

GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
 (Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane)
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27 March 2014
Held in Gullane Village Hall

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:	J Findlay (JF, Chair)	Gullane
	R Ainslie (RA)	Gullane
	F Boswell (FB)	Fenton Barns
	M Duck (MD)	Aberlady
	T Drysdale (TD)	Dirleton
	G Fraser (GF)	Gullane
	I Malcolm (IM)	Aberlady
	D McDonald (DMcD)	Dirleton
	S Morris (SM)	Drem
	V Sked (VS)	Gullane
	PC Banks	Police Scotland
	L Ogilvie (LO)	Secretary

Item	Title	Action By
1	APOLOGIES There were no apologies.	
2	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting were amended to correct a mistype in the word Renaissance and were then taken as a true reflection of the meeting. The minutes will now be adopted and a copy placed on the CC website.	
3	MATTERS ARISING – REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENCE An email had been received from IM which had been sent to our ELC Councillors – no response has been received; it was hoped to have Councillors at tonight’s meeting. IM was disappointed not to receive a response to some long outstanding issues especially the issue with dangerous parking outside the village shop. A solution of planters had been suggested but no progress has been made – could we provide planters with permission of the owner? MD felt that the pelican crossing had been badly sited. The Chair will write to the Chief Executive. RA advised of a site visit at Gullane Primary School to look at the yellow lines – this matter had been raised around two years ago. PC Banks advised that the drop off zone had been looked at and the double yellow lines should remain in place.	Chair
4	LOCAL PRIORITIES The Chair distributed a report showing the current figures and spend during the year - uncommitted is £8183.00 and applications should be encouraged. There is an amount of £500 outstanding for a Gullane Village Community sign. The sign will not be free standing as originally thought but will be on the wall – the current boards will remain. An application from Aberlady has been withdrawn. An application has been received from Aberlady Conservation and History Society in respect of the Glebe Field and will be discussed at the next sub-committee meeting with a recommendation made to the next CC meeting. An amount on the spreadsheet for Drem Christmas lights relates to the haulage and storage costs.	
5	POLICE REPORT The Police Report is attached.	

	<p>Issues with speeding motorists at West Fenton and Kingston had been noted. Motor bikes are also an issue as we move into the better weather.</p> <p>With regard to the break-ins CCTV in the area would be seen as a deterrent. PC Banks stressed the importance of keeping key holder data updated for a quick response by the police. It was thought that the burglars could have come down the coast road and could have been spotted on CCTV. It was suggested that the unit dealing with the burglaries do not work over the weekend – PC Banks advised that the unit work Monday to Friday only but that Police Officers are on duty all week.</p> <p>PC Banks reminded everyone of the crime prevention free service. FB asked him to produce a paragraph for a facebook page.</p> <p>It was suggested that photographs of the burglars be published locally but PC Banks felt this may impede an investigation. The CC will look at possible funding of two cameras at either end of the Gullane. It was noted that advice given a few years ago was that cameras would not be monitored but this has now changed – the quality is also very good.</p>	
6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>TD advised of a number of routine planning applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An application at Archerfield to build a house in the grounds of a property has been refused and the house now seems to be on the market. • Miller Homes will host an exhibition to show their plans for housing at Ferrygate – a planning application will then be made. There has been a judicial review of planning with a change to the rules – the Miller application is hoping to progress using the new planning criteria. TD will attend the exhibition. Naomi Cunningham will copy an email to TD re Ferrygate. • The Chair advised of a planning committee meeting to discuss the possibility of a development of 1,000 houses at Wallyford. The original application ran out after 5 years and has been resubmitted. • The Main Issues report will not now be available until the end of the summer. • A neighbour has complained about a house on Duncur Road, Gullane – GF will follow this up, TD will send GF the contact details of the investigation officer at ELC. • No further response has been received from the ELC Planning Enforcement Officer in connection with the tree felling at the Renaissance. Felling has stopped and MD advised that all compliances had been met. Jerry Sarvadi had suggested he come along to this meeting to advise what his plans were but it was agreed to wait until we had a response from ELC – it was felt that an accurate response is required from ELC. The Chair will add this matter to his letter to the Chief Executive and copy in all three ELC Councillors. 	Chair
7	<p>WEBSITE</p> <p>FB advised that our website contact had suggested that we do not move ahead with a change of web address as yet. Should we have a Community Council facebook page – Gary is happy to do this on our behalf. Could we highlight the GACC site on local newsletters and gala programmes? FB will check emails to the site and DMcD will also help. John Aitken is still paying for the URL address – FB will check this with Gary and let RA know the outcome. Contact will be made with John Aitken. FB advised that there is a charge of £9.48 per year for hosting and she will speak to Gary about the way forward.</p>	FB
8	<p>VILLAGE REPORTS</p> <p>Gullane</p> <p>There have been various complaints surrounding the advertising banners as you drive into the village. Some have been blown down and the writing is illegible. The Chair will write to ELC to highlight the various points and will report back next month. It was agreed that the concept was a good idea but that the banners should be taken down between events and must be legible. Cllr John McMillan is happy to come and speak to the meeting to discuss what can be done. It was agreed that consultation on the events they should be in place for would be appreciated. Would it be costly to take them down and erect again for each event? JF will write to suggest this.</p> <p>Aberlady</p>	Chair

	<p>IM advised of dog fouling in Back Lane and Coffin Lane. MD – railing at post office needs to be extended – he will look at this and report back.</p> <p>Drem SM advised of a Community rail group who will meet next week. It is hoped that a local resident will attend.</p> <p>Dirleton DMcD reported on the village shop which is struggling. A meeting had taken place last Thursday at which around 80 people had attended. Charlie Marshall has offered to help if they decide to try for funding as a community shop. An application for signage for the shop may be forthcoming. The DVA have had problems in finding a Chair for their meetings and have now agreed a rota for Chair.</p> <p>Cllr Goodfellow entered the meeting.</p> <p>There has been a smell of chicken manure in the village for the last four or five days. Cllr G suggested telephoning Environmental Health to report the problem. Spreading seems to take place when there is an east wind.</p> <p>FB noted that there is now a dog bin at West Fenton which is much appreciated. She has reported a number of speeding drivers and one in particular who was using his mobile phone for the journey.</p> <p>Cllr G advised that he has not had an opportunity to look into the issues contained in IM’s letter. He was advised that the Chair will write to the Chief Executive and he asked to be copied in to the letter.</p> <p>The Chair explained the situation with the banners and that the CC is hopeful they will be taken down between events. The Chair will suggest that the banners near to the Golf Clubhouse should be taken down as they spoil the view as visitors enter the village – Cllr G will reinforce the views of the CC.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS</p> <p>A small leaflet had been left on cars and at houses on Hummel Road advising of tarring works. The leaflet mentions an English Council and does not appear to be appropriate. On telephoning ELC it had been verified that works were taking pace locally and that the company had used a leaflet previously used in another area – ELC will make sure they vet such items in the future.</p> <p>A question was asked about the Fire Training School and its closure. The site is owned by the Government and IM will attempt to find out information on the way forward for the site and any timescale. Cllr G advised that ELC had not been made aware of the closure nor had they been asked for input. It is hoped there will now be consultation during the process of closure. Could there be a working group to look at a possible use of the site? It was felt this may be premature as the closure could be some time ahead.</p> <p>MD – double yellow lines at Aberlady Bay had been raised. He was unsure how far they would be extended. There are also concerns about parking at Yellowcraig when the new car parking charges come into force. Where will dog walkers park? Cllr G will check the detail for the double yellow lines and report back. IM was concerned that use of double yellow lines at Aberlady would move the car parking to the overflow park at Kilspindie. MD felt it important to have visitors to the area but also to maintain the countryside.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Thursday 24th April in Dirleton Church Hall at 7pm.</p>	