

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER 2013

Held in Aberlady Kirk Stables

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:	A S McIntosh (AM)(Chairman)	Gullane
	J Findlay (JF) (Vice Chair)	Gullane
	R Ainslie (RA) (Treasurer)	Gullane
	F Boswell (FB)	West Fenton
	T Drysdale (TD)	Dirleton
	G Fraser (GF)	Gullane
	D McDonald (DM)	Dirleton
	S Morris (SM)	Drem
	PC Banks	Police Scotland
	Cllr Berry (Cllr B)	East Lothian Councillor
	Cllr Goodfellow (Cllr G)	East Lothian Councillor
	L Ogilvie (LO)	Secretary

Item	Title	Action By
1	<p>APOLOGIES Apologies were received from the following: Cllr D, Ian Malcolm, Jane McCallum and Veronica Sked. Sophie Shorthouse was not in attendance.</p>	
2	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.</p>	
3	<p>MATTERS ARISING – REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENCE Bus Service from Gullane to Haddington – SM had provided FB with the timetable and this is now uploaded on to the website. Millenium Wood – ELC have accepted responsibility for maintaining this wood. Drinking By-law – A variation to the by-law had been requested for Gullane Games. The Chair had written to ELC to advise that the CC had no objections to this amendment. Commonwealth Games – A letter had been received asking for nominations for flame bearers – this letter had been circulated to all CCs. It was agreed to speak to Mike Mackie to ask whether he could help to identify someone locally. Speeding Motorcycles – A letter had been sent to ELC and a response received from Peter Forsyth (circulated to all). Peter advised that there are no records of any fatalities or serious injuries on this road but that ELC will undertake a traffic survey at an appropriate location to identify the extent of the problem. This issue had been raised at the CAPP meeting. PC Banks advised that there had been police patrols in the area during the summer. PC Banks will request a traffic intelligence report which reports on the last 20 years and might show some accident stats which would help with discussions with ELC. It was agreed that it is important to have some action prior to a serious accident occurring. Cllr B advised that this is one of three priorities set at the CAPP but it is going to take some time. Crossings at Golf Course – JF was very concerned regarding the three crossing points at the golf course, some used by children and he had written to ELC. TD felt that the response from ELC had been unhelpful as the crossings were dangerous. During the recent children’s golf competition temporary crossing points had been installed. PC Banks had spoken with bikers over the summer but this will not resolve the problem longer term. PC Banks suggested that members of the public take registration numbers of vehicles and motorcycles and pass them to him for action. With public help the situation at Ware Road, Dirleton had improved. PC Banks advised that a first warning can be given with one witness and for a second warning two witnesses are required. A member of the public suggested that when leaving Aberlady – at the second bend – it would be useful to have a speed reactive sign which would help slow down traffic that speeds up when leaving the village.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>PC Banks</p>

	<p>JF asked how long a traffic survey would take? PC Banks thought they would use marksman cabling which is normally in place for around 7 – 14 days. It was agreed that the Local Priorities group should look at the purchase of further speed reactive signs for the area. Cllr B suggested moving signs on a regular basis for maximum effect – this currently happens. Cllr B also suggested making further contact with Peter Forsyth to actively make a case for a crossing at the golf course. JF will draft a letter.</p> <p>Police Scotland – a standard letter had been received from Police Scotland in respect of a traffic warden review. There is an ongoing issue with cars parking in the disabled bay outside the co-op in Gullane and also outside the Bank. The letter suggests that ELC have their own traffic wardens and the Community Council were asked for their opinions. Cllr B suggested that it might be that there could be some flexibility in that the same person could be a traffic warden/dog warden/litter warden and be able to issue tickets/fines for any of those offences. The Chair will write to Ray Montgomery of ELC in support of this initiative.</p> <p>Police Public Counter Services – PC Banks advised that the counter at North Berwick will remain open as the counter is well used for a huge number of reasons – other stations are not so well used and their counters will be closed.</p> <p>Civic Pride Fund – The fund is available for projects which will enhance local communities. GF suggested gateways to the villages. The time limit for applications is 29th November and suggestions were sought. There is another opportunity to apply in March and it was suggested that a proposal be prepared for March. GF and RA will look at the paperwork.</p> <p>Road Safety issues, Aberlady – A letter had been received from Peter Forsyth which had been emailed to all Councillors. He will arrange a meeting with two Community Councillors in attendance. Further information is awaited.</p> <p>Network Rail – A letter had been received advising of road closures in Drem to enable drainage works to take place.</p> <p>John Muir Festival – This will run from April - December 2014. Information was received and will be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Core Paths – Mr Russell will not move his stance on linking the paths. The Local Access Forum are unable to do more and an impasse has been reached. There is little the Community Council can do to help. Cllr B advised that he had tried to discuss the situation with the local farmer and no progress had been made. The Chair will write to advise of the current position.</p>	<p>Local Priorities</p> <p>JF</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>GF/RA</p> <p>The Chair</p>
4	<p>LOCAL PRIORITIES</p> <p>Signage in Aberlady – Further to correspondence with IM agreement had been reached on the wording of the sign. The word Aberlady will be removed. Above the sign is a panel which reads Gullane Area Community Council and the board underneath will state Community Council. There will be a cost to alter the wording which will be met from the LP Funds. This may now only be £40. It was felt this would clarify the position. The noticeboard is a community noticeboard on which minutes of the CC, Aberlady Community Association and also the Nature Reserve group are placed.</p> <p>GF stressed that it is important that Community Councillors bring all matters to the table to then be in a position to speak on behalf of the CC.</p>	
5	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>The Police report is attached. It was suggested that a hyperlink be created on the new CC website to provide a direct link to the Police Scotland site. PC Banks advised that he may not always attend the meetings – if he is not on duty there may be a replacement. It was agreed that continuity may be lost. Cllr B advised that changes are happening but it would be best to delay any comment until the full extent of any change is known.</p>	
6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>The Chair wished to congratulate all on the planning committee for the decision on the Fenton Barns planning application. A good letter from Cllr B had been printed in the East Lothian Courier. Cllr B was thanked for his support and also for his support with the Ferrygate application.</p> <p>GF advised of two applications for extensions in the Gullane area – neither of which would cause any issues and also an application from Gullane Golf Club for the erection of temporary portacabins while they replace the Clubhouse.</p> <p>Gullane Deli – It is understood that a restaurant will open at the beginning of January and will be operated by Luciano Crolla.</p>	
7	<p>WEBSITE</p> <p>FB had received a lesson from Gary and she is now working towards uploading the minutes. She has taken information off the site. It was agreed that minutes should be retained on a yearly basis and be in</p>	<p>FB</p>

	<p>a pdf format. LO will provide minutes from October 2012. It was agreed that the website should be promoted in the East Lothian Courier once it is updated. Should the site be linked to Twitter and Facebook? RA asked whether the time is now right to remunerate Gary for his work on the site. Gary had previously stated that he would donate any fee to the Sports Development Trust. It was agreed that £500 should be the fee and RA will arrange that this is paid to Gary from the Administration Fund. This was agreed to be a very reasonable fee for the amount of work Gary had undertaken.</p> <p>A member of the public asked where the CC minutes are stored and if they are in the public domain – all minutes are sent to ELC and stored on their system.</p>	RA
8	<p>VILLAGE REPORTS</p> <p>Dirleton</p> <p>The village is still experiencing power cuts. SP Energy had stated that the problem is with updating of transmission lines. Not everyone had been off power at the same time.</p> <p>A new Head Teacher has been appointed at the Primary School – Brian Moodie.</p> <p>A vote of thanks was proposed for the hard work undertaken by the DVA in relation to the Ferrygate planning application.</p> <p>Gullane</p> <p>An email had been received in connection with the Fire Station closure. Cllr G advised that ELC are awaiting a response to see whether they are willing to meet with local representatives and ELC will recommend that there is also a presence from GACC.</p> <p>The Chair has spoken with Falko and the issue with the Silver Jubilee Clock seems to have been resolved. It has been agreed that ELC will reimburse him for the six years' electricity used. The situation has ended with an amicable agreement.</p> <p>The CC had donated funds to assist with the upgrading of Gullane Village Hall toilets. A reception will take place on 3rd November and The Chairman, Jane and Veronica will attend.</p> <p>There are a number of pot holes around the village.</p> <p>It had been rumoured that the Fire School is to be combined with Cambuslang Fire School or moved down south. Cllr B advised that Strathclyde is the main fire school in Scotland but does not have any accommodation. It was agreed that a meeting would be helpful to clarify the situation.</p> <p>Drem</p> <p>Noticeboards will be reinstated at the Station. Cllr B advised that he had attended a meeting which had also been attended by John Yellowless – there are opportunities for people to become involved with cosmetic issues at the station such as planters, noticeboards etc.</p> <p>The Christmas lights are on their way to Fife courtesy of Andrew Black – where they will be checked and a quote given for any work required on them.</p> <p>Aberlady</p> <p>Cllr G advised of ongoing concerns with parking at the Londis shop and also with parking on zig zags at the crossing and the junction at The Wynd. There have also been a number of street lights out which have now been replaced. The Chair advised that the CC are awaiting details of a site meeting to discuss options for Londis and possibility a planter.</p> <p>Wreath Laying</p> <p>Wreaths will be placed at the local memorials and RA has paid the sum of £80.01 for the three wreaths. Cllr B advised that ELC Councillors will lay wreaths on behalf of the Council at Dirleton – details will follow.</p>	
9	<p>ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS</p> <p>As advised at last month's meeting Graeme Bettison will retire from the North Berwick Coastal Museum committee – no one has as yet come forward as a replacement. It was agreed that FB should place details on the website which may encourage someone to become involved. Might someone be interested from the History Society.</p> <p>David Small – Head of NHS Lothian is keen to address a meeting to discuss a new community hospital in Haddington. This is the beginning of a consultation exercise. An introduction will take place at Gullane Day Centre on 12th November – RA will represent GACC at this meeting. Cllr G will confirm the details to RA.</p> <p>AM advised that he has now been in the Chair for two years; on taking over as Chair he had stated that</p>	<p>FB</p> <p>Cllr G</p>

	<p>he only intended to fulfill the role for a maximum of two years. He has now intimated that he would like to retire at the end of this year. Anyone interested in becoming Chair should send AM an email within the next month and if necessary a vote will take place at the November meeting. It was suggested that JF should step into the position of Chair but it was agreed that the best way forward was for nominations – Councillors could nominate another member of the group.</p> <p>The Chair had a copy of the Constitution from 1976 which stated the number of Councillors for each of the wards – which are still the same number. This number is based on the size of electoral role of each village. The Chair will circulate a copy of the Constitution to each member.</p> <p>An email had been received from IM suggesting that Aberlady have their own Community Council; there was no support at the meeting for this suggestion.</p> <p>Cllr G advised of a COSLA consultation document on local democracy.</p> <p>Cllr B advised of a debrief on the Open which had been very useful. Local businesses had been disadvantaged by the parking restrictions – also Fenton Barns. It was hoped that lessons will be learned for the future.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Thursday 28th November in Gullane Village Hall at 7pm.</p>	