GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

(Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane) www.gaddabout.org.uk

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2015

Held in Aberlady Kirk Stables

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present: J Findlay Gullane
D McDonald (DMcD) Dirleton

V Sked (VS)

M White (MW)

A McCallum (AMc)

M Duck (MD)

Gullane

West Fenton

Aberlady

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Cllr Jim Goodfellow (CllrG)

Cllr Tim Day (CllrD)

PS Terri Gover
T A Lonie (TAL)

East Lothian Councillor
Police Scotland
Secretary

In attendance: Katie Nevans North Berwick Coastal Ward

Sheila Sinclair North Berwick Community Council (NBCC)

Item	Title	Action By
1	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from: Tom Drysdale, Rosanne Ainslie, Karen Chapman, Sian	
	Morris and Cllr David Berry.	
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	POLICE REPORT	
	The Police Report had been circulated in advance of the meeting by e-mail and Community	
	Police Sergeant (PS) Terri Gover attended to present the report based on incidents	
	between 27/08/15 and 23/09/15. Ward priorities are as follows, (please refer to the Police Report for details):	
	Road Safety – five reports of boy racers at Yellowcraig, a vehicle accident (VA) in Gullane	
	involving cyclist and HGV and a fatal VA in Aberlady involving a motorcyclist and car,	
	(restricted incident). Three traffic tickets were issued during this period.	
	Antisocial Behaviour – five reports of antisocial behaviour.	
	Substance Misuse – one report of substance misuse.	
	Theft – one report of theft and one report of suspicious behaviour in Gullane.	
	CAPP – The CAPP highlighted three areas of concern for the Coastal area:	
	Carry out hi-visibility patrols and speed checks in Lochbridge Road, at Law	
	Road end, to tackle parking problems and inconsiderate driving. To be	
	carried out between 0830hrs & 0900hrs during the week.	
	2. Tackle anti-social/careless driving on road to Yellowcraig car park.	
	 Tackle youth related anti-social behaviour in Lodge Grounds, North Berwick. 	

	The next CAPP meeting will take place on Wednesday 30 th September at 7:30pm.	
	The Chair thanked PS Gover for presenting the report and asked if there were any questions for her. MW raised the issue of fly-tipping again with a third incident between West Fenton and Fenton Barns occurring since the last meeting. PS Gover advised MW to report the matter to Police directly if it happens again as it is a criminal offence. Cllr Day also stated that fly-tipping was being carried out in Dirleton & Kingston.	
5	LOCAL PRIORITIES	
	No new applications had been received since the last meeting with nothing to report. DMcD enquired when the noticeboard in Aberlady would be going up that GACC had contributed to. AMc was unaware and agreed to raise the matter with Kay at the Church.	AMc
6	PLANNING MATTERS	
	 SESplan – SDP2 MIR – TD had circulated a draft response to the SESplan SDP2 Main Issues Report (MIR) for GACC's consideration and approval via e-mail on 21/09/15. In TD's absence, the Chair asked those present if they agreed with the draft and had any comments. No comments were received and a vote was taken to approve the said document in order for TD to submit it to SESplan. All six Councillors present voted in favour of approving the document. TD had also requested that the document be posted on GACC website and this was agreed. ACTION: Chair to let TD know of decision. VS to request upload to GACC website via Gary Hitchen. 	Chair/VS
	 Planned Anaerobic Digestion Plant at Ballencrieff – TD had also informed GACC that a planning application had been lodged last week for an Anaerobic Digestion Plant at Standalane farm, near Ballencrieff, and he had circulated copies of planning drawings and the applicant's planning consultants' statement to Councillors. The meeting was well-attended by the community wishing to express their views on this topic and the audience included representatives from the local farming community, Hamilton Waste & Recycling Ltd and United Utilities who are all involved with this proposal. A lengthy discussion ensued with concerns being raised about the impact on the local area including increased HGV traffic (up to 25-30 times per day in and out of the plant), the impact on the countryside and wildlife considering this is a greenfield site and the potential emissions/smells/noise that a 24 hour gas-producing plant could create. All points of view were considered and the Chair assured the community that GACC could object on behalf of the community and their concerns would be noted. The Chair requested that ELC provide him with the Council report once issued and be informed when the application has been validated and on ELC's website. ACTION – GACC to monitor progress of this application and consider a response on behalf of the community. ClIrD to update the Chair. No other planning matters were raised. 	Chair/TD/CllrD
7	WEBSITE	
	 AMc reported that the facebook page was imminent and just required input from Gary Hitchen in order to link the facebook page to the GACC website and village facebook pages/websites. VS enquired about the e-mails received via the website and who was responding to these now Fiona Boswell had stepped down. It was agreed that the Chair would 	
	respond to e-mails directly with immediate effect. ACTION : VS to re-route e-mails to the Chair's contact e-mail.	VS

Aberlady – MD raised concern with speeding in the village and referred to the fatality that had occurred recently involving a motorcyclist and car. The village at both the west and east end believe that slow down signs approaching the village would reduce speeds. Cllr Day stated that speed signs are rotated and CllrG and CllrD had been contacted by parents in the village with their concerns of road safety. The Transportation Department are carrying out a survey to look into the benefits of 40 to 30 signs on entering the village. Dirleton – DMcD had nothing to report Drem – SM was not present at the meeting. Gullane – the lack of parking signage – concern was raised by VS again at the parking bays (disabled and loading) outside the Co-op on the Main Street. The moving of the disabled space has been causing problems and is not as convenient and the issue of parking opposite the Co-op has been getting worse with more vans stopping due to the building works taking place around the village. CllrD assured the group that once traffic wardens were in place next year, this would improve the situation and agreed that clear signage was needed. It was also agreed that this issue should be raised at the next CAPP meeting. West Fenton - MW had nothing to report – fly-tipping incident referred to in Police Report.	АМс
ANY OTHER COMPETENT RUSINESS (ACCR)	
 Local Area Partnership (LAP) – Sheila Sinclair, Chair of NBCC, was present at the meeting to discuss the serious concerns felt by the CCs of the set-up and organisation of the LAP and the apparent focus on North Berwick. The last meeting of the LAP had very low attendance with no quorum and, therefore, no decisions being able to be made on the allocation of the £200,000 funds available for the community. The Councillors present agreed that the 'straw polling' voting at the meeting was flawed and inadequate considering the monies involved. DMcD felt that the LAP was being driven by ELC and the Chair stated that the main issue was how to move forward and the need for better organisation and fair representation. The next meeting will be held in November and it was proposed that NBCC and GACC get-together before this meeting to discuss and agree the way forward and discuss with Angela Leitch, Chief Executive of ELC, who will be present at the November meeting of LAP. ACTION – Chair to contact SS to arrange meeting between GACC and NBCC. Chair also to attend next meeting of NBCC held at the Fire Station in NB. Finally, MW asked for clarification on the 'wish list' created for fund allocation of the LAP. It was confirmed that his wish list item for Fenton Barns did not make the current short-term lists, but it was suggested there may also be medium term and longer term lists as well. No one at the meeting was aware of the content or intended use of these lists. Correspondence from lain Gray MSP – the Chair & Secretary had received communications from lain Gray regarding the use of the former Fire School in Gullane to house refugees and to praise the good work of GACC with an offer to attend one of our meetings. He also apologised to the Chair for not approaching GACC first before the article about housing the refugees was published in the East Lothian Courier. Walks Brochure – DMcD reported that he had obtained all the remaining brochures (approximately 2,250) and w	Chair
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