

GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
 (Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane)
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28th February 2013
Held in Gullane Village Hall

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:	A McIntosh (Chairman)	Gullane
	J Findlay (Vice Chairman)	Gullane
	F Boswell	Dirleton
	G Fraser	Gullane
	J McCallum	Aberlady
	D McDonald	Dirleton
	Ian Malcolm	Aberlady
	S Morris	Drem
	S Shorthouse	Gullane
	V Sked	Gullane
	PC Banks	Police Service of Scotland
	Clr Day	East Lothian Councillor
	L Ogilvie	Secretary

Item	Title	Action
1	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from the following: RA, Cllr B, Cllr G, TD.	
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"> • Ferrygate – planning application has been withdrawn. • West Fenton - It is understood that a letter is on its way from Colin Baird in response to a request for a formal speed limit. • ELC are looking into the possibility of running a bus from Aberlady to Haddington, or extending an existing service. This is in response to an approach by Alison Dow. • Wind turbines - it was confirmed that the second planning application was not objected to by Historic Scotland nor were they able to object to the other turbines which were erected on the opposite side of the road. It was agreed that there is nothing further which can be done in this regard. • IM had circulated an email regarding painting the turbines a green colour. Historic Scotland had said this could not be done due to the volume of birds in the area. AM suggested that the CC write to request a change of colour. IM strongly supported this suggestion. • Ardmuir, Gullane - No response has been received as yet. • Website - JM will speak to John Aitken for some guidance. JM has spoken with a web designer based in Aberlady (Jim King) who runs computer courses and both JM and FB will attend with a view to running the CC website. Cllr D felt that wordpress might be the best way forward. • High speed broadband - It is hoped that this will be fibre optic and in place prior to the Open Championship. 	<p>AM</p> <p>JM</p>
4	LOCALPRIORITIES JF distributed a report detailing the total spend for the previous year. Of a total budget for the past year of £15,518 a balance of £9.56 will be carried forward into next year's budget which is hoped to remain at the same level as this year. GF proposed a vote of thanks to the sub-committee for their work throughout the year. AM advised that he has been in communication with Port Seton CC regarding purchase of Christmas trees. In	

	<p>previous years the CC had not been willing to donate funds for purchase of trees or lights as it was felt that they did not fall within the parameters of local priority funding. Should the CC provide wreaths for remembrance services? IM proposed that the CC use the administration budget for this purpose. A discussion ensued regarding the guidelines for donating to charities. It was agreed to provide wreaths for services at Dirleton, Aberlady and Gullane. AM will speak to ELC re the best way to purchase of wreaths.</p> <p>JF advised of an application received today for Gullane Village Hall - this is now with the sub-committee.</p>	AM
5	<p>POLICE REPORT PC Banks reported as follows:</p> <p>Aberlady 15 Feb - a male was arrested for breaching his anti social behaviour order by acting in a disorderly manner. There have been several calls throughout the month of youths hanging around in gardens. Those involved have been spoken to in front of their parents.</p> <p>Gullane 5 - 11 Feb - two house break-ins had been reported at holiday homes at Goose Green. 22 Feb - youths were reported as causing annoyance at the skate park behind Hamilton Crescent. Patrols to the area have been increased. 26 Feb - a male entered a shop at Summerside Place and jewellery was taken. A positive line of enquiry is being followed.</p> <p>Dirleton 9 -15 Feb - a mountain bike was stolen in Fidra Avenue.</p> <p>Drem Various thefts of diesel were reported and also poaching on farmland.</p> <p>At the CAPP meeting the issue of motor cyclists travelling along the coast was discussed. This issue may worsen during the summer months. Stats for the month had been requested - these can be found on the Police website. Cllr Day advised of an information day on 10th April at John Muir House regarding the Open IM, JF and SS will attend.</p> <p>A new police contact number is now in operation - 101 for non emergency calls. The number for emergency calls is still 999.</p>	
6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing Home - there is some uncertainty as to whether they can make the required changes to bring the building up to standard with the residents on the premises. The project has been delayed. • Archerfield - A letter of objection has been sent by the DVA and it was agreed that a letter should be sent from the CC in support of their objections. • Medical Centre - this is moving ahead and should be completed by the end of this year. • Ardmuir - Cllr D was asked to have the application taken off the list. 	GF Cllr D
7	<p>VILLAGE REPORTS</p> <p>Aberlady IM - Cllr Day will inquire why the public toilets are still closed. IM - New notice boards will be in place next week - in the same location as previous boards. Jane - Walks leaflet. GF advised that he does not have a supply of leaflets and that Hugh Heenan may have a box - JM will ask him. JM - had been asked by the Manager of the Aberlady Inn (Paul Kinnoch) as to the impact of the Open in the village. Cllr D knows Paul and will speak directly to him.</p> <p>Gullane SS - Had previously raised an issue regarding dog fouling - this will be followed up. GF advised that a notice board is also required for Gullane. SS had received a quote for a wall fixture and will</p>	Cllr D JM Cllr D

	<p>also request a quote for a free-standing board. GF will speak to Brian Stalker re the best location and ask whether planning permission is required.</p> <p>VS - advised that at the last Fire School passing out day cars had been parked in inappropriate locations causing dangerous lines of vision and a lack of space for any emergency vehicles requiring access. VS will speak to the Fire School Manager and suggest that when issuing invitations for next year parking is considered.</p> <p>SS - Traffic Wardens. How far off the main street do the wardens patrol? In Middleshott Road there are problems with vehicles turning at the junction and also parking on the yellow lines. Cllr D will discuss the issues with PC Banks.</p> <p>Signage and street name plates - details to be emailed to Cllr D.</p> <p>Cllr D advised that the road between Gullane and Aberlady will be treated in the better weather. The corner is also dangerous at Stevenson Farm.</p> <p>Drem</p> <p>SM - will speak to John Yellowlees re the amended notice board at the station. No volunteers have come forward to help with the planted tubs at the station. SM will speak to the residents at station house re the possibility of an outdoor tap.</p> <p>There is no development with the cyclepath as yet - I Monk is taking this forward.</p> <p>Dirleton</p> <p>DM - during the last few weeks the residents of Dirleton have heard a high pitch noise at certain times. This was reported to Environmental Health and the noise traced to Ferrygate new chicken farm. The situation will now be monitored and is thought to have come from a grain drier.</p> <p>Signs for Manse Road and Ware Road are now in place.</p> <p>Dog fouling at the play park. Cllr D advised that it is hoped a bin will be in place within the next month.</p> <p>FB - There has been a broken drain on the roadside at West Fenton since December. ELC are aware and had an external contractor look at this but the drain will not be repaired until next years budget. Cllr D will speak to Peter Forsyth but he is aware there are greater priorities.</p> <p>Between West Fenton and Gullane there is an overhanging tree causing concerns; the farmer should be contacted.</p> <p>There is still an issue with speeding traffic.</p>	<p>SS</p> <p>VS</p> <p>Cllr D</p> <p>Cllr D</p> <p>SM</p> <p>Cllr D</p>
8	<p>ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS</p> <p>Mike Mackie from Gullane Sports Development Trust addressed the meeting on plans for a new artificial sports pitch in Gullane – the main points are summarized as follows. Drawings and plans were available for perusal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group have a Chairman and four trustees • The project is for an artificial pitch, training and changing facilities • The total cost of the project will be in the region of £238,000 and approaches have been made to other groups for funding. 50% may be forthcoming from Sport Scotland • There are no facilities at the moment and any new facilities will be well used by Gullane youths and also the surrounding areas • The location will be near the primary school and beside the football pitch - Memorial Park • SS had some concerns re the visual impact of a fence round the pitch but was in support of the project as a whole <p>The CC were pleased to hear of the project and would be happy to consider an application for funding from the group in the near future. In addition the Chairman would provide written support if this was required.</p>	
9	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will take place in Dirleton Church Hall at 7pm on Thursday 28th March 2013.</p>	