

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25th JULY 2013

Held in Aberlady Kirk Stables

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:	A McIntosh (Chairman) (AM)	Gullane
	J Findlay (Vice Chairman)	Gullane
	R Ainslie (Treasurer) (RA)	Gullane
	G Fraser (GF)	Gullane
	T Drysdale (TD)	Dirleton
	I Malcolm (IM)	Aberlady
	D McDonald (DM)	Dirleton
	S Morris (SM)	Drem
	V Sked (VS)	Gullane
	Cllr Day (Cllr D)	East Lothian Councillor
	Cllr Goodfellow (Cllr G)	East Lothian Councillor
	PC Banks	Police Scotland
	L Ogilvie (LO)	Secretary

Item	Title	Action By
1	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from the following: Fiona Boswell, Jane McCallum and Sophie Shorthouse. SM advised that due to another commitment she will leave the meeting at 8pm.	
2	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting subject to the following amendments: Martin Wishart should read as Martin White. Item 2. Remove the word 'not' – the sentence will now read It was noted	
3	MATTERS ARISING – REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr D advised that the sign for West Fenton is ready to install and should be in place next week. • SS is progressing with the noticeboard for Gullane. • As discussed at the previous meeting AM had discussed security with the R and A and a height restrictor was put in place. • The next Aberlady meeting will take place at 7:30pm to accommodate the Brownie meeting. • The matrix at the end of the last minutes showing the responsibilities of each Councillor was agreed and further responsibilities will be updated as the months progress. 	Cllr D SS
4	LOCAL PRIORITIES Dirleton Primary School – Have requested £1,200 for books as part of a library which will then be available to other local groups. The total cost of the project is £3,400 with the sum of £1,000 having already been raised. Planning permission has been granted for this project. The meeting agreed to support the project and donate the sum of £1,200. North Berwick Open Duke of Edinburgh Group – The sum of £300 has been requested to help support local people undertaking the award. The group is very well attended and it was agreed to donate £300 as a one off payment to help with their costs. Dog Bins – At a cost of £300 ELC will install and empty a bin which will be of a good quality. It was agreed to proceed – the location will be on the road leading to West Fenton. Astro Project in Gullane – The Chairman was keen to ring-fence any contribution. A letter of support has already been sent. The group have asked for sponsorship of squares for the pitch and it was agreed that this would be a good way for the CC to ring-fence its contribution. It was confirmed that the CC should purchase 10 squares at a total cost of £1,000.	

5	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>A copy of the police report is attached with PC Banks' contact details on the final page should anyone need to make contact with him.</p> <p>In addition to the report the following points were raised:</p> <p>Aberlady Nature Reserve – there have been reports that the area is being frequented by groups of males.</p> <p>Gullane – scrap collectors – ID should always be requested.</p> <p>There had been a complaint of speeding through Mungoswells which had been passed to Colin Baird of ELC. A site meeting had taken place this morning and possible solutions will be forthcoming.</p> <p>It was noted that Community Police posters are no longer in some local shops. PC Banks explained that due to the rebranding of the Police service some posters had been removed and will be replaced as soon as possible.</p>	
6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning permission has been sought for building of one or two houses in the area at the old Drs Surgery – this will involve a change of use when they move into their new premises. • GF advised of a development by McTaggart Mickel at Letham Mains in Haddington. • Ferrygate – A letter has been sent by the CC and also by the DVA. GF advised that he had written as an individual. TD felt there was a great deal of pessimism locally as to whether the local view will be taken into consideration. North Berwick Community Council have organised a petition with more than 500 signatures – IM felt this was not a large petition in relation to the population of North Berwick. There was a discussion as to which CC area the site belongs – the land would appear to be in the GACC area but the school catchment area is North Berwick. GACC have now written twice in objection as have the DVA. It was suggested that the Reporter should look closely at the proposal as the developer may make a persuasive argument. • Fenton Barns – Determination date is awaited. Martin White, GF, IM and TD will meet to discuss strategy when the Council meeting date is known. Dave Holloway from the DVA will also be involved with his SEPA background. • Wind Turbine, Ferrygate – has been sourced from a different supplier. It was felt this is not highly visible and the situation is considered a fait-accomplis. 	
7	<p>WEBSITE</p> <p>The Chairman thanked TD for his work with the new website. TD advised this had been team work and that the site looked good due to the work of Gary Hitchin. It was agreed to leave the matter of payment for Gary's help until the next meeting. When the site is complete the Chairman will try and have something printed in the East Lothian Courier and East Lothian News. RA now has the accounts in respect of the previous website and will arrange for payment of £140.16 to be made to John Aitken - this was agreed. Cllr G asked whether it was intentional not to have the telephone numbers of Councillors on the website. It was agreed to give this some thought and also to the publication of another newsletter and the possibility of advertising in the newsletter.</p>	AM RA
8	<p>VILLAGE REPORTS</p> <p>Dirleton</p> <p>The village fete took place prior to the Open Championship and had been successful. The DVA do not meet in July and there was nothing further to report.</p> <p>Gullane</p> <p>Hugh Heenan had approached GF regarding the conditions of the pavements in particular outside the Co-op. It was agreed to write to ELC to request that the pavement is possibly dropped or a ramp made available at the crossing. There are also numerous pot holes which require to be repaired to ease transportation of anyone in either a wheelchair or mobility scooter.</p> <p>Aberlady</p> <p>IM advised that there are spars missing on the bench at the market cross - Cllr D agreed to make contact with the relevant department to effect either a repair or replacement. It was reiterated that if anyone is aware of any vandalism this should be reported to the police – preferably at the time.</p> <p>IM advised of illegal parking at the local shop; this has been a long standing issue. It was agreed that this</p>	GF/LO Cllr D

