

	<p>are available to buy at a discounted rate of £25.</p> <p>Finally, PC Banks informed the group that this would be his last meeting as he is changing roles. He thanked the CC for their support as well as the community. The Chair duly thanked PC Banks for all his help and support of the CC. PC Cameron Tait will attend future meetings but in the event of shift work, it was agreed that a police report could be delivered to the Chair prior to meetings if necessary.</p>	
5	<p>LOCAL PRIORITIES</p> <p>Application for information board in Aberlady – ongoing with funding on hold until conservation consent is given – DMcD reiterated previous concern about this application for funding and TD his concern as to whether the parishioners of Aberlady Parish Church could be expected to fund the expenditure themselves. IM stated that the Church is currently raising money to restore the Kirk Tower, which requires extensive restoration to maintain its structural integrity, without which it might collapse. TD asked if LPF grants had been given to Churches in the past and RA stated that she had no recollection in recent times and the money was more likely to be gifted to sports groups/Brownies and Cubs groups in the Community. The Chair suggested that the LPF sub-committee group meet to discuss this issue and agree on the processes and criteria required to make informative decisions on funding. It was also agreed that financial accounts should be able to be accessed of the associations requesting funding in order to assist the funding decisions.</p> <p>REVISION: TD asked if Aberlady was a wealthy Church and whether GACC had access to see its financial accounts and DMcD suggested that the parishioners could be asked to contribute if the Church is short of funds for a new information board.</p>	Chair/ RA
6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>TD reported on the approval of the Main Issues Report (MIR) by the ELC on 28/10/14 for the consultation period to take place from the 17/11/14 to 8/2/15. This had received wide coverage in the local press including the East Lothian Courier (p.1-3). TD stated that he was in the process of preparing a summary of the report which will be circulated to CC members asap and that the report and strategy for the consultation process be discussed and agreed at November's meeting. The Chair suggested that a Councillor involved with the MIR could be invited to speak at the next meeting and that a small working group be established as it is vital for all to have a say in the future of East Lothian. CllrG also suggested reading the report as a whole and not just focussing on their particular village in order to better understand the complex proposals. It was noted that the population of East Lothian could increase by 33% by 2032 and that strong input was required from the CCs and public. CllrB reiterated the importance of the MIR and the huge impact on the overall character of East Lothian and the impacts future growth could have on transportation links including increased traffic on the A1/city bypass aswell as education and health provision for a growing population. It was agreed to wait for TD's report and further discuss at the next meeting with a plan to establish a small working group to be led by the Chair and TD.</p> <p>Application for housing on Ware Road, Dirleton Update – a new application for 21 houses is about to be lodged with ELC after planning was refused originally for 40 houses. CllrG noted that planning committee involvement would not be required for new application.</p> <p>Planning Permission Update – mostly for house extensions/alterations at present with planning for one new house lodged next to Stamford Hall in Gullane. CllrB noted that East Lothian is under pressure for development so it is essential to consider where best to have new developments if it is a necessity.</p>	TD
7	<p>WEBSITE</p> <p>Angus McCallum (AMc) gave his apologies for this meeting but requested time at November's meeting to propose a plan to set-up a facebook page for the CC that would link to the current website and provide up-to-date information to the community with the ability for the public to comment/feedback. A discussion ensued on the effectiveness of the current website and the timing of the minutes being uploaded to it. VS pointed out that the minutes could only be put on the website after being approved at the next month's meeting which created the delay. The Chair questioned whether the Gullane News Group Facebook page would conflict with the proposed CC Facebook page and it was noted that there was a twitter account set-up for the CC which was currently not being utilised. It was suggested that AMc should have discussions with</p>	AMc

	Gary Hitchen who currently manages the website on CC's behalf. CllrB emphasised the need for a co-ordinated and up-to-date website with the possibility now to use a .scot or .uk extension for the website address.	
8	<p>DREM CORE PATH</p> <p>A discussion ensued on the current status of the Drem Core Path campaign. Iain Monk and Chris Holme of the Core Path Group were in attendance to request the CC to consider 'Option 3' and to support it. Currently 53 respondents of those polled in the community support Option 3, which is a longer route than the original proposal and which would run behind 10 houses in Drem. They believe this is now the only option if the path is to go ahead as ELC have rejected the original application and furthermore the landowner, Farmer Dougie Russell, has agreed to gift the land in order for the path to be built. The Core Path Group believe that action needs to be taken now while they have the support of the Farmer and it is critical to the future of the campaign to gain support from the CC for Option 3. However, the fact that the proposed path will run behind 10 houses is contentious and Professor Dale, one of those homeowners, was in attendance at the meeting to present his opposition to Option 3. He stated that all of his neighbours also oppose the proposed path bordering their homes stating security and privacy issues. The benefits of the path were discussed as well as the need for a path between Drem and Gullane. TD felt that the situation needed to be clarified as the CC were being put in a difficult position being asked to support Option 3 when there was clearly objections and issues with it. The Chair was also conscious of Professor's Dale's objections and suggested that a meeting be held between the Core Path Group, ELC, Professor Dale and Sian Morris (Drem Councillor) with JF to be the independent Chair. It was agreed that the meeting should be set-up asap and that the Chair would contact ELC regarding this matter.</p>	Chair
9	<p>VILLAGE REPORTS</p> <p>Aberlady</p> <p>*IM informed the group that the Aberlady councillors had agreed to meet prior to CC meetings to discuss local issues that could then be reported at the CC meeting by those who could attend. The public of Aberlady would also be invited to attend.</p> <p>*Support had been requested for the Christmas Shopping Morning to be held on Saturday 1st November at Aberlady Kirk Stables, 10-12:30pm with proceeds going to the Aberlady Church and Tower Fund. RA duly handed out flyers during the meeting on the charity's behalf.</p> <p>Dirleton</p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p>Drem</p> <p>Councillor not present – refer to Drem Core Path section</p> <p>Gullane</p> <p>*RA raised the question of provision for car parking in the Gullane Sport Development Trust's (GSDT) planning application for the sports pitch and changing rooms next to Gullane Primary School. Cllr Goodfellow was unaware of such provision and agreed to find out from the planning department.</p> <p>*RA stated that she would be paying FALKOS the sum of £50 for running costs for the village clock by the 1st November on behalf of the CC.</p> <p>REVISION: sum of £60 paid to FALKOS not £50.</p> <p>*RA stated that the poppy wreaths for Remembrance Day had been distributed.</p> <p>*RA noted how smart the Gullane noticeboard was now looking after a clean-up kindly carried out by a local resident. The rotten wood damage was, however, still an issue and VS agreed to take a look and assess the damage.</p> <p>*TD noted that there had been a great improvement on the Gullane-Dirleton toll path since the recent tarmac upgrade.</p>	<p>IM</p> <p>RA</p> <p>CllrG</p> <p>VS</p>
10	<p>RESILIENT COMMUNITIES</p> <p>The Chair had attended the ELC sponsored Resilient Communities Workshop in Musselburgh on 25/10/14 on behalf of the CC. This approach enables crisis planning at a local community level so that the community can take responsibility for an action plan for crises such as extreme weather. JF raised the question of the CC taking on this role on behalf of the communities as has been done in Musselburgh. TD felt that this would be a lot of responsibility for the CC and questioned</p>	Chair

	<p>whether a formal plan was required. RA pointed out that it would be a challenge for a rural CC to handle especially with the different community groups as opposed to a town CC. DMcD pointed out that there are already informal structures in place, e.g. with the farmer in Dirleton helping out with snow-clearing in past winters. It was agreed that an information gathering exercise would be essential to assess who needed the help and how it would be managed.</p>	
11	<p>ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS</p> <p>*DMcD had attended the Local Area Partnership meeting and reported on the Broadband issues in the area. Duncan Nisbet (DN) of Digital Scotland stated that Dirleton residents should have access to fibre optics by the end of 2015 and that the areas of West Fenton, Drem and Fenton Barns were currently under evaluation. DN to find out if Archerfield have the structure in place for fibre optics. It was also noted that fibre optics had been installed in the telephone exchange in Gullane and it was agreed that the efficiency of the Broadband in the area should continue to be monitored.</p> <p>*Martin White (MW) was in attendance. He stated that he would be happy to continue to be the Trustee representing the CC for the Coastal Communities Museum (CCM) and it was noted that the CC appreciated his continuing commitment. MW updated the CC on the CCM's current objectives to place more emphasis on the story-telling aspect and promoting the museum outside of North Berwick in order to encourage a wider community involvement. CllrB reiterated the importance of the wider community participating in the CCM.</p> <p>*The Chair commented on recent issues with the lack of response from ELC's Landscaping Services in regard to the Fire School at Gullane. The Chair will chase.</p> <p>*CllrB informed the meeting that the Rail Partnership Meeting will be held on 18/11/14 at 2pm at QMU. TD & IM to attend on CC's behalf. CllrB encouraged discussion on Drem train station and providing more useful tourist information/directions for visitors.</p> <p>*CllrG informed the meeting of the Fire School's decision to privately sell four houses on their land. CllrG believes that they should have been transferred to ELC for use as council houses considering the shortage of council houses in Gullane. It was agreed that this should be considered at the next meeting.</p>	Chair
12	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Thursday 27th November at 7:30pm in Aberlady Kirk Stables.</p>	