

Gullane Area Community Council

Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane
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Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 28th April 2016, 7.30pm at Aberlady Kirk Stables

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:	Jeremy Findlay, Chair (JF)	Gullane
	Tom Drysdale (TD)	Dirleton
	John Hendry (JH)	Gullane
	Veronica Sked (VS)	Gullane
	Donald McDonald (DMcD)	Dirleton
	Sian Morris (SM)	Drem
	Angus McCallum (AMcC)	Aberlady
	Martin White (MW)	West Fenton
	PC Iain Paterson (IP)	Community Ward Officer
	Cllr David Berry (CllrB)	East Lothian Councillor
	Cllr Jim Goodfellow (CllrG)	East Lothian Councillor
	Tony Thomas (TT)	CALA Planning Consultant
	Lynne Simpson (LS)	Secretary
	Tracy Lonie (TAL)	Outgoing Secretary
	7 members of the public	

No	Item	Action
1	Apologies Apologies were received from: Malcolm Duck (MD), Karen Chapman (KC), Rosanne Ainslie (RA) and Cllr Tim Day (CllrD).	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated by MW, were confirmed as a true reflection of the meeting with the exception of two minor amendments: to correct the title for MP George Kerevan (agenda items 6 and 9); and to clarify which road was referred to going west from North Berwick (A198 - agenda item 9)	MW
3	Matters arising – replies to correspondence JF expressed his thanks to outgoing secretary TAL for all her hard work and introduced new secretary LS.	
4	Police report IP apologised for missing the last meeting, and presented the police report covering February to April 2016. It will revert to a monthly report for the May meeting. Ward priorities are: Road safety <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11 tickets were issued in relation to Road Traffic offences, 7 of which were for speeding in Aberlady.• There were several reports of speeding motor bikes on the A198 entering Aberlady.• There were three further reported incidents.• The mobile speed-check van is to be deployed more regularly in the Coastal Area during the summer months to help deter speeding.• The issue of speeding on the Ballencrieff to Drem road was raised. The matter had been discussed at a previous meeting and had been put on the CAPP Priority list. However, because of demand for the speed camera van elsewhere in the area, this action had yet to be implemented by the Police. It was therefore carried forward as a priority.	

	<p>Antisocial behaviour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 incidents were reported, all in Gullane. 2 related to theft from shops and the other was vandalism to a vehicle. <p>Housebreaking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 business / club premises were broken into. There were 2 house break-ins in Gullane, one of which resulted in cars being stolen. Similar incidents have occurred in other towns and villages around Edinburgh, and IP reminded everyone to avoid leaving car keys near the front door, as they are an easy target. Charges have been made in connection with the Gullane break-ins, however it is thought a number of other individuals regularly carry out this type of crime in the area. <p>Parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This continues to be an on-going concern and will be given attention. <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 other incidents were reported during the 3-month period. There is an ongoing operation to target doorstep crime ClrB commented that looking over the last 10 years' statistics suggests there is now less crime in the area than in the past. VS made the point that social media has increased awareness and discussion within the community of crimes that do take place, which may create a perception of more crime being committed. <p>The date of the next CAPP meeting is Wednesday 25th May 2016.</p>	
5	<p>Local priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aberlady Boys Football Club requested funding for 50% of the cost of providing new equipment, the total of which is £786. The Local Priorities sub group had agreed this was reasonable and approval was sought from the meeting. This was agreed unanimously by the meeting. JF to arrange for fund transfer JF highlighted that it looks like £5,008 remains uncommitted in the budget for this year, which has been carried forward and there is now £11,920 that can be spent between now and 31 March 2017. KC to check that these figures are correct. All present are to encourage local organisations to apply where appropriate. JF to check figures above with ELC as they do not show recent grant to Dirleton History Society. Spending allocated to Gullane Village Hall for a community signboard is being challenged and may not go ahead, as it now looks as if the proposal is too complicated to implement. JF to get confirmation that grant no longer required. 	<p>JF</p> <p>KC All</p> <p>JF</p> <p>JF</p>
6	<p>Planning matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JF asked for approval for a public meeting in Gullane, to be held on 18th May in the Village Hall, to discuss the proposed housing developments in Gullane. The meeting will be jointly sponsored by GACC and Gullane Primary PTA. All agreed and JF to send VS wording for publicity material, meeting to be advertised in local businesses and on Gullane Community Facebook page. Gullane Fire Services College site TD provided update. ELC has approved the development in principal subject to some conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns over increased traffic in Muirfield Drive still to be resolved, both for new residents and for construction traffic Request for provision of limited amount of business space to be resolved The proposed foot path to Garleton Court will go ahead despite objections as 	<p>JF, VS</p>

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	<p>pedestrian integration with existing housing is important. The site is now on the market and potential developers will be expected to provide detailed development plans in due course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Anaerobic Digestion Plant at Ballencrieff Decision by ELC on this application has been carried forward as proposal by planning officer was that the plant would not operate at night, however the applicant had advised that it is the nature of these plants that they need to operate continuously. The application is likely to come before the Planning Committee again in June. • CllrB commented that while each application is normally looked at on its own merits the current scale of proposed housing developments means they also need to be taking into consideration together, particularly given the combined impact on local infrastructure. JF, TD and MW to meet with Iain McFarlane, senior ELC planning officer, on 02/05/16 with this in mind. • Still waiting on report from George Kerevan MP as agreed at the previous GACC meeting. • The Community Council has objected to the proposed development at 11 West Fenton Cottages on the grounds that what was proposed was at odds with its Grade 2 listed status. 	
7	<p>Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VS – web page license registration to be completed by treasurer by 22nd June. JF or KC to speak to RA as becoming urgent. • JH to provide a photo and biography for website • VS provided stats on site usage. On 27th April 28 different users viewed the website. The most viewed page was the previous minutes with 8 users. 	<p>JF/KC</p> <p>JH</p>
8	<p>Village Reports</p> <p>Aberlady – AMcC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent presentation on proposed housing development at east end of the village had been well attended, around 100 people from the village were present and 40 feedback forms were returned. Key concerns are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increased traffic ○ Traffic access and connectivity around and through the site ○ Impact on schools ○ Likely price of units ○ Impact on LAP <p>Dirleton – TD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DVA met in April to discuss two proposed development sites in the village, one each by Muir Homes and CALA, with around 36 new houses at each site. The LDP only provides for 30 new homes in total. DVA have not yet agreed a response to planners. TT confirmed that CALA planning application to be submitted on 20/05/16. <p>Drem – SM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report <p>Gullane – VS & JF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gullane News Group on Facebook has flagged increased concerns about crime, in particular housebreaking. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions on the relocation of the Post Office are ongoing, with Gullane Library now being investigated as an option. • JF to meet with TT prior to public meeting about proposed housing developments in order to get CALA feedback on the points raised at the consultation meetings held in March. TT confirmed planning application likely to be submitted in June. • East of Scotland Deer Association has requested to attend the GACC meeting in May to speak about the deer population in Gullane. A representative from Scottish Natural Heritage may also attend. • CllrB had attended a very lively meeting in Gullane Primary School about the impact on educational provision of the proposed housing developments. KC was the GACC representative at that meeting and is to produce a report to share with the rest of the group. <p>West Fenton – MW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A dangerous tree has now been removed. • A paper has been circulated to the group on the proposed Saltcoats Field development in Gullane, and the impact this may have on West Fenton Lane. The paper has two sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Impact on road users – the road is heavily used by horse riders, cyclists, runners and dog walkers, with only very light traffic at present ○ The principles of use of a country lane – a more technical section on how to limit the speed of traffic on such roads. <p>MW proposed an amendment to include a sentence on site access, and was looking for approval from the meeting to pass this paper on to CALA. This was unanimously agreed. MW to update document and pass to JF who will forward to CALA.</p> <p>TT stated that Cala would be meeting Fenton Gait residents on 19/05/16 to discuss their concerns with the proposed new developments.</p>	<p>JF</p> <p>KC</p> <p>MW, JF</p>
9	<p>Any other competent business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MW requested feedback on the 99 Objects exhibition held at the Coastal Communities museum in North Berwick. A number of those present had attended it and were very complimentary. 	
10	<p>Date and venue of next meeting Thursday 26th May 2016 at 7.00pm in Gullane Village Hall</p>	