

**GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
(Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane)  
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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014**  
**Held in Gullane Village Hall**

**Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting**

Present:	J Findlay (Chair)	Gullane
	T Drysdale (TD)	Dirleton
	R Ainslie (RA)	Gullane
	G Fraser (GF)	Gullane
	D McDonald (DMcD)	Dirleton
	S Morris (SM)	Drem
	V Sked (VS)	Gullane
	CLr Day (CLrD)	East Lothian Councillor
	Police Officer	Police Scotland
	L Ogilvie (LO)	Secretary

Item	Title	Action By
1	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Apologies were received from the following: Fiona Boswell, Ian Malcolm, Malcolm Duck, Angus McCallum	
2	<b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b> The minutes of the previous meeting were approved subject to one amendment: Under Item 6 Planning Matters should read <i>application for housing on site at Ware Road</i> .	
3	<b>MATTERS ARISING – REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENCE</b> Speeding on A198 into Gullane – bands had been placed in the wrong site but have now been moved to the correct setting; they have been in place for two weeks but there is uncertainty how much longer they will be there. It is hoped to have the results by the next meeting. The Chair has contacted Stuart Pryde in connection with new bins which seagulls are unable to access. At the last meeting Cllr G was to make contact with Ray Montgomery regarding CCTV; 6 calls have been made to planning and no response received. The Chair felt that communication with Angela Leitch may be required but in the meantime Cllr D agreed to speak to the Head of Planning. Aberlady Parish Church – planning permission may be required for the notice board. The application for funding is on hold at the moment. When matters are confirmed a decision will be made. TD confirmed that he has received an acknowledgement regarding the letter objecting to the Ferrygate development. Planners are aware of the time limit and the application may go to a non determination,	Cllr D
4	<b>LOCAL PRIORITIES</b> No new applications have been received. It was noted that Dirleton are at an early stage regarding a new local notice board and a request for funding may be made in the following months.	
5	<b>POLICE REPORT</b> The Police Officer in attendance had been asked at very short notice to attend and asked that any questions be directed to PC Banks.  Road Safety Three reported RTA offences and 6 vehicular accidents this month Issues with parking in Main Street, Gullane and 9 parking tickets issued.  Antisocial Behaviour 19/9 Muirfield area, Gullane – a youth was spoken to and warned re his conduct. He had been in	

	<p>possession of a laser pen and shining this within houses.  20/9 Youths drinking on Goose Green, Gullane. Youths were traced and warned re their conduct.  13/9 Aberlady – males reported attempting to sell fish round the doors without appropriate documentation. Members of the public were asked to ensure that anyone selling at doors has relevant ID and documentation.</p> <p>Theft  22/9 – Key store minimarket in Gullane was broken into and a quantity of cigarettes were stolen. Persons unknown at the moment.  Cllr D reported that he had met with the Chief Superintendent. There have been a number of house break ins targeting Gullane and Longniddry areas. The Police are active in the area with increased patrols – this was noted as a CAPP target at last night’s meeting.  Smart Water kits for marking personal property will soon be available. There is an item in today’s Courier. Stickers will also act as a deterrent.</p>	
6	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS</b></p> <p>The Main Issues report is expected to be considered at the full ELC meeting on 28 October and to be posted on the ELC website on 21 October.  Application for house extension on Saltcoats Road, Gullane.  Application for extension to house on Station Road, Dirleton. Land to be changed from agricultural use to garden use.  TD has not looked at East Lothian Courier’s list of applications as yet.  Cockenzie Marine Energy Park – It was felt that the application may hold up housing and mixed use development at Blindwells which would ease pressure on other local areas for development. Cllr D advised that matters are at an early stage but it will impact on this area. 800 people had attended a meeting.</p>	
7	<p><b>WEBSITE</b></p> <p>VS is to receive a note from the Chairman following each meeting with major points to be placed on the website prior to the minutes being available. VS will ring Gary Hitchin regarding an issue with minutes watermarked as draft – this seems to be visible to some people and not all. There was a short discussion on the material that should be available on the website. AMcC will update the meeting regarding Facebook at the next meeting.</p>	VS
8	<p><b>VILLAGE REPORTS</b></p> <p><b>Gullane</b>  Could there be a mirror positioned at the junction from Prora towards Merryhatton? Colin Baird to be contacted – Cllr D will take this up with him.  FB had mentioned tyre skid markings outside her house. Also problems at the skew bridge. This had been discussed at the CAPP last night. Cllr D advised that the road has a national speed limit.  Mud on roads left by farmers – RA was advised to contact ELC who will contact the relevant farmer and ask for the road to be cleared. (Transportation).  Fire School – GF advised that he had previously been told that it would be three years before the premises were vacated but April 2015 had now been mentioned. Cllr D was not aware of any plans.  It was noted that a Gullane resident has problems with weeds coming through from the Fire Station. GF will give the Chair a contact number and this will be followed up.</p> <p><b>Dirleton</b>  The DVA met last week. Sue Northrop had given a very good talk on dementia friendly East Lothian. It was agreed to invite Sue along to a future CC meeting to give a similar talk. She is happy to act as a co-ordinator. RA advised that there are drop-in sessions arranged by Alzheimers Scotland.  TD advised that the Archaeological dig had been mentioned in the Courier and had been a continuation of the dig last year. The dig had been a successful community event with more than 60 people taking part and over 400 visiting the site.</p> <p><b>Drem</b>  Nothing to report.</p>	Cllr D  RA  GF/ Chair

	<p><b>Aberlady</b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS</b></p> <p>RA had received an email from Kay Macaskill regarding wreaths for Remembrance Services. The cost is £25 plus £2.64 postage. The Community Council logo can be embedded in the centre – DMcD will send a jpeg. Three wreaths will be purchased, for Dirleton, Gullane and Aberlady.</p> <p>Public Liability Insurance has been sourced for £132 per year – RA will make payment. RA had attended the Coastal Area Partnership meeting. Three themes were discussed – an increasing older population, opportunities for young people, cost of deprivation relating to travel and transportation links. The next meeting will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> October. It had been good to see a member of staff and pupils from North Berwick High School attending, RA will keep this meeting updated.</p> <p>The sign at the Gullane notice board has been cleaned. Some painting is required for which the gentleman will be reimbursed.</p> <p>Sophie Shorthouse – The Chair has tried to make contact but not received any response. He will try again to ring her and if no contact is made she will be removed from the Community Council. TD expressed increasing concern regarding parking at Drem station. Parking is filled by 9am and the Police have cordoned off the road to Prora which was used for parking previously. He felt pressure should be placed on ELC and the railway operator to reach a solution. The Chair advised that there is also a problem at Longniddry station. Cllr D advised that the responsibility lies with Scotrail. With the introduction of a rail halt at East Linton the situation may ease but in the meantime a short term solution is required, especially if there is further development within the area. Cllr D is happy to be involved. RA advised there is also an issue with disabled parking. Cllr D is happy to take this forward with the support of the Community Council. Cllr B will also assist. It was agreed that a co-ordinated effort to put pressure on Scotrail is needed. Cllr D will speak to Michael Veitch on this issue.</p>	<p>DMcD</p> <p>RA</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Cllr D</p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October in Dirleton Church Hall. It was noted that halls should now be booked for all 2015 meetings.</p> <p>Councillors will stay behind for a discussion following this meeting.</p>	