

Gullane Area Community Council

Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane
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Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 30th June 2016, 7.00pm at Dirleton Kirk Hall

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present: Tom Drysdale, Acting Chair (TD) Dirleton
 Malcolm Duck (MD) Aberlady
 Karen Chapman (KC) Gullane
 John Hendry (JH) Gullane
 Veronica Sked (VS) Gullane
 Donald McDonald (DMcD) Dirleton
 Sian Morris (SM) Drem
 Martin White (MW) West Fenton
 Cllr Jim Goodfellow (CllrG) East Lothian Councillor
 Cllr Tim Day (CllrD) East Lothian Councillor
 Lynne Simpson (LS) Secretary
 3 members of the public

No	Item	Action
1	Apologies Apologies were received from: Jeremy Findlay (JF), Angus McCallum (AMcC), Cllr Dave Berry (CllrB)	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting Previous minutes were confirmed as a true reflection of the meeting. Update on actions completed from previous meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMcD circulated list of postcodes where superfast broadband to be available. List has now been withdrawn and replaced on Digital Scotland website by a map that is accessible to all. Outstanding actions from previous meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 5 – check budget figures for GACC. KC to circulate after meeting Item 5 – check if grant to Dirleton History Society has been paid. C/F. 	JF VS
3	Matters arising – replies to correspondence Nothing to report this month.	
4	Police report Police representatives unable to attend this meeting. A written report was circulated before the meeting and all agreed this was useful to see. LS to request that report be published and circulated before future meetings.	LS

	<p>Road safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 people charged with speeding in Aberlady on three separate days of police checks • 2 drivers were warned following speed checks in Gullane. • 2 people charged with using their mobile phone while driving • On two occasions boy racers were reported at Yellowcraigs car park, a number of drivers were traced and warned. • 2 people were charged with driving without insurance. • An oil/fuel spillage on the road between Ballencrieff and Drem caused hazardous driving conditions. • On 8th June various road checks were carried out in Aberlady, Gullane, North Berwick, Tynninghame and Dunbar. As a result: 21 people were warned about speeding; 2 people were reported for speeding; one driver charged with driving with no MOT; and one light goods vehicle driver charged with speeding and a Tachograph offence. <p>Antisocial behaviour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two separate incidents of vehicle damaged in Gullane • Beach parking machines damaged at Yellowcraigs and Gullane, with cash being stolen from the one in Gullane. • Number plates were stolen from a vehicle. 2 people have been reported for theft. <p>Housebreaking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No reports of housebreaking this month. <p>Parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 parking tickets issued in Gullane <p>The date of the next CAPP meeting is Wednesday 27th July 2016 7.30pm, at the North Berwick Council Chambers.</p>	
5	<p>Local priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMcD – an application has been received from Dirleton School Partnership for a Playpod, and help towards training and staffing of it. The request is complex and they are not asking GACC to fund all of it. JF, AMcC and DMcD to meet with the group to discuss their approach for funding and the different sources available. The application was discussed at the Local Area Partnership meeting on Tuesday but no-one from the Dirleton School Partnership was there to support or explain it. • There was some discussion on the frustration of ensuring local groups attend the LAP meeting, and also the low attendance by GACC members. It was agreed that GACC should be better organised and that a better system of substitutes should be set up to ensure there were always at least 2 members of GACC at the LAP meeting. DMcD to speak with JF about getting this organised. • DMcD raised on behalf of AMcD the request for public toilets in Aberlady. This was not discussed at the recent Aberlady Community Association AGM, which focussed on other priorities. TD to speak with AMcC to discuss possible funding options, although general view was that it was unlikely to be made a priority if ACA supporting other projects. MD to speak with ACA as one possible option is for public to use hotel toilets. 	<p>JF, AMcC, DMcD</p> <p>JF, DMcD</p> <p>TD, AMcD</p> <p>MD</p>

6	<p>Planning matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Anaerobic Digester, Ballencrieff Planning permission was refused by ELC and the applicant has submitted an appeal to the Scottish Government. GACC agreed to make a representation against the appeal on the same basis as the objection submitted to ELC, which covers numerous points. TD and MW to draft a letter to the Scottish Government reporter and circulate to GACC for approval. TD meeting with some of the other objectors tomorrow and will let GACC know if there are any further developments. The refusal decision has not yet been posted on the ELC website, CllrG to get this updated asap.</p> <p>Dirleton developments – Castlemains Farm and west of Ware Road CALA have now lodged the application with ELC for permission to develop at Castlemains Farm, although it has not yet been registered and the specific details are not known. The Muir Homes application for developing west of Ware Road is likely to be imminent, again specific details have not been seen. Dirleton is Very Special is a group formed within the village that has published a paper on concerns about overdevelopment. It can be downloaded from the Dirleton Village Association website. TD and DMcD will come back to GACC about potential actions once the position of DVA is clear, which will be after the specific application details are available.</p> <p>Concern was raised by Laurie Main (co-owner of the site west of Ware Road) that the owner of the Castlemains Farm site is on the DVA committee and he is not, and he is not being involved in the discussions taking place and documents being published. He asked that this be recognised and for greater clarity and transparency over which groups GACC would support.</p> <p>Gullane developments – Fenton Gait East, Saltcoats Field, Fire Training School CALA applications for housing at Fenton Gait East and Saltcoats Field now likely to be submitted late summer. CALA are understood to be the preferred developer for the Fire Training School site, which is causing increased concern that the greenfield sites could be developed ahead of the Fire Training School. Gullane Opposed to Over Development (GOOD) are supporting the Fire Training School development but opposing the others. A public meeting is to be held in Gullane on 5th September.</p> <p>West Fenton Cottages A modified application was submitted, to which GACC has not objected this time.</p> <p>Aberlady Crudens have lodged an application for development to the west of Aberlady today. Details have not been presented to GACC.</p> <p>It was agreed that the individual village associations and pressure groups should produce their own cases for opposing development, and then present these to GACC if support is required.</p> <p>The next draft of the Local Development Plan is due to be published before autumn and the next SES plan is due for publication at the end of August.</p>	<p>TD, MW</p> <p>CllrG</p>
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	All agreed that all applications needed to be considered as a group as well as individually	
7	Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VS to ask Gary Hitchin to speak to LS about how the website could be more effectively searched by people who don't know its name. 	VS, LS
8	Village Reports Aberlady - MD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing else to report Dirleton – TD & DMcD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last weekend's annual fete was very successful, as was the recent gardens open day. • DVA to improve the benches around the green as some are in poor state of repair. Drem – SM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter has been sent to the ELC Transportation Committee about moving the bus stop and improving the visibility of lines on the road. Gullane – VS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suzie Irvine to present to GACC about the positioning of defibrillators in the village (possibly at next meeting). Gullane Golf Club have 3 but they are inside and not available 24 hours. JF to speak to GGC secretary about the possibility of relocating at least one to improve accessibility. • Speeding at the east side of the village remains an issue. • A question had been raised about the whether the area outside the Old Clubhouse has encroached into the road. Questions on this should be redirected to ELC. • CllrG can organise for ELC to clean the village map / sign outside the Old Smiddy but permission is needed from the owner. West Fenton – MW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bollards have still not arrived. SM had contact details at ELC that she would pass to MW who will chase. 	JF
9	Any other competent business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter received today from Kingston residents who have concerns about the rise in volume of traffic passing through the village, the speed of traffic, and the volume of construction traffic passing through. TD is to scan the letter and circulate it with a view to discussing at the next meeting to see what GACC can do. TD or JF will also pass a copy to the ELC Transport Department, the local police, asking each for comments, and to the ELC ward councillors. • MD observed that the traffic speed warning system in Aberlady is having a positive effect. • CllrG confirmed that an announcement on the replacement to the First Bus service will be made very soon. 	TD

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A point was made about the condition of some local bus stops. This should be directed to ELC. • The surface of the newly laid footpath between Gullane and Archerfield is starting to break up. JF or TD to contact ELC to raise concerns and ask for repairs. • Gullane Village hall will be closed for renovation in August and an alternative venue will be arranged for that meeting. 	JF, TD
11	Date and venue of next meeting Thursday 28 th July 7.00pm, Aberlady Kirk Stables, Note change from usual time	