

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2013

Held in Dirleton Village Hall

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:	A S McIntosh (Chairman)	Gullane
	R Ainslie (Treasurer) (RA)	Gullane
	F Boswell (FB)	West Fenton
	G Fraser (GF)	Gullane
	D McDonald (DM)	Dirleton
	J McCallum (JMcC)	Aberlady
	S Morris (SM)	Drem
	V Sked (VS)	Gullane
	L Ogilvie (LO)	Secretary

Item	Title	Action By
1	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from the following: Cllr Day, JF, Cllr Goodfellow, PC Banks and IM	
2	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting	
3	MATTERS ARISING – REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bus Service from Gullane to Haddington is now operating and it was agreed that the timetable should be placed on the GACC website. SM will check times and pass to FB for inclusion on the website. It was felt important that local people use this service. • Millenium Wood – AM has spoken with Landscape and Countryside and confirmed that ELC have responsibility for this area. Michael Foy is our contact. • Anti-Social Behaviour – this will be carried over to the next meeting. • REPSOL – off shore wind turbines will have no impact on the coastline in this area. 	SM/FB
4	LOCAL PRIORITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter of thanks had been received from Dirleton Primary School in connection with the library extension which will be opening soon. Representatives from the CC will be invited to attend the opening. • JM advised that Aberlady Village Hall committee had thanked the CC for a contribution to the floor repair. • A letter of support has been written to Aberlady Archaeology Society. • Parking in Aberlady outside the shop – no response has been received to a letter to ELC. • Noticeboard – The Chairman advised that this must be changed. IM will take this matter forward. 	IM
5	POLICE REPORT PC Banks is unavailable due to a family matter and a Police Report was not available. The following matters were discussed at last night;s CAPP: A break in had taken place on Whim Road, Gullane and on the same evening there had been break ins in Longniddry and North Berwick which were thought to be connected. It would appear that when PC Banks is not on duty or on holiday the CC meeting will not be covered by another Police Officer. The Fire Training School in Gullane will be closing. A document confirming this has been placed on a local forum. The building is owned by the Government and it was thought it might be returned to a commercial interest property. The loss of the Training School will impact on local employment. It was	

	<p>agreed that the CC should write when official notification of closure has been given – it was agreed that it would be good to know why this decision has been taken.</p> <p>Speed sign at Fenton Barns – this is now in place and has made a massive difference. West Fenton sign is now also in place. FB advised of a speeding bus which she had reported to the Police – having obtained the vehicle registration number. FB will follow this up.</p>	
6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>GF advised of a planning application for Gullane Deli which involved a change of use to a restaurant class 3. The Chairman advised that having spoken to the owner this will be for a table service restaurant only. This has been confirmed by ELC. A take away facility would require a separate planning application.</p> <p>A meeting had taken place last night to discuss the Fenton Barns planning application. The pre determination hearing takes place on 1st October. There had been a suggestion that allowing the build would protect jobs locally but it was suggested that if the water plant was taken over by Scottish Water there would be additional charges which would not protect employment locally. There had also been a suggestion that ELC should contribute towards the cost of the drainage upkeep but this idea was not supported by ELC. The Chairman will send an email to all Councillors advising of our strong objection to this project and looking for their support in rejecting the application. The item will be first on the agenda at 10am on 1st October.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to the committee for all the work they have done on behalf of the CC.</p> <p>Graeme Bettison entered the meeting and was warmly welcomed by the Chairman.</p>	AM
7	<p>WEBSITE</p> <p>It was agreed that approved minutes and agendas will be uploaded on to the website. FB and Veronica are to receive a little more training on the running of the site which they will then pass on to LO to allow her to upload the minutes etc.</p> <p>There had previously been a link to Tell Me Scotland for planning matters and FB will look into this. Once final tweaks have been made to the site it is hoped to run an article in the East Lothian Courier. RA should be made aware when Gary has finished with the site and a suitable contribution will be made to his chosen charitable project.</p>	
8	<p>VILLAGE REPORTS</p> <p>Aberlady</p> <p>Cllr B had previously notified the CC that the space outside the Co –op was to be extended and a one way system put into operation. There are currently yellow lines on the corner. The residents in Templar Lane, Gullane would like this road to be one way. It was agreed to write to Peter Forsyth for clarification. There was some recollection of a letter advising of this with a map attached. SM will discuss this matter with Peter Forsyth, both for Gullane and Aberlady.</p> <p>Planter outside the Londis store – the Police had thought this was a good idea.</p> <p>Dirleton</p> <p>An Archaeological dig on the green had been successful. 70 people had visited over 5 days and some items had been found.</p> <p>Primary School – The Acting Head had confirmed that the extension will be completed by the end of October.</p> <p>There had been concerns raised regarding the lampposts round the village green. They are not matching. There is a similar problem in Gullane and it was agreed that contact should be made with ELC to ascertain why – Mike Omond is the contact.</p> <p>There have been a number of complaints regarding storm debris on Yellowcraig beach. There would appear to be no policy on beach cleaning. Other areas have undertaken community beach cleaning. The Chairman will write to Landscape and Countryside, or ring Stuart Pryde.</p> <p>Gullane</p> <p>LO to check response to letter advising of pot holes outside co –op in Gullane.</p> <p>RA has emailed the dog warden but as yet has not received a response to her query. PC Banks had spoken with a number of dog owners in Dirleton when there had been concerns and he may be do this for Gullane also.</p>	SM

	<p>FB recalled a letter sent to ELC re bollards and the possibility of a barrier on West Fenton Road, Gullane – this may have been JF. FB will check whether a solution was agreed.</p> <p>VS raised the issue of the clock outside Falko’s. The Chairman explained the background to this issue and advised that he has spoken with the owner. There is a junction box near to the shop which could be used for the power supply and Cllr Goodfellow will now speak to the owner in the hope of resolving the problem.</p> <p>The Chairman noted the death of Dr Blackett – funeral will take place on Monday.</p> <p>Wreath laying throughout the area – The Chairman has spoken with other Community Councils who lay wreaths at the remembrance services. There are three memorials (Gullane, Aberlady and Dirleton) in the area and wreaths can be purchased for £21 plus vat from the Poppy Factory. IM will arrange to order the wreaths. This cost can be covered by the administration fund. A representative of the CC will lay wreaths if there is not an ex-serviceman who can do this on our behalf.</p> <p>RA advised that there are sufficient funds to purchase the wreaths. She advised that the person who audits the accounts is very thorough and reads all minutes in support of the accounts.</p> <p>The Chairman asked about the SESPLAN – the development plan for East Lothian. Cllr D advised that ELC are responsible for allocation of development land which is likely to be in the A1 corridor where transport links are. He is now part of the committee and the first meeting he will attend is on Monday. There are 6,500 houses to be allocated for the area this incorporates Blindwells and also housing in existing towns. We are not meeting targets at the moment. It was felt that railway stations cannot cope and Cllr D advised of a consideration to extend parking at Drem – using land on the other side of the track. A document on the SESPLAN will be published in the next few months. Cllr D will report back to the next meeting.</p> <p>Drem</p> <p>John Yellowlees had advised that the notice boards are with the sign writer.</p> <p>Core Path – Progressing with option 3 which is the most direct route. There had been some discussion on compulsory purchase orders but SM was not aware of any further progress.</p> <p>SM will follow up the issue of waste material having been left in the fields following harvesting.</p>	<p>FB</p> <p>Cllr G</p> <p>IM</p> <p>Cllr D</p> <p>SM</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS</p> <p>Graeme Bettison addressed the meeting to give an update on the coastal museum in North Berwick. GB has been on the committee since April 2012 representing GACC. He has been involved in setting up the constitution, setting up the charitable trust and the recruitment of volunteers for the museum. He has enjoyed being part of the project but the time is now right for him to move on. He advised that he has worked with a super team who are now looking forward to the addition of a representative from the CC or someone who can work on behalf of the CC. The Chairman thanked GB for all his hard work on behalf of the CC. The CC will now look to appoint a volunteer on to the committee. GB advised that a minute secretary is also required – although this does not have to be the same person. GB will stay on until the end of the year and hopefully someone will be forthcoming by then. The meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month and run from 7:30pm until 9:30pm. Any interest should be passed to the Chairman.</p> <p>RA advised that the public liability insurance has been updated.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Thursday 31st October in Aberlady Kirk Stables at 7pm.</p>	