Gullane Area Community Council

Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane www.gaddabout.org.uk

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 28th July 2016, 7.00pm at Aberlady Kirk Stables

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present: Sian Morris (SM), Acting Chair Drem

Angus McCallum (AMcC)

Malcolm Duck (MD)

John Hendry (JH)

Veronica Sked (VS)

Martin White (MW)

Aberlady

Aberlady

Gullane

Gullane

West Fenton

Cllr Jim Goodfellow (CllrG) East Lothian Councillor Cllr Dave Berry (CllrB) East Lothian Councillor

Lynne Simpson (LS) Secretary

10 members of the public

No	Item	Action
1	Apologies Apologies were received from: Jeremy Findlay (JF), Tom Drysdale (TD), Karen Chapman (KC), Donald McDonald (DMcD), Cllr Tim Day (CllrD), PC Paterson & PC Gray	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting Previous minutes were confirmed as a true reflection of the meeting.	
	 Outstanding actions from previous meeting Item 5 – check budget figures for GACC. KC circulated – complete. Item 5 – check if grant to Dirleton History Society has been paid. C/F. JF Item 5 – check if application from Gullane Village Hall still required. VS Spoke to trustees and agreed to remove - complete. Item 7 – update details on GACC website for google searches. Complete Item 9 – Speeding through Kingston. CllrD was to speak to construction company. Not present so get update at next meeting 	JF ClirD
3	Matters arising – replies to correspondence A member of the public had written to JF about speeding at the East side of Aberlady. No GACC members present had seen the email but discussion covered as part of village reports (item 8).	
4	Police report – period 29/06/2016 – 21/07/2016	
	 Road safety 2 vehicles involved in an accident on Main St, Gullane. No offences and only minor injuries sustained. Two reports of speeding motorbikes on Main St, Gullane. 2 vehicles involved in an accident on Goose Green Rd, Gullane. No offences and no injuries. 9 separate drivers issued with speeding tickets on A198 in Aberlady, over 4 different days Driver issued with ticket for not wearing seatbelt on Main St, Gullane 	

Antisocial behaviour

- Enquiries ongoing regarding a broken window at Aberlady Primary School.
- Complaint received about loud music from residential property in Gullane, no noise when police arrived.
- Tyre slashed on Goose Green, Gullane. Enquiries ongoing.
- Damage reported to advertising boards at Dirleton Gallery. Enquiries ongoing.
- Mountain bike stolen from garden in Aberlady. Enquiries ongoing.
- Theft from Gullane Co-op. Enquiries ongoing.

Housebreaking

No reports of housebreaking this month

Parking

 Several reports of vehicles parked on double yellow lines in Gullane. On police arrival there were no offending vehicles present. JF to ask police if complainants take photos would help identify repeat offenders.

JF

The date of the next CAPP meeting is Wednesday 27th July, at the North Berwick Council Chambers, 7.30pm.

5 Local priorities

- Application to be submitted to purchase defibrillator for Drem (The Chesters). Cost is £800.
- No further updates this month.

6 Planning matters

Anaerobic Digester at Standalane (Ballencrieff)

ELC rejected the application.

The applicant has appealed to the Scottish Government for that decision to be reversed.

GACC objected to the original application, and TD & MW have drafted a letter to send to the reported for the Scottish Government to object to the appeal, which is on the same basis as the original objection.

GACC members approved the letter, which will be issued shortly.

Aberlady – development at west side of village by Crudens
 Application has been lodged but has not yet been registered by ELC, so
 the details are not available for the public or GACC to comment on.
 Broadly the community in Aberlady are supportive of the development but
 have concerns about the impact on traffic flow and volume, and are
 seeking a meeting with ELC to ensure issues are addressed. CllrB
 suggested writing to Transportation Department in this instance.

GACC to have separate sub-meeting in Aberlady when application has been registered. Representatives from Crudens and ELC to be invited.

General discussion that ELC taking a while to register planning applications, which is when they become visible to the public. This could be due to the normal process of discussion with applications where some details will be modified to make them more likely to be accepted prior to the application being registered. It is likely to be exacerbated by the holiday period at this time of year, which always slows down the normal process.

7	Website	
	No updates this month	
8	Village Reports	
	Aberlady – AMcC & MD	
	 Continued issue with motorbikes, in groups of 10 - 15, leaving the east side of the village at excessive speed (estimated 80 – 90mph) while still inside the 30mph limit. The noise they make is also a serious problem. It was noted that the timing is regularly between 7 – 8pm, this information is to be passed to the police along with a request to start targeting the east side of the village for speeding at this particular time slot. It was also suggested that people take photos to help identify the group and help the police tackle the problem. AMcC has raise at CAPP meeting as a priority, but to pass on specific timing information to help target the problem. 	AMcC
	Agreed that normal measures to manage the speed of traffic unlikely to help in this instance given the extent to which they are already breaking the speed limit.	
	Operation Zenith is a national safety campaign for motorcyclists that is targeting several roads in Lothian and The Borders, JF to request that A198 is also included on that list.	JF
	 Bus shelter outside church is still broken. ClirD had agreed to pick up with ELC at last meeting, and not present to update. C/F action to next meeting. 	ClirD
	DirletonNo update this month	
	 Drem - SM Request to go to local priorities fund for a defibrillator to be located at The Chesters. 	
	 Gullane – VS & JH Village board at Old Smiddy has been cleaned by member of the public. No-one able to determine who owns it. 	
	 West Fenton – MW No update this month 	
9	Any other competent business	
	 East Coast Buses timetable has been published on the internet. Looks like route changed to take in Portobello, which will make journey time to Edinburgh longer. More frequent service and more early and late bus times. Discussion on whether buses and trains could co-ordinate better. This is up to the bus and train companies to work out, not ELC. 	
	 Public meeting held in Prestonpans by RAGES (rail users group). Feedback to Abelio that service on North Berwick line is poor. New train expected September 2017, also the time smartcards expected to be introduced. Smartcards might make linking bus and train travel more feasible. 	
	 Taxis – not well used in East Lothian due to limited number and excessive cost. Request for ELC to look at licensing cost to help address this issue. 	
	 Suggestion that foot / cycle paths between Drem - Gullane / Aberlady, and 	

	Longniddry – Aberlady would make it easier for pedestrians to use the train service, and might help alleviate shortage of parking at these stations. Current roads not safe for pedestrians.	
11	Date and venue of next meeting Thursday 25 th August, 7.00pm, Dirleton Kirk Hall. Note change of venue from Gullane Hall due to hall refurbishment.	