

GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
 (Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane)
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28th JANUARY 2016

Held in Aberlady Kirk Stables

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:	J Findlay (Chair)	Gullane
	T Drysdale (TD)	Dirleton
	R Ainslie (RA)	Gullane
	D McDonald (DMcD)	Dirleton
	V Sked (VS)	Gullane
	J Hendry (JH)	Gullane
	M White (MW)	West Fenton
	S Morris (SM)	Drem
	A McCallum (AMc)	Aberlady
	Cllr Jim Goodfellow (CllrG)	East Lothian Councillor
	T A Lonie (TAL)	Secretary
	NB: A number of members of the public were also present (12 in total)	

Item	Title	Action By
1	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from: Malcolm Duck, Karen Chapman and Cllr Tim Day	
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 with the exception of a minor amendment in item 2. – ‘action by’ should state MD and not MW.	TAL
3	MATTERS ARISING – REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENCE None to report	
4	POLICE REPORT A police report was e-mailed in advance of the meeting to the Chair but no representative from Police Scotland was present at the meeting. The report was based on incidents over the last month with 96 calls being made to the Police. Ward priorities are as follows: Road Safety – Operation Kestrel took place over the last few weeks with officers carrying out mobile patrols and speed checks in the area as well as numerous breath tests on motorists. Officers are aware of the CAPP priority of anti-social motorists in Gullane Bents and will continue to monitor this area. Antisocial Behaviour – numerous reports of vandalism to vehicles in the Hopetoun Terrace area of Gullane have been received over the last month and Officers are seeking information. Housebreaking – more housebreakings were reported in the last month including one in Aberlady on 13/12/15 and three in Gullane. This issue remains a priority in East Lothian and the housebreaking team are continuing with their enquiries. Parking – Officers will continue to give attention to the Main Streets and primary schools as well as Aberlady Nature Reserve, which is a new CAPP priority. The date of the next CAPP meeting is Wednesday 24 th February	

5	<p>LOCAL PRIORITIES</p> <p>Application from Gullane & Dirleton History Society (GDHS) to replace a projector – further to receiving an application from GDHS’s Chairman, Mr Michael Thompson requesting 50% funding of the total cost of a replacement projector, it has been confirmed to GACC that the total cost of the projector was £467 and they were requesting GACC pay half (total: £233:50). The Local Priorities sub-group had agreed this was reasonable and the approval of those members present at the meeting was sought. A vote was taken and all present agreed to the funding.</p> <p>ACTION: Chair to arrange funds transfer to GDHS.</p>	Chair
6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Anaerobic Digestion Plant at Ballencrieff – TD had recently spoken to the Planning Officer regarding this application who said there were still a number of issues to be resolved. The report has also been delayed due to the owner of the old steading in the forest putting a planning application in to convert the steading to a dwelling house. ACTION: TD to monitor situation and feedback to GACC at future meetings. • Proposed Housing Development at Gullane Fire Services College Site – TD stated that he had also spoken to the same Planning Officer for an update on the planning application at the site of the old Gullane Fire Services College. The Officer reported that there were still some issues being resolved before a decision on the application could be made. ACTION: TD to monitor situation and feedback to GACC at future meetings. • Local Development Plan (LDP): Gullane - TD had attended a meeting with CALA last week, referred to below under Dirleton, when they told him that they expect to be the developers for Saltcoats Field and Fenton Gait East sites in Gullane. They are keen to show their proposals to the community during the early stages and are happy to come to a future GACC meeting to present their proposals. ACTION: TD to ask Derek Lawson (Development director of CALA) and Tony Thomas, Planning Consultant appointed by CALA, to attend the next meeting in Gullane on Thursday 25th February. RA to book the Recreation Hall as high attendance is likely as there has been significant concern about the development on Saltcoats Field from the local community. Dirleton – CALA are progressing proposals for a development of 30 houses on lans at Castlemains Place, which has been designated for housing in the draft LDP. CALA are interested in meeting the DVA and are looking for community input to the planning application, which is likely to be submitted by the summer. They will attend a meeting in Dirleton on 18th February to meet local residents and propose to hold a public consultation event in Dirleton on 9 March. Longniddry – TD also noted that a public planning consultation regarding the development of around 400 houses will be taking place at Longniddry Inn on Saturday 20th February from 10am and that he hopes to attend and will report back at the next meeting. 	TD/RA
7	<p>COASTAL AREA PARTNERSHIP (CAP)</p> <p>DMcD reported on the recent meeting of CAP with the focus on going through the ‘wish list’ for the coming year, which was covered to some extent. The next meeting will be held in March and the draft plan (an 84 page document) will need to be considered by all GACC members before the next meeting. DMcD re-iterated the importance of representation of GACC at the meetings in order that local priorities could be considered, citing the recent success of the agreement by CAP to refurbish the toilets in Dirleton at a cost of £18,000. Aberlady Village Association (AVA) represented at the meeting showed an interest to be members of CAP.</p> <p>ACTION: DMcD to e-mail CAP draft plan to all GACC members to consider and come back with their comments in seven days time. DMcD to refer AVA for CAP membership.</p>	DMcD/All

	commitment shown to GACC over the many years Rosanne has served on the Community Council. TD stated what a tremendous loss it was for GACC and how Rosanne would be sorely missed.	
11	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will take place on Thursday 25 th February 2016 at 7:00pm in Gullane Recreation Hall.	