

GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
 (Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane)
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST 2015

Held in Dirleton Kirk Hall

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:	J Findlay T Drysdale (TD) R Ainslie D McDonald (DMcD) V Sked (VS) M White (MW) A McCallum (AMc) Cllr J Goodfellow (CllrG) Cllr Tim Day PC Philip Davies T A Lonie (TAL)	Gullane Dirleton Gullane Dirleton Gullane West Fenton Aberlady East Lothian Councillor East Lothian Councillor Police Scotland Secretary
In attendance:	Katie Nevans	North Berwick Coastal Ward

Item	Title	Action By
1	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from: Malcolm Duck and Karen Chapman.	
2	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated by the Secretary, were confirmed as a true reflection of the meeting.	
3	MATTERS ARISING – REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation from Barton Willmore – TD stated that no planning application had been made as yet for the former Gullane Fire College site and that it is likely that an application for planning permission in principle will be lodged in September. TD to monitor and feedback at next meeting. • Coach House, Broadgait – planning application for artist’s studio and gallery/retail area – TD confirmed that he had lodged an objection on behalf of the Community Council as requested by Mr & Mrs Kirk, as agreed and that he had received acknowledgement of receipt from ELC. TD to monitor and feedback at next meeting. 	TD TD
4	POLICE REPORT The Police Report had been circulated in advance of the meeting by e-mail and Community Police Constable (PC) Philip Davies attended to present the report based on incidents between 30/07/15 and 26/08/15. Ward priorities are as follows, (please refer to the Police Report for details): Road Safety – one report of riding a moped without a licence or insurance. Road and speed checks carried out and parking tickets issued in Gullane. Antisocial Behaviour – two report of antisocial behaviour. Substance Misuse – one report of substance misuse. Theft – one report of theft. CAPP – The CAPP highlighted three areas of concern for the Coastal area:	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carry out hi-visibility patrols and speed checks in Lochbridge Road, at Law Road end, to tackle parking problems and inconsiderate driving. To be carried out between 0830hrs & 0900hrs during the week. 2. Tackle anti-social/careless driving on road to Yellowcraig car park. 3. Tackle youth related anti-social behaviour in Lodge Grounds, North Berwick. <p>The next CAPP meeting will take place on Wednesday 30th September at 7:30pm.</p> <p>The Chair thanked PC Davies for presenting the report and asked if there were any questions for him. Issues raised with PC Davies at the meeting included parking in front of Postcode Plumbers in Gullane (this has been addressed); complaints from Yellowcraig Caravan Park about ‘boy racers’ and the newly marked loading and disabled bay outside the Co-op in Gullane which currently has no signage, (Cllr Day to check as signage should be placed).</p> <p>The continuing issues with the parking charges at the beaches were also discussed and CllrD confirmed that as from April 2016 there would be parking attendants in post, employed by ELC who will have the power to give out fines for non-payment of parking fees. CllrG stated that approximately 50% of those now parking in the beach car parks have either paid for a ticket or have an annual pass displayed. The issue of speeding on the road down to Yellowcraig beach was also discussed with the ambiguity of speed limit on that road due to lack of signage. Cllr Day is currently investigating this problem.</p>	
5	<p>LOCAL PRIORITIES</p> <p>Application for contribution to purchase a defibrillator for village of Aberlady of £300 – an application has now been received via MD to contribute to the cost of purchasing a defibrillator at a total cost of £1000 to be situated outside Ducks Hotel. The Chair stated that the Local Priorities sub-group committee had agreed it in principle but that there was a slight issue in that Dirleton had previously requested a contribution for a defibrillator in their village, which had been rejected by GACC. The Chair apologised on GACC’s behalf and all those present agreed to the funding of £300 going forward.</p> <p>TD noted that the DVA may be putting forward an application for a contribution towards the cost of a new noticeboard for Dirleton Village and the Chair confirmed that this would be considered favourably.</p> <p>ACTION: Chair to instruct payment of £300 to Aberlady Gala Committee.</p>	Chair
6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SESplan – SDP2 – TD, MW & AMc had met yesterday to discuss the next round of strategic planning policy for the region, (refer to e-mail sent by TD on 27th August). Comments are sought by 30th September and TD will prepare a first draft on behalf of GACC. NBCC and GACC will hold a joint meeting on the proposals in the Hope Rooms, Forth Street, NB on Wednesday 9th September at 7:30pm. Two Senior Planners from ELC will give a presentation followed by a Q&A session. TD is keen to promote participation and has produced a press statement for EL Courier as well as an advertisement. It was agreed that the press statement would suffice due to the costs of advertising space. RA confirmed that there would be no charge for the hire of the Hope Rooms as it is owned by ELC. <p>ACTION: Meeting to be promoted on GACC website, Gullane News Facebook Page and via e-mail to DVA members. Chair, TD and DMcD to attend and all other CC members encouraged to attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Development at Drem (Strutt & Parker) – The Chair passed on a hard copy of the Strutt & Parker proposal for Drem and noted that on p.6 it referred to the land north of Drem being ‘owned’ by Cala Ltd although there are no 	VS/Chair/TD/DMcD

	<p>development rights. Cala are aware of the demand for a core path but this is not a high priority for regional planners currently and a strong objection to potential development in this area had been made in the recent MIR submission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hopetoun Terrace Planning Application – CllrG stated that he was carrying out a site visit tomorrow at Hopetoun Terrace and that the disputed application for parking would also be discussed at the next planning committee meeting on the 1st September. • Aberlady Tearoom Planning Application – an application has been made for change of use from a gallery to a tearoom in the village. AMc stated that most villagers were in favour of the application apart from the next door neighbour. No action from GACC required. 	
7	<p>WEBSITE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMc reported that there had been some progress with the creation of a facebook page but that he would need assistance from Gary Hitchen in order to link the facebook page to the GACC website. • VS informed the group of changes that needed to be made to the Councillor section and news items (refer to AOCB). RA reminded CCs that Lilian Pryde at ELC needed to be informed of any changes to Councillors or their situations. 	
8	<p>VILLAGE REPORTS</p> <p>Aberlady – AMc reported that the CC Bench in the village had now been fixed as well as the poor drainage issue on Sea Wynd and he thanked ELC for attending to these problems.</p> <p>Dirleton –TD updated the meeting on the new website for the village which is now accessible at www.dirletonvillage.co.uk TD reported that this was going to be a very helpful tool to promote local activities and that all CC meetings up until the end of the year have been posted in the diary of events section in the hope that the public will take more interest and attend future meetings.</p> <p>New noticeboard – proposal for a new noticeboard to be situated next to the Castle Inn. The DVA are likely to put forward an application to the LPF sub-group committee once plans have been finalised and funding will be sought from GACC, DVA and Dirleton Fete & Games.</p> <p>Drem – SM was not present at the meeting.</p> <p>Gullane – Parking issues were raised by VS (refer to section 4. Police Report) and RA requested that ELC deregulate the parking bay outside Gullane Primary School (GPS) and remove the double yellow lines as this has become a road safety issue. Although there is a sign which states ‘only during school hours’, confusion is caused with the presence of double yellow lines. Cllr G confirmed that historically this was a drop-off zone and suggested RA contact him so that he can look into the matter. CllrG also said he would raise the matter at the next PCC meeting at GPS. RA also raised the issue of parking on pavements around Muirfield Terrace /Drive. CllrG agreed to raise this at the next CAPP meeting as Police can issue tickets to stop this happening. This also applies to the parking happening on pavements opposite the Co-op store and the Chair would raise this also at the next CAPP meeting on the 30th September.</p> <p>The Chair raised the issue of the large number of deer in the village and on the golf course and a request for a cull from some of the residents. He had spoken to David Morgan of Gullane Golf Club who stated that had no right to employ or encourage people to shoot deer on their land. It was confirmed that only ELC can authorise a deer cull and that this was a sensitive issue.</p> <p>ACTION: ELC to investigate problem and assess numbers of deer.</p> <p>West Fenton - MW had nothing to report.</p>	
9	<p>ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS (AOCB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NBC Area Partnership – ‘3 Wishes’ suggestions – DMcD handed out a copy of the suggestion list he had compiled with suggestions being submitted from Martin 	

	<p>White, Donald McDonald and two suggestions from the DVA (refer to list for details).</p> <p>Other suggestions put forward at the meeting were traffic-calming measures on the main road passing through the Gullane golf courses and the refurbishment of the toilet block at Gullane Bents Beach.</p> <p>ACTION: E-mail suggestions to DMcD to add to the list</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Community Development Officer (CDO), NB Coastal Ward – Katie Nevans attended the meeting and introduced herself as the new CDO for NB Coastal Ward (replacing Sandra King) and seconded to the post for 23 months. She has had 13 years experience working in the community in particular youth work, and is keen to be involved with all communities in the area. <p>ACTION: Katie to be added to the circulation list for GACC minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach Car Parking Charges – TD referred to the article in the EL Courier today about the parking charges going towards funding of traffic wardens rather than to improve the state of the car parks as previously indicated by ELC. He pointed out that the surface potholes at Yellowcraig beach car park had still not been fixed and this was reducing the useable area of the car park by up to 30%. The toilets were also out of order on his last visit and he stated the unfairness for those who had purchased an annual pass when he had observed that some of the cars had not purchased a parking ticket. He asked CllrG if any enforcement was in place. CllrG apologised for the potholes not being fixed at Yellowcraig and assured the CC that plans were in place. He also assured those present that money raised through parking charges will go towards the maintenance of the car parks and ranger services as well as helping to pay for the traffic wardens. RA asked CllrG how many traffic wardens will be employed by ELC and CllrG confirmed that, depending on the season, there would be between 1.5 – 3 wardens taken on for the coastal car parks in our area. • Bookings of Village Halls for GACC 2016 Meetings – RA pointed out that it was time to book the halls for 2016. It was agreed that TD book Dirleton Kirk Hall, AMc to book Aberlady Kirk Stables and RA to book Gullane Village Hall. TD requested a list of dates for the meetings in 2016 and RA agreed to check the dates for the last Thursday in every month for 2016 apart from December. VS agreed to upload dates of the 2016 meetings to the website. • GACC Councillor Vacancies – RA alerted members that there were vacancies that would need to be advertised and the need for a fair gender/age and socio-economic distribution within the CC. It was agreed that it was up to each village to put forward suitable candidates and that they should be made aware of the responsibilities of taking up an elected position on GACC. • George Fraser – The Chair reported the sad news that George Fraser had passed away recently. George was a past Chairman of GACC and was a recipient of a long service award by ELC. All present agreed how much they appreciated his commitment and dedication to the Community Council and that he will be sorely missed. An appreciation will be posted on the website. 	<p>Chair/VS/DMcD</p> <p>TAL</p> <p>TD/AMc/RA/VS</p> <p>All</p>
10	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Thursday 24th September 2015 at 7:30pm in Aberlady Kirk Stables.</p>	