

**GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
(Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane)  
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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2014**  
**Held in Dirleton Church Hall**

**Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting**

Present:	T Drysdale (TD)	Dirleton
	R Ainslie (RA)	Gullane
	G Fraser (GF)	Gullane
	D McDonald (DMcD)	Dirleton
	V Sked (VS)	Gullane
	M Duck (MD)	Aberlady
	I Malcolm (IM)	Aberlady
	ClIr Berry (ClIrB)	East Lothian Councillor
	ClIr Day (ClIrD)	East Lothian Councillor
	ClIr Goodfellow (ClIrG)	East Lothian Councillor
	PC Banks	Police Scotland
	L Ogilvie (LO)	Secretary

Item	Title	Action By
1	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Apologies were received from the following: JF, SM, FB, and AMcC. TD in the chair .	
2	<b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b> The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with amendments as previously circulated.	
3	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING – REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>The Chair will send a letter of thanks to FB for all her valuable work with the Community Council. It is hoped that FB will remain a co-opted member and attend meetings when she can.</p> <p>The original planning application for Hopetoun Terrace, Gullane has been withdrawn. The revised application has been removed from the list and will go to committee. The CC will be notified at the appropriate time. It was noted that many people had expressed concerns regarding this application.</p> <p>VS had corresponded with ELC regarding the pathway from Gullane to Dirleton and had been advised that responsibility to cut back hedges etc is with the owner of adjoining ground, who has been asked to cut back the vegetation. Stuart Baxter from ELC is looking into repairs to the path.</p> <p>ClIr B advised of a new Community Warden for the area – Keith Tait. Keith hopes to attend more meetings in the area.</p> <p><b>Meeting with Angela Leitch</b></p> <p>A meeting between members of the CC and Angela Leitch, Chief Executive of ELCC had taken place, at which communications between the CC and ELC were discussed.. As the meeting was informal, no minutes had been taken. MD felt that the meeting had been very positive and had opened very clear lines of communication. Ms Leitch was keen to know of any problems. ClIr B advised that ELC can also act as a catalyst for funding projects. Funding has not been cut for social work and education.</p> <p>An example of how the CC could help might be in hanging baskets for their own area with the CC providing assistance with watering. TD commented that this is what happens in Dirleton, with the DVA.</p>	Chair
4	<b>LOCAL PRIORITIES</b> IM thanked the committee for the award for Aberlady as per last month's minutes.	

5	<p><b>POLICE REPORT</b></p> <p>PC Banks apologized for being out at various events much of the past month and as such had not been in the community as much as he would wish. The following points were noted:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that youths are gathering in the area at Dirleton Castle and this will be monitored.</li> <li>• The safe at the Golf Inn in Gullane had been broken into and an amount of money taken.</li> <li>• MD advised of a vandalised car outside his premises in Aberlady – PC Banks advised that this should be reported to the Police.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Berry advised that following the CAPP meeting last night priorities for the area will remain as per last month; parking in North Berwick, anti-social behavior in an area of North Berwick and a third priority is to be suggested by this area. RA suggested speeding should be considered. Details of speeding should be passed to PC Banks with any registration numbers of vehicles. It was suggested that social media could be used to name and shame offenders but it was felt that advising the Police of details was the best way forward. Cllr G will discuss the possibility of a no parking sign at Rigg Street, Aberlady – on the grass area. The area is being used for parking and vehicle maintenance and this is a problem when ELC are grass cutting.</p>	CllrG
6	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS</b></p> <p>Mungoswells, Wind Turbine – this application has now been withdrawn but it was felt there may be a further application in the future. The site is on the boundary between this ward and the Haddington ward. GACC will have an interest in any future application. The letter from Tim and Susan Jackson does not now require action.</p> <p>Gullane Deli – There is a planning application in today for alterations to the front of the shop and an awning See also below re license application).</p> <p>Two applications relating to Archerfield. Duncan’s plantation has not been developed but the previous permission granted in 2011 will expire soon and requires to be renewed – it was felt that the same conditions as in the original permission should be imposed. A second application by the same owner to develop three house at far end of the Village is also due to expire and requires to be renewed. Cllr B advised that the original plan was for 100 houses maximum on this site and that this has now been exceeded. A hotel was to be built but lodges have been built instead. TD felt that there was not a strong view in Dirleton against the applications.</p> <p>IM passed TD two government strategic planning publications for his perusal.</p>	
7	<p><b>WEBSITE</b></p> <p>VS had met with FB and Gary Hitchin, who had set up the website. AMcC is keen to have a facebook site for the CC and he will discuss this with Gary. IM asked whether payment to John Aitken had been resolved. This will be checked with FB and if required an account sent to RA.</p> <p>It was agreed that in future draft minutes will be sent to JF and then on to all members. On receipt of their changes LO will format a draft to be placed on the website until adoption at the next meeting. It was agreed to undertake a three month trial on this basis.</p>	VS  LO/VS
8	<p><b>VILLAGE REPORTS</b></p> <p><b>Gullane</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RA gave a vote of thanks to the gentleman who cleans the grass verges for ELC. It is understood his name is Gordon and he does an excellent job.</li> <li>• There had been an article on the Gullane New site regarding the opening times of the fair on the village green. It was believed the closure was due to the charge for the facility. Cllr B explained the charging system and stressed that such charges were not a money spinner for ELC.</li> <li>• A number of local residents had received a letter in connection with the planning application for the wind turbine at Mungoswells. It was felt that any turbine would not be too close to the monument at Chesters (see also above under Planning Matters).</li> </ul>	

