

Gullane Area Community Council

Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane

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Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 29th September 2016, 7.30pm at Aberlady Kirk Stables

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

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| Present: | Jeremy Findlay (JF), Chair | Gullane |
| | Tom Drysdale, Vice Chair (TD) | Dirleton |
| | Malcolm Duck (MD) | Aberlady |
| | Martin White (MW) | West Fenton |
| | Cllr Jim Goodfellow (CllrG) | East Lothian Councillor |
| | Cllr Dave Berry (CllrB) | East Lothian Councillor |
| | Lynne Simpson (LS) | Secretary |
| | 14 members of the public | |
| | Tony Thomas (TT) | CALA Representative |

| No | Item |
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| 1 | Apologies Apologies were received from: Angus McCallum (AMcC), Sian Morris (SM), Karen Chapman (KC), John Hendry (JH), Donald McDonald (DMcD), Cllr Tim Day (CllrD) |
| 2 | Minutes of the previous meeting Previous minutes were confirmed as a true reflection of the meeting. |
| 3 | Matters arising – replies to correspondence Nothing to report this month. |
| 4 | Police report – period 23/08/2016 – 26/09/2016 Both police representatives unable to attend so JF read out police report. Road safety <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 fixed penalty ticket issued for driver using mobile phone• 1 fixed penalty ticket issued for speeding Antisocial behaviour <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 person charged with sending abusive text messages Housebreaking <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report of cash stolen from property in Stanley Road Gullane, enquiries on-going. Parking <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complaints from business owner in Roseberry Place, Gullane about parking issues. Police have attended and marked up the parking bays. 1 ticket issued for a parking offence. Other <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report of theft from a hotel room at Greywalls Hotel, enquiries on-going.• Driver reported to Procurator Fiscal for not being in possession of an appropriate license. <p>No-one from GACC attended last night's CAPP meeting so current local priorities to run on for the next month.</p> |

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| | <p>The date of the next CAPP meeting is Wednesday 26th October, 7.30pm, at the North Berwick Council Chambers.</p> <p>Aberlady and Gullane Primary schools both asking for police presence after the October break to deter illegal parking around the schools in the early morning. Possibility that the new Traffic Wardens will be able to do this – they will be able to issue warning tickets but not fines. GACC happy to support this request.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Local priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dirleton Primary School Play Pod – total cost in excess of £7k. Tesco to provide bulk of contribution (over £6k) but they don't pay for staff training or planning application. A planning application through GACC will reduce the cost of it, so GACC to support that, and cost of training to be met from Local Priority Fund, allowing the project to go ahead. |
| 6 | <p>Planning matters</p> <p>Aberlady West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft letter of objection produced by AMcC, MW and TD, and circulated to GACC members, once approved by GACC JF to submit to ELC (deadline is Monday) • GACC letter supports the letters already submitted by Aberlady Community Association, Aberlady History and Conservation Society, Aberlady Kirk Session and Aberlady School Parent Council • The key areas covered by the GACC letter are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local impact on traffic – especially Kirk Road and The Mair 2. Community aspiration for affordable housing to be based on number of bedrooms and not number of houses. Thought unlikely this would be acceptable to ELC. 3. Community aspiration for 50% of affordable housing to be rental 4. Design of housing not compliant with development brief outlined in proposed Local Development Plan 5. Management of public space in the community 6. Impact on primary school – 2 further classrooms and extension to several other rooms required – Developer contribution required to cover those 7. Wider impact on coastal area – eg on biodiversity 8. Wider traffic impact in East Lothian • Action MW and TD – change wording of letter to clarify it is an objection and not just observations • The number one concern from local community is traffic around Kirk Road, especially the primary school, and The Mair. The proposed development has junctions with Kirk Road that are viewed as dangerous, as is the extra volume of traffic on these two narrow roads. There is still much debate within the community about options to reduce and slow down traffic, eg 20mph speed limit, and no clear preference is yet agreed on, however there is a widespread view in the village that these new junctions are unsafe and inappropriate. • Action MW and TD – alter wording of letter to emphasise strength of feeling on this. • A further point was raised that much of the analysis assumes the main flow of traffic is along the coastal road, but there has not been any analysis seen on the routes to and from Haddington, which would increase traffic in other areas of the village. • The traffic appraisal for the proposed development was added to the ELC website later than the planning application and a number of people did not realise it was there. • Action JF to submit letter by deadline of Monday 3rd October once updates are agreed. <p>Draft Local Development Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GACC, led by MW and TD, considering representations on the draft LDP – ELC is consulting until 31st October. MW and TD aim to have first draft by 10th October and may request an extra GACC meeting if it is felt necessary. • ELC has set up a number of different consultation channels. |

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| | <p>Action MW to speak with ELC contact and establish which one(s) GACC would use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observation that there is an over emphasis on the provision of football facilities in communities and the expansion necessary as the population grows. The response will most likely request that this is re-phrased as provision of social space (especially for young people) to cover a wider range of options <p>Fenton Gait East</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action JF – the draft GACC objection letter to this proposed development was approved and will be submitted tomorrow. <p>Dirleton - Ware Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 applications published today on ELC website for 24 houses on a site not in the draft LDP. As only just seen no views formed as yet, but and GACC may make a representation to ELC <p>GACC Letters to ELC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TD proposed that where GACC makes a letter of objection or similar representation to ELC these should be made public on the GACC website. All present agree. Will be picked up once ownership of website is established (see below). |
| 7 | <p>Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VS has resigned from GACC and a new owner needed for the website. Agreed none of current GACC members have skills to do this, names to be sought of members of the public who may be happy to take this over. One name suggested at meeting. <p>Action: JF to seek nominations and to advertise on Gullane Facebook page for helper(s)</p> |
| 8 | <p>Village Reports</p> <p>Aberlady – MD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing in addition to previous discussion on proposed housing development. <p>Dirleton – TD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbishment or replacement of public benches anticipated to be complete by end of year. <p>Drem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report <p>Gullane – JF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action: JF to request ELC to repair pothole on road that is continuation of pavement between Gullane Co-op and Bethany Shop. • Action: TD to find out more and report back concerning two tree preservation orders advertised by ELC in today's Courier <p>West Fenton – MW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report |
| 9 | <p>Any other competent business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GACC supported the purchase of one wreath per village for Remembrance Week. <p>Action: KC to purchase wreaths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Competitions and Markets Authority is investigating the completed acquisition by East Coast Buses Limited of the East Lothian operations of First Scotland East Limited. GACC agreed to support East Coast Buses Limited if requested. • Request from public to ask East Coast Buses Limited to synchronise the bus timetable |

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| | <p>better with the train service, especially at Longniddry. Action: JF to write to East Coast Buses Limited making this request</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification that two areas of different coloured tarmac are to be laid on Gullane Main Street to highlight the school crossing area • JF paid tribute to VS, the longest serving member, who has now retired from GACC. JF thanked Veronica for all her hard work for the community over the years. This was echoed by the other GACC members in attendance. • This is the last meeting of the current GACC. Office bearers will be elected at the next GACC meeting. JF thanked all the current GACC members for their contributions over the past four years. • BT is embarking on a survey of red phone boxes, most likely with a view to removing them. Currently one in Dirleton and one in Drem. If communities wish to keep them they will need to put together a case for doing so. • Today's Courier – notice of planning application to convert Aberlady Post Office to combined pharmacy and post office. |
| 11 | <p>Date and venue of next meeting Thursday 27th October 2016, 7.00pm, Gullane Village Hall. Meeting to be chaired by Councillor Tim Day.</p> |