

GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
 (Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane)
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2015

Held in Gullane Village Hall

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:	J Findlay Tom Drysdale Roasanne Ainslie Karen Chapman D McDonald (DMcD) Sian Morris M White (MW) A McCallum (AMc) M Duck (MD) Cllr Jim Goodfellow (CllrG) Cllr Tim Day (CllrD) PC Kerry Broach T A Lonie (TAL)	Gullane Dirleton Gullane Gullane Dirleton Drem West Fenton Aberlady Aberlady East Lothian Councillor East Lothian Councillor Police Scotland Secretary North Berwick Coastal Ward
In attendance:	Katie Nevans	

Item	Title	Action By
1	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from: Veronica Sked	
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	MATTERS ARISING – REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENCE There were no matters arising.	
4	<p>POLICE REPORT Community Police Constable (PC) Kerry Broach attended the meeting to present the report based on incidents between 28/09/15 and 27/10/15. Ward priorities are as follows, (please refer to the Police Report for details):</p> <p>Road Safety – two ASBOs issued for driving offences and a vehicle uplifted in Dirleton due to not having any insurance.</p> <p>Antisocial Behaviour – one fixed penalty issued for a male drinking on the street in Aberlady.</p> <p>Substance Misuse – one person charged of being in possession of a controlled substance at A198, West of Aberlady.</p> <p>Theft – one report of theft.</p> <p>CAPP – The CAPP highlighted three areas of concern for the Coastal area:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carry out patrols in the Dundas Road area paying attention to the bus stop area deterring youths from congregating and engaging in anti-social behaviour. 2. Continue good work in tackling parking issues within North Berwick town centre. 3. Tackling speeding motorists at Aberlady, Craighielaw. Tackling parking/misuse of loading bay and disabled spaces in Gullane. <p>The next CAPP meeting will take place on Wednesday 25th November at 7:30pm in North Berwick High School.</p>	

	The Chair thanked PC Broach for presenting the report.	
5	<p>LOCAL PRIORITIES</p> <p>Application from Gullane Playgroup to replace an Activities Table at a cost of £199:95 – an application had been received from Gullane Playgroup. The Chair stated that the Local Priorities sub-group committee had met and recommended that this be approved at this meeting. All present agreed to this motion.</p> <p>ACTION: Chair to instruct payment of £199:95 to Gullane Playgroup.</p>	Chair
6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Anaerobic Digestion Plant at Ballencrieff – TD stated that he would be expecting to submit comments on this proposal by the ELC deadline of 6th November. He noted that there was no representation from the applicant present at the meeting and asked for views of the planning application from the numerous local residents in attendance at the meeting. A discussion ensued and concerns were raised over the inevitable increase of traffic, (some heavy including HGVs, tractors and trailers), and pollution caused as a result of the plant being situated on a greenfield site. MD pointed out that if it helps sustains agriculture and keeps farmers in jobs then it could be a good thing and that the site of the proposed plant was more of the issue. TD confirmed that the comments from this evening would be fed back to ELC in GACC’s submission and urged residents to also make individual comments to ELC by the deadline of Friday 6th November. MD noted that a meeting was to be held in Aberlady Village Hall on Sunday 1 November at 7:30pm to discuss this application. <p>ACTION: TD to submit agreed response on behalf of GACC by 6/11/15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Housing Development at Gullane Fire Services College Site – TD referred to the application for planning in principle for the development of up to 100 houses on this site with the structure of the old hotel building being retained and converted into 30 flats. This had been included in the ELC MIR and GACC had supported a housing development but were disappointed not to see allocation for small business premises on the site. There was also concern that no provision had been made for affordable housing for larger families. Those present at the meeting raised further concerns including access to the site from Muirfield Drive, which provides the only vehicular access to all the roads around the Primary School as well as the school itself, and the need for traffic control. TD confirmed that all these concerns would be included in GACC’s response to ELC with the acceptance that the housing development will go ahead and be a positive outcome as long as the concerns on traffic issues, access, design and affordable housing be considered. TD urged the local community to express their views independently to ELC by the Friday 6th November deadline. CllrG also urged residents to put in their comments about the design of the development at this stage. <p>ACTION: TD to submit agreed response on behalf of GACC by 6/11/15</p>	TD
7	<p>WEBSITE</p> <p>The Chair congratulated AMc on the launch of the GACC facebook page, which links from the main website of GACC, and reported that 153 people had already joined in the last 24 hours. The aim is to reach the younger community with an ability to engage in communication and provide feedback. The Chair encouraged all present to register their interest.</p>	
8	<p>VILLAGE REPORTS</p> <p>Aberlady – Liz Forsyth, a resident of Aberlady and new to the area, asked to speak to the meeting and presented a letter to GACC with a plea to take action with regard to the continuing issue of speeding and noise pollution through Aberlady village. A discussion ensued with all present in agreement with the motion. RA stated the LAP had allocated £25,0000 towards traffic calming measures and that Aberlady should be a focus with signs at both ends of the village as well as a buffer zone from 40mph-30mph and a ‘please drive slowly’ sign to act as</p>	

	<p>deterrents. GACC strongly support taking action to reduce speed in Aberlady as well as Gullane, which KC pointed out had similar issues entering and leaving the village. The Chair thanked Liz Forsyth for bringing this to their attention.</p> <p>ACTION: Chair to contact Colin Baird at ELC to raise this issue and put forward initiatives to reduce speed to LAP for funding.</p> <p>Dirleton – nothing to report</p> <p>Drem – SM reported that over 60 people including representatives from GACC and ELC had attended the recent Drem Core Path walk organised by Iain Monk on Sunday 25th October.</p> <p>Gullane – School crossing – the Chair was pleased to report that the request for a school crossing with flashing beacons on the Main Street had been approved with funds being allocated from the Local Area Partnership (LAP).</p> <p>Defibrillators – concern was raised over the location and accessibility of the defibrillators in the village with three being located inside the Gullane Golf Club (GGC). Other villages including Dirleton and Aberlady have defibrillators outside the local pub with 24-hour access to the general public. CllrG stated that the Scottish Government has grants available for rural communities with small villages needing access to this equipment. Signage is also important so that people know where to access the equipment in an emergency.</p> <p>ACTION: Chair to discuss accessibility with GGC and research grant from Scottish Government.</p> <p>West Fenton - MW reported on the continuing issue of fly-tipping in the area with three incidents in four months. ELC had stated that they couldn't remove it going forward as it is on private land. MW proposed to write a letter to the owner of the field in his capacity as Community Councillor and all present agreed to this motion. CllrD agreed that it was worth pursuing as a fixed penalty notice had been issued recently for fly-tipping in Dirleton.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Chair</p>
9	<p>ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS (AOCB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Member for GACC – The Chair proposed John Hendry, a Gullane resident and semi-retired lawyer, as a new Gullane representative for GACC going forward. TD supported this proposal, believing that he will make a good contribution to the work of the Community Council. This was agreed as filling a casual vacancy in terms of article 4 of the constitution. The Chair stated that places were still available on the GACC if any volunteers from the community would like to come forward, (2 representatives for Aberlady and 1 representative for Gullane are still needed). • Payment to Falkos – RA stated that she has made a payment to Falkos for the sum of £60 to cover the annual electricity costs for the Jubilee Clock at the corner of Stanley Road, Gullane. This will be refunded by ELC in due course. • Remembrance Day Services – RA has ordered three poppy wreaths for the Remembrance Day services in Aberlady, Dirleton and Gullane. The services will take place on Sunday 8th November at 11am and RA to be informed of who will be attending from each area. • GACC Accounts – RA circulated copies of the accounts to GACC members present and thanked Sandy Kirkwood for acting as Independent Examiner again. • Meeting venue – it was noted that due to the number of residents attending this evening, the meeting had been adjourned from the small hall in Gullane Village Hall to the recreational hall. • LAP funding – MW inquired if a follow-up meeting of LAP had been held, as residents in West Fenton had been dismayed that their 'wish list' request for tackling speeding issues near Fenton Barns had been disregarded. Local residents have stated that they intend to follow it up with ELC and their Councillors. • The next meeting of the Community Rail Partnership will take place on Thursday 19th November from 5:30pm at the National Mining Museum, Newtongrange. 	
10	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Thursday 26th November 2015 at 7:00pm in Dirleton Kirk Hall.</p>	

