

GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
 (Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane)
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30TH JULY 2015

Held in Gullane Village Hall

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:	T Drysdale (TD) M Duck (MD) D McDonald (DMcD) S Morris (SM) V Sked (VS) M White (MW) Cllr J Goodfellow (CllrG) CS Teresa Gover T A Lonie (TAL)	Dirleton Aberlady Dirleton Drem Gullane West Fenton East Lothian Councillor Police Scotland Secretary
In attendance:	Michael Ward Iain Hynd Russell Munn Professor Gordon & Mrs Jane Kirk	Barton Willmore Barton Willmore Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Gullane residents

Item	Title	Action By
1	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from: Jeremy Findlay (Chair), Rosanne Ainslie, Karen Chapman, George Fraser 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.	
3	PRESENTATION FROM BARTON WILLMORE, PLANNING CONSULTANTS FOR THE FORMER GULLANE FIRE COLLEGE Barton Willmore (BW), represented by Iain Hynd and Michael Ward from the Edinburgh Office, gave an informative presentation on the proposed plans for the former Gullane Fire College, which was closed in March of this year. In attendance was also Russell Munn, representing the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, who had travelled from Glasgow to attend the meeting. A 15-minute presentation was given with time for questions. A hard copy of the presentation was given to TD, Acting-Chair for this meeting in Jeremy Findlay's absence. BW provided two different options for the site, which is likely to be submitted by the end of August for planning permission in principle before the site is put forward for sale to a new purchaser. Research carried out by BW had shown that the most appropriate use of the site was for residential development with associated infrastructure and landscaping. TD raised concern for the lack of small workshop/business units in the plan as a need for these had been identified in local consultation by the CC during the MIR consultation process. VS also raised concern over the increased traffic and disruption during the build and further access from Muirfield Drive considering that this was the only road to enter for Gullane Primary School. TD thanked the representatives for attending the meeting and was grateful for sparing the time to present to the meeting, (please refer to section 7: Planning Matters for further comments).	
4	MATTERS ARISING – REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Response letter from the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAB) - DMcD to seek permission from the person involved in recent incident for their contact details to be passed onto SAB. 	DMcD

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Police Scotland – TAL had contacted Police Scotland and CS Teresa Gover had confirmed that she would attend the meeting and hopes to regularly attend future meetings. A Police Report had been forwarded by PS and circulated by TD on the day of the meeting. ● Local Priorities – DVA has now received payment of £300 from GACC & MD still to complete application form for funding of defibrillator, (refer to section 6: Local Priorities). ● MIR – the next meeting of representatives of the CCs will be next Tuesday (4th August) in the Town House, Haddington to discuss the SESplan2 consultation. TD, MW and AMc plan to attend and TD proposed they meet before the next GACC meeting in August to prepare a draft response to SESplan2 to be discussed at the August CC meeting and finalised at the September one. ● Gullane Post Box (outside old Post Office) – has now been removed and post can be left at the counter in Day to Day store on Stanley Road. ● Website – please refer to section 8: Website. ● Village Reports – MD will speak to Ian Malcolm regarding traffic issues in Aberlady and will give feedback at next meeting. Please refer to section 9: Village Reports for further comments. ● Local Area Partnership (LAP) – last meeting held on 30th June with decision for two Co-Chairs to act as Chair for six months concurrently. Co-Chairs appointed were Sue Northrop and Lesley Kay who are undergoing induction training with ELC. Refer to 'three wishes' initiative in AOCB. ● Scottish Open Golf – feedback positive but some local businesses affected by cones placed during the two weeks either side of the Scottish Open and some traffic disruption caused by the temporary traffic lights on the main road at west end of Gullane. 	
5	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>The Police Report had been circulated in advance of the meeting by e-mail and Community Sergeant (CS) Teresa Gover attended to present the report based on incidents between 26/06/15 and 30/07/15. Ward priorities are as follows, (please refer to the Police Report for details):</p> <p>Road Safety – four reports of road incidents Antisocial Behaviour - one report of antisocial behaviour Substance Misuse - no incidents of note Theft - two reports of theft</p> <p>Scottish Open Golf, Gullane - this event took place between 8th and 12th July and passed without any major incidents. There was a daily police presence on course and within Gullane village targeting any traffic or parking disruption. It was noted by Mrs Kirk, a Gullane resident, that the Police had been very efficient and helpful during the Open.</p> <p>CAPP – The CAPP highlighted three areas of concern for the Coastal area:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tackle speeding motorists on the A198 east of Aberlady, just before the step-up to 60mph. 2. Carry out high visibility patrols of the new 20mph area in Lochbridge Road, North Berwick tackling speeding and parking problems, (especially during the first week of the new school term – from 19th August). 3. Tackle anti-social behaviour in relation to the 'Fringe by the Sea' Festival, Yellowcraig car park/beach and licensed premises in North Berwick. <p>The next CAPP meeting will take place on Wednesday 26th August at 7:30pm</p> <p>TD thanked CS Gover for presenting the report and asked if there were any questions for her. MW pointed out that there had been a second incident of fly-tipping in the same location in West Fenton during the Scottish Open and that this had been reported and been removed by</p>	

	East Lothian Council (ELC). CS Gover confirmed that it is a criminal offence to carry out fly-tipping.	
6	<p>LOCAL PRIORITIES</p> <p>Application for £300 towards Website Design Costs from Dirleton Village Association (DVA) – TD confirmed that the DVA had received payment of £300 and were grateful of GACC’s contribution.</p> <p>Application for contribution to purchase a defibrillator for village of Aberlady (approximately £300) – this is ongoing and MD will download a copy of the application form from the GACC website and submit for consideration for the next LP sub-group committee meeting. TD noted that the DVA may be putting forward an application for a contribution towards the cost of a new noticeboard for Dirleton Village.</p> <p>ACTION: Proposal to be discussed at the next meeting in August.</p>	MD TD
7	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coach House, Broadgait - planning application for artist’s studio and gallery/retail area – Professor Gordon & Mrs Anne Kirk, local Gullane residents, attended the meeting to express a strong objection to this planning application with a request for GACC to submit an objection to ELC in support of them and up to 6/7 households on Broadgait. Professor & Mrs Kirk put forward their arguments and thanked the meeting for considering their objections. After the Kirks had left the meeting, a discussion ensued and support for lodging an objection to the ‘retail use’ of the planning application was agreed. TD offered to draft an objection for the members to consider, the lodging deadline being 4th August. ACTION: TD to draft an objection on behalf of the Kirks and Broadgait residents and confirmation required of support of other residents. • Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Presentation – feedback was sought on the presentation given by Barton Willmore representatives at the beginning of the meeting. DMCD raised concern over the ‘planning in principle’ in that whoever purchases the site from SFRS could change the plans and re-submit to ELC. CllrG suggested that the CC could make comment that they are comfortable with the planning in principle providing that certain conditions are met including the retention of Henderson House (the former hotel building), no more than 110 housing units, provision for some small workshop/business units and sensitivity shown towards affordable housing (with the ability to accommodate larger families), new access routes and landscaping. It was also noted by VS that there had been no mention of site construction and access issues but CllrG assured the group that there are strict controls on traffic movements relating to Construction sites. ACTION: TD to prepare a preliminary draft response to SFRS’s ‘planning in principle’ application for consideration. Planning application is likely to be lodged by SFRS by end of August. Response to be posted on GACC website for community. BW offered a ‘view only’ readable version of their presentation linked from their website to ours. • Proposed Development at Drem (Strutt & Parker) – it was agreed by SM & MW that these proposed plans were very speculative and that there was no value to a meeting at this stage and we can wait until a later stage in the planning process. Concern was raised over the indicative number of houses proposed (up to 6,000) and the lack of infrastructure to support such development in this area. CllrG pointed out that SESplan2 is suggesting a lot of houses but 75% of the requirement would be for affordable houses, likely to be less appealing to property developers. It also suggests an emphasis on housing developments being located closer to Edinburgh. • East Lothian Courier Coverage – a feature outlining plans for more houses at Wallyford. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next meeting in August. 	TD
8	<p>WEBSITE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMc was not present at the meeting to give an update on the progress of the facebook page for GACC. • VS informed the group that Gary Hitchen has now updated the GACC website with KC & 	

	<p>at our local beaches, the inappropriate positioning of signage as well as the surface potholes causing issues at Yellowcraig car park. CllrG apologised on behalf of ELC for the potholes and assured the CC that these issues will be addressed. It was also noted that the parking charges was leading to an increase in the number of professional dog walkers now parking in Dirleton village, apparently in order to avoid paying the parking fees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Double Yellow Lines in Longniddry and Aberlady Bay – Malcolm Duck (MD) commented on the recent painting of double yellow lines in Longniddry and Aberlady to stop parking and stated that, in his opinion, that they looked unattractive and could have a negative impact on local businesses. 	
11	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will take place on Thursday 27th August 2015 at 7:00pm in Dirleton Kirk Hall.</p>	