

# Gullane Area Community Council

Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane

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## Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 25th May 2017, 7.30pm at Aberlady Kirk Stables

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

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| Present: | Tom Drysdale, Interim Chair (TD) | Dirleton                |
|          | Angus McCallum (AMcC)            | Aberlady                |
|          | Sian Morris (SM)                 | Drem                    |
|          | Malcolm Duck (MD)                | Aberlady                |
|          | Dorothy Arthur (DA)              | Gullane                 |
|          | Martin White (MW)                | Gullane                 |
|          | John Hendry (JH)                 | Gullane                 |
|          | Donald Hay (DH),                 | Aberlady                |
|          | Karen McDougall (KMcD)           | Gullane                 |
|          | Cllr Jim Goodfellow (CllrG)      | East Lothian Councillor |
|          | Cllr Jane Henderson (CllrH)      | East Lothian Councillor |
|          | Cllr Jeremy Findlay (CllrF)      | East Lothian Councillor |
|          | Pamela Mitchell (PM)             | Secretary               |
|          | Tony Thomas (TT)                 | Cala Representative     |
|          | 9 members of the public          |                         |

**Election of new Chair:** Following the election of Jeremy Findlay to East Lothian Council he was unable to continue as Chair of the Community Council and had resigned his position. It was therefore necessary to elect a new Chair. The election was overseen by CllrG. As no candidates came forward for election it was agreed that TD will take over as Interim Chair for 2 months.

| No | Item   | ACT |
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| 1  | <b>Apologies</b><br>Apologies were received from: PC Deborah Gray (PCG), PC Iain Paterson (PCP)  |     |
| 2  | <b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b><br>Previous minutes were confirmed as a true reflection of the meeting.   |     |
| 3  | <b>Matters arising – actions from March meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Nothing to report</li></ul>  |     |
| 4  | <b>Police report – period 26/04/2017 – 23/05/2017</b><br><b>Road safety</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>During the afternoon of 30/04/17, on the coastal path near Yellowcraig, there was a report of 2 males, one on a dirt bike, and the other on a motor bike driving up and down the area. Police attended however there was no trace of the bikes.</li><li>On 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017, a patrol of the A198 was carried out by an unmarked motorbike and 4 motorbike riders were issued with an ASBO.</li></ul> <b>Antisocial behaviour</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>On 29/4/17 a male and female were arrested following a complaint of racial abuse at an address in Muirfield Gardens, Gullane. A report has been submitted to The</li></ul> |     |

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|   | <p>Procurator Fiscal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On 06/05/17, a male was arrested for domestic assault at an address in Maule Terrace, Gullane. He was charged and detained in custody for Court purposes.</li> <li>• Between 07/05/17 and 08/05/17, unknown youths have been climbing on the structures and causing nuisance behaviour at Dirleton Castle. Suitable security advice given. Staff are applying to Historic Scotland for CCTV cameras to be erected.</li> <li>• Police received a report on 13/05/17 that archery equipment has been damaged at the archery club situated on the Archerfield Estate. CCTV images available and enquiries are still ongoing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Housebreaking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have been no reports of housebreaking in the area over the past month.</li> </ul> <p><b>Parking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This continues to be monitored by East Lothian Parking Attendants.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On 01/05/17, it was reported that a female had stolen a purse from The Old Smiddy in Gullane. No CCTV or witnesses, details taken and further enquiry to be made.</li> <li>• Between 11/5/17 and 12/5/17 a cordless power drill was stolen from a store at the Fire Service Training School, Gullane. Enquiries are still ongoing.</li> </ul> <p>Concerns were raised that parking is suspended in Aberlady due to the Edinburgh Marathon, despite the race turning back at Gosford. Cllrs F and H will ask Police if this is essential, especially as it is a busy time for tourists.</p> <p>The date of the next CAPP meeting is Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017, 7.30pm, at the North Berwick Council Chambers.</p> |                         |
| 5 | <p><b>Local priorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application received from Gullane Drama Group, to be discussed at next meeting.</li> <li>• The finance report will be delivered next month.</li> </ul>   |                         |
| 6 | <p><b>Planning matters</b></p> <p><b>Saltcoats development, Gullane</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MW outlined 3 misstatements in ELC response to proposed housing in Gullane: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That ELC provides a transport service for children from West Fenton to Gullane. It does not; the distance is some 300m short of the requirement to provide transport.</li> <li>2. That the Gullane development sites fall within the area which is 50% least deprived for local amenities. In fact they are within differing postcode areas which fall within the category of 50% most deprived of local amenities.</li> <li>3. ELC claim there is no evidence of the majority of Gullane residents being opposed to the proposed development, however, they make no reference to a 700 strong petition submitted to them.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• There was agreement that GACC should respond to these misstatements by writing to the case officer who can then pass it to the reporter.</li> </ul>   | <p><b>TD<br/>MW</b></p> |

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|   | <p><b>Gullane</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GACC had been previously advised by Cala that there would be an 18 week demolition programme at the Fire Training School. This has been delayed. TD spoke to Colin Thain, Cala's project manager for the development (Tel: 01324 600000) who advised that the delay was due to disconnecting services within the site, which is being dealt with between the Fire Service and the service suppliers.</li> <li>An application has been lodged by Cala for an electricity substation at the Fire Training School development.</li> <li>Owners of Muirfield Nursing Home have submitted an amendment to planning for their development at Main Rd/Hall Cres, to include the demolition of the gable of what was Bisset's Hotel. A vote was taken and found in favour of GACC objecting to the demolition of the gable wall.</li> <li>DA advised of alterations to the entrance of the proposed Fenton Gait East site and changes to landscaping proposals, including removal of trees. TT will look at.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dirleton</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An application has been submitted for change of use of the Post Office to a café, this has not yet been discussed by DVA but there is some support for this in the village.</li> <li>Yellowcraig has lost its blue flag status. MW will write to SEPA expressing disappointment over the state of the beach and its proposals to remedy, along with seeking assurances that there is sufficient capacity in the waste water treatment works to accommodate the volume of proposed new housing in the area.</li> </ul> <p><b>Aberlady</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Pharmacy. DH advised that there was positive support from the community. DH and AMcC will produce another letter confirming that the Community Council supports the application.</li> </ul> | <p><b>TD<br/>MW</b></p> <p><b>MW</b></p> <p><b>DH<br/>AMcC</b></p> |
| 7 | <p><b>Website</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website requires updating. MD and AMcC to discuss what is required.</li> </ul>  | <p><b>MD<br/>AMcC</b></p>  |
| 8 | <p><b>Village Reports</b></p> <p><b>Aberlady – AMcC, MD, DH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>War Memorial Garden. DH keen to reach an agreed strategy on this proposal. There is support in the village for the new flowerbeds and general upgrading proposals, however, there is strong agreement that the hedge fronting the road should remain. GACC to will write to the Area Partnership in support of the hedge remaining.</li> <li>War Memorial Refurbishment: DH will pursue through the Area Partnership in the first instance.</li> <li>It was noted that the glass waste recycling bins are still missing.</li> <li>There have been complaints received about growing numbers of large groups of cyclists.</li> <li>A member of the public repeated her complaint about speeding traffic on the A198, AMcM said that it is a priority for the Community Council.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dirleton – TD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TD advised that DVA will be submitting a request for funding to GACC and Historic Scotland for continuing work to conservation features in the village.</li> </ul> <p><b>Drem - SM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing to report</li> </ul>   | <p><b>DH<br/>TD</b></p>  |

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|           | <p><b>Gullane – DA, KMcD, JH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DA was interviewed for BBC Landward and discussed the implications of the closure of the Post Office and the Bank of Scotland.</li> <li>• DA will continue to chase the PO, however, only approximately 6 people are using the Wednesday service in the village hall, suggesting to the PO that postal services are not required in the village. CllrF and CllrH will liaise with DA.</li> <li>• KMcD reported problems with large groups of cyclists passing through the village.</li> <li>• A complaint was received from a member of the public that her granddaughter was knocked over by an out of control dog on the path leading to Gullane beach, and noted a large number of dogs on the beach not on a leash. GACC will ask ELC for guidance. CllrH advised that she is due to have meeting within ELC regarding this issue.</li> </ul> | <p><b>DA</b><br/><b>CllrF</b><br/><b>CllrH</b></p> <p><b>CllrH</b></p> |
| <b>9</b>  | <p><b>North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TD encouraged all to attend the North Berwick Charrette and noted it was not just for residents of North Berwick but for all in the rural area.</li> </ul>   |  |
| <b>10</b> | <p><b>Any other competent business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Query regarding development and affordable housing provision in Aberlady, there are concerns that affordable housing would be built off site. TD confirmed that GACC support affordable housing provisions being built on site.</li> <li>• A member of the public thanked GACC for its efforts in reporting damaged pavements, this has now been repaired, however, there is another area of damaged pavement requiring repair.</li> <li>• Aberlady Brownies would like to finish at 7.45pm, which will affect future GACC meetings if held at the Kirk Stables. Possible alternative venues will be discussed.</li> </ul>  | <p><b>DH</b></p> <p><b>DH</b><br/><b>AMcC</b></p>                      |
| <b>11</b> | <p><b>Date and venue of next meeting</b></p> <p>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 7.00pm, Gullane Village Hall</p>  |  |