

# Gullane Area Community Council

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## Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 31 August 2017, 7.30pm at Aberlady Kirk Stables

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:	Donald Hay, Chair (DH), Tom Drysdale, Vice Chair (TD) Angus McCallum (AMcC), Malcolm Duck (MD) Sian Morris (SM) Dorothy Arthur (DA) Martin White (MW) John Hendry (JH) Cllr Findlay (CllrF) Cllr Goodfellow (CllrG) Cllr Henderson (CllrH) Tony Thomas (TT) PC Iain Paterson (PCP) 4 members of the public	Aberlady Dirleton Aberlady Aberlady Drem Gullane West Fenton Gullane East Lothian Councillor East Lothian Councillor East Lothian Councillor Cala Representative
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1	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from: Karen McDougall (KMcd), PC Deborah Gray (PCG)	
2	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b> Previous minutes were confirmed as a true reflection of the meeting.	
3	<b>Matters arising &amp; Correspondence</b>  <b>Aberlady War Memorial Garden</b> – discussion on this is ongoing. DH is monitoring the position.  <b>Aberlady hall bookings for Community Council meetings</b> –DH had a telephone conversation with Mrs Marston, District Commissioner of the Aberlady Brownies, and an arrangement has been made with both parties regarding access to the hall. The CC will send Mrs Marston the dates for future meetings.  <b>West Fenton Road</b> – No acknowledgement or response to our letter of 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2017 received yet from Alan Stubbs, Roads Service Manager at ELC. DH to re send letter and copy in CllrG.  <b>AAM Scottish Open and Ladies Scottish Open</b> - DH suggested MD liaise with CllrF, who is Chair of the Business Marketing and Community Sub-Group. MD is willing to do so and the CC agreed.  <b>Finance report</b> - delivered by email by KMcd. The Local Priorities budget balance stands at a credit of £10,401.50	DH  DH PM  DH  MD

4	<p><b>Police report – period 26/07/2017 – 29/08/2017</b></p> <p><b>Road safety</b></p> <p>There are no road safety issues to report for the past month.</p> <p><b>Antisocial behaviour</b></p> <p>On 08/08/2017, it was reported to Police that youths had damaged trees on the Archerfield Estate. 3 male youths are to be reported for vandalism for the damage to trees, along with previous damage to equipment at the Archery Centre.</p> <p>On 30/07/2017, it was reported to Police that a group of youths were in a vehicle at Yellowcraig, playing loud music and causing a general disturbance. No sets free were to attend.</p> <p><b>Housebreaking</b></p> <p>In the early hours of 02/08/17, a housebreaking was reported at Gullane Antiques, Rosebery Place, Main Street, Gullane. 2 display boxes with various rings were stolen. Enquiries are still ongoing.</p> <p><b>Parking</b></p> <p>On 28/07/17, Police were made aware of vehicles parked on the pavement on Main Street, Gullane. Unfortunately no Police were free to attend.</p> <p>During the month of July 2017, 135 parking tickets were issued by East Lothian Council Parking attendants in Gullane, including the Coastal carpark and over 200 in the North Berwick area. TD asked PCP for figures for Gullane and Yellowcraig carparks, he will provide at next meeting.</p> <p><b>Other</b></p> <p>On 29/07/2017, Police received a call regarding a male lying sleeping in the green hut in the car park at Gullane Bents. Police attended and spoke with male who was from Edinburgh. He was sleeping there as had an interview in the morning in Gullane and there was no public transport from Edinburgh that would get him there in time. All in order.</p> <p>On 5/8/17, a theft shoplifting occurred at the CO-OP, Gullane whereby a male stole 4 bottles of champagne. CCTV footage is available and enquiries are ongoing to establish his identity.</p> <p>During the early hours of 7/8/17, a male staff member at Greywalls Hotel, Gullane was arrested for threatening behaviour.</p> <p>On 15/08/2017, Police received a report of a male with a suitcase attempting to steal items from the Pro Shop at Archerfield Golf Club. Male made off in vehicle. Vehicle circulated to local officers. Further enquires to be made.</p> <p>On 17/8/17, at Time Tunnel, Fenton Barns Retail Village, a quantity of cash was from the till whilst staff were preoccupied. Details obtained and further enquiries are to be made.</p>	PCP
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	<p>Between 20/8/17 and 21/8/17, 2 wheel trims have been stolen from a motor vehicle parked on Broadgait, Gullane. Police attended, details taken, further enquires to be made.</p> <p>During the day on 26/8/17, a quantity of champagne and steak was stolen from The CO-OP, Gullane. CCTV is available and enquiries are ongoing to identify suspect.</p> <p>During the day on 30/8/17, a further quantity of champagne was stolen from The CO-OP, Gullane. CCTV is available and enquiries are ongoing to identify suspect</p> <p>The date of the next CAPP meeting is on Wednesday 27th September 2017, 7.30pm at the Council Chambers, North Berwick.</p>	
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Local priorities</b></p> <p>Gullane Sports Development Trust- the Community Council agreed at the July meeting to support funding of the new kitchen in the sports pavilion. The GSdT have now submitted an application, and the CC agreed funding for £1500. Mike Mackay from GSdT, who was at the meeting, confirmed that there is a GSdT bank account open to receive the funding, and the project will be up and running by the end of October. Mr McKay thanked the CC on behalf of GSdT.</p> <p>Gullane Village Hall – Funding for the village hall curtains was approved as per the March minutes. CllrF has received the application form, he will pass to CC.</p> <p>Drem Defibrillator- SM confirmed that the application has been sent, and indeed the July minutes refer to the application being received on 26/7/17, however, SM will send the application again to AMcC for a defibrillator for Drem. TD and AMcC as members of the Local Priorities Funding Committee will discuss the detail of the application, but the CC did approve the application in principle. DH asked that CC members be made official members of the LFPC, TD agreed that there was a lack of clarity as to who is on the committee, but confirmed that CC members TD, JH and AMcC are on the committee with AMcC as chair.</p> <p>Gullane Bowling Club- funding request from Mr Michael Baxter for repairs to Bowling Club premises. TD will give AMcC the contact details of Mr Baxter and he will progress the application with the LPFC.</p>	<p>CllrF</p> <p>SM TD AMcC</p> <p>TD AMcC</p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Planning matters</b></p> <p><b>Craigour, Broadgait, Gullane</b> MW now has a copy of the Tree Preservation Order (TPO). He will contact ELC to get more information on the process of issuing TPOs. TD is concerned that the CC has little influence regarding infringements to TPOs or trees within Conservation Areas. He pointed to a recent infringement at Duncan’s Plantation in Archerfield, the DVA has contacted ELC to take action against the developer regarding enforcement of the TPO.</p> <p><b>Gullane Housing</b> A member of the public raised concern over Cala’s construction traffic going through the village. Cllr F will check the Traffic Management Plan as it is thought all construction traffic should go via Drem. AMcC asked if ELC have any influence</p>	<p>MW</p> <p>CllrF</p>

	<p>over the yellow signs put up by developers. CllrH confirmed that these are marketing signs installed by the AA.</p> <p>CC members and the floor discussed the importance of getting information from Cala regarding issues that affect the local community, such as road closures, and how best to disseminate this information to the community. TT confirmed that Cala are open to concerns from residents and are keen to communicate information to the local community. A member of the public stressed the importance of the wider community out with Gullane also receiving this information.</p> <p>Cala have offered to liaise with the CC Chair DH, but the CC also decided that DA, as a Gullane representative to the CC, should also be a point of contact. The CC agreed that DH and DA shall liaise with Cala and that the CC will distribute information via its website, the Gullane News Group on Facebook, and make use of the signboard that Cala have erected outside the site.</p> <p><b>Whim Lodge, Gullane</b> TD has circulated a draft letter to CC members regarding the CC objection to this planning application, which all are happy with. Residents are strongly opposed to this infill development proposal, and they are also concerned that there is no justification for a new vehicular access. TD suggested that the CC also object to the supplementary application (for the vehicular access). The CC agreed and TD will submit an objection before Wednesday.</p> <p><b>Offshore Wind Turbine Development</b> Cllr F asked if the CC had received any notification of the proposal from 2-B Energy for a Wind Turbine Development in the Firth of Forth some 14kms north of Gullane. CllrF advised that this would be an application to Fife Council. There is a meeting regarding this proposal in Gullane Village Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017.</p> <p><b>Dirleton</b> Queensberry Properties, the consortium which has taken over the proposed housing development of the Castlemains site from Cala, is to make a pre application presentation of their proposals for the site on Thursday 7 September at 2pm in the Dirleton Kirk Hall, to which all are welcome. Queensberry Properties are keen to involve the DVA and CC, and TD confirmed that the DVA are in early discussions with Queensberry Properties regarding changes to the proposals.</p> <p><b>Planning training course</b> MW attended this course run by Planning Aid Scotland, which looked at issues for CCs to respond to regarding planning applications. MW noted that the new Local Development Plan will be starting in the near future. Planning Aid suggested that an early start should be made on Community Planning. MW will contact David Wood, the coordinator of Planning Aid Scotland, and will report back.</p>	<p>DH DA</p> <p>TD</p> <p>MW</p>
7	<p><b>Website</b></p> <p>The CC approved an update and refresh of the website to make it easier to navigate. One year's minutes will be displayed and previous years will be archived on a rolling basis.</p>	<p>PM</p>

8	<p><b>Village Reports</b></p> <p><b>Aberlady and events</b>  The Aberlady Arts Group is planning a “poppy fall” of crocheted poppies from the church tower to the courtyard.  A disabled access ramp is to be installed to the war memorial gardens, and DH confirmed that it was agreed the hedge would remain.</p> <p><b>Dirleton</b>  The DVA has altered its constitution, its function will now include looking after conservation of the village. The Dirleton Good neighbours are launching a lunch club starting Wednesday 6 September.  The Dirleton shop has now been sold, which will result in closure of Post Office facilities.  DVA and Dirleton Good Neighbours are to hold a public consultation/awareness event regarding local activities and events in Dirleton Kirk Hall on Saturday 9 September from 10am to 12.30pm, to which all are welcome.</p> <p><b>Drem</b>  Nothing outstanding.</p> <p><b>Gullane</b>  DA noted that the Post Office have confirmed that it is a 5 mile limit required to nearest PO. DA is persisting in pursuing the PO for a permanent solution for PO facilities, but with only 8-14 people on average using the temporary facility, the PO are suggesting there is not enough local demand.  CllrG noted that the CC could look at Gullane receiving the PO hours allocated to Dirleton until a more permanent solution to the lack of PO in Gullane is found.  CllrF has spoken to the Co-Op manager about providing an external cash machine, however, they are looking to relocate to larger premises so this is not something they would consider at the moment.</p> <p><b>West Fenton</b>  Nothing outstanding</p>	
9	<p><b>North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership Meetings</b></p> <p>The next meeting is the AGM on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7pm in North Berwick High School. DH represents the Aberlady Community Association and TD the CC, however, TD will clarify how many CC members can be representatives and what their voting rights are.</p>	TD
10	<p><b>Any other competent business</b></p> <p>East Lothian Community Rail Partnership- TD attended a meeting at which the Chair, Harry Barker, and a representative from Abellio were present. TD feels Abellio are not listening to the views of the community especially with regard to station car parking. He will attend the East Lothian Community Rail Partnership AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> September at Queen Margaret University at 5.30pm.</p>	TD
11	<p><b>Date and venue of next meeting</b></p> <p>Thursday 28 September at 7.00 pm, Gullane Village Hall</p>	