic Development Unit. The runway would be grass initially but with a possibility of conversion at a later date. The runway would be solely for the use of the Aero Club and not for business jets – there is no plan to allow conversion to a larger runway to take these larger jets. It was felt that the CC should have received notification of this proposal. Cllr G suggested that because of the length of time from the original proposal in 2006 it was possible that any notification had been sent to the wrong person.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that he had spoken with Alison Smith who would accept any objections tomorrow and a suggestion was made that it would be best to advise that someone would speak to the planning committee on 6th June as this could then be withdrawn if required.</p> <p>It was noted that the Planning Department would not uphold an objection on noise levels as they felt this was not an issue. The Chairman will register with Alison Smith leaving the option open to speak at the planning meeting but it was felt that the decision should be left to the planning committee. AS had asked for local opinion on the application and it would seem that there is no interest in this application. Might there be an issue with flooding in the area of the runway?</p> <p>The Chairman will attend both the site meeting and the planning meeting.</p> <p>Wind turbines planned for West Fortune will come under the Haddington area remit and it was felt that this CC should not make comment on this issue.</p> <p>AS asked for an update on the situation at Fenton Barns. This was an application for an enabling build to allow the building of a sewerage treatment works. Cllrs D and G will</p>	

	<p>check progress and report back to the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr G left the meeting.</p>	
7	<p>VILLAGE REPORTS</p> <p>Dirleton</p> <p>The DVA had met the previous Thursday and had prepared a list of all items outstanding from the previous administration. Cllr D will follow this up on their behalf.</p> <p>Drem</p> <p>Following the last meeting SM has met with three cyclists regarding the core paths. SM will now email Mr Russell to try to progress the missing strip at the bottom of the Chesters. It was noted that there are issues with the numbers of cars parking at Drem station and any additional cyclists using the path would be helpful.</p>	<p>Cllr D</p> <p>SM</p>
8	<p>AOCB</p> <p>The Chairman advised of a meeting of the ELCPP due to take place on 13th June and the strong feeling surrounding this group. This is an initiative from the Scottish Executive which is strongly pushing the initiative forward. Concerns have also been raised at NBCC regarding the necessity for such a group. There had been a meeting in North Berwick which had not been well attended. It was suggested that such groups work well in areas where there is not a strong CC involvement. JF agreed to attend the next meeting. It was noted from the floor that there are issues discussed at these groups that are of local interest; eg transport for both young and old people and a discussion had taken place concerning the Eddington Hospital in North Berwick; it was felt that there was merit in involvement with this agency. Cllr D will give a short summary at the next meeting on the initiative and how it is anticipated to take this forward within the community, and its purpose. It was also felt that there could be a duplication of police time at the ELCPP and also the CAPP meetings. It was felt that the CAPP meetings should be better attended as they are a very useful tool for the local community as definite targets are set throughout the area. It was deemed important to have participation from the area as a whole and not only from within North Berwick where the meetings take place.</p>	<p>JF</p> <p>Cllr D</p>
9	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Thursday 28th June at 7pm in Aberlady Kirk Stables.</p>	