

## Gullane Area Community Council

Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane

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Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 25th January 2018, 7.00pm  
at  
Gullane Village Hall

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

### Present:

Donald Hay Aberlady, Chair(DH)  
Tom Drysdale Dirleton, Vice Chair(TD)  
Dorothy Arthur Gullane(DA)  
Malcolm Duck Aberlady(MD)  
Karen McDougall Gullane(KMcD)  
Bill Scott Aberlady(BS)  
Martin White West Fenton(MW)

### Attending

Cllr Henderson (CllrH)  
Cllr Findlay (CllrF)  
Cllr Goodfellow (CllrG)  
PC Iain Paterson (PCP)  
PC Deborah Gray (PCG)  
Tony Thomas (TT) CALA  
6 members of the public

### 1. Apologies

There were three apologies submitted received from John Hendry Gullane (JH) Sian Morris Drem (SM) Pamela Mitchell GACC Secretary

### 2. Police Report

DH invited the meeting to ask questions on the police report as circulated. BS asked how the Community Council Areas crime rate compares with East Lothian and Scotland. PCP advised that relative crime rates were very low in the Community Council Area. BS asked what support could be given to residents with a fear of crime. PCP said they would be happy to meet citizens and undertake a crime survey of their home.

A member of the public requested that the Police Report is circulated prior to or at meetings via the web or hard copy. DH said this would be done for future meetings. **Action PM.** DH invited the police officers to present their report to the meeting. PCG presented the report highlighting

- During the early hours of 29th November, a static road check was carried out on the A198 between Aberlady and Longniddry. Several vehicles were checked and no offences were detected.
- On 13th December, Police received a report of dangerous driving on the A198 between Gullane and Aberlady. The driver was traced and issued with an anti-social behaviour order.
- During the early hours of Saturday 2nd December, Police were called to an assault at Mallard Hotel, Gullane.
- In the early hours of Monday 11/12/17, Police were called to a noise complaint at Muirfield Apartments, Gullane. Police attended and the occupiers were warned.
- Overnight between 30/12/17 and 01/12/18, a break in occurred to Pure Malt Products, Drem air-field, Enquiries are still ongoing.

## **2. Police Report(contd)**

- During the month of November 2017, 61 parking tickets were issued in Gullane and 5 in Aberlady by East Lothian Council Parking attendants. These included tickets issued at Yellowcraig beach carpark.
- At the end of November 2017, several calls to Police were received regarding males harecoursing in and around Drem airfield. Police attended and enquiries are still ongoing.
- It was reported on Friday 1st December, that a vehicle parked in a driveway in Hopetoun Terrace, Gullane had been keyed overnight. Details were obtained and enquiries are ongoing.
- Overnight between 21/12/17 and 22/12/17, 2 pushbikes were stolen from a garage in Luffness Court, Aberlady.
- On 7th January 2018, a male was assaulted whilst within an address in Muirfield Drive, Gullane. Enquiries are still ongoing.

TD noted that many cases are noted with investigations ongoing. He asked what follow up was happening and how many investigations were solved. PCP updated the Community Council on progress on investigations and if suspects were charged.

CllrH asked whether any police action was being taken to deal with the problem parking at Drem station on the corner to West Fortune. PCG Said they would drive past to assess issues. DH advised that he would be unable to attend the next CAPP meeting on 31st January 2018. It was agreed that the priority for the next cap meeting would be parking at Drem station. **Action PCG/PCP**

## **3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Approval of the 30th of November minutes was proposed by BS and seconded by TD

## **4. Matters arising**

DH advised that he had received correspondence from ELC Planning about the grant of planning permission for the new notice boards in Dirleton, which had been dealt with.

## **5. Local Priorities**

TD advised that the new application form for grants from the Local Priorities Fund was on the web site and that it is in Word format, allowing for on line completion

TD updated the meeting on the current status of current applications, the only potential new one being a second defibrillator for Dirleton.

KMcD Highlighted the main points in the Treasurer's Report, noting that this year's allocation of funding as more or less spent but that last year's carry forward of funding was still available. KMcD said she would find out from ELC if unallocated funds could be carried forward into the next financial year. **Action KMcD**

## **6. Planning Matters**

### **Gullane**

- MW advised that an objection had been made to the application to turn an empty shop unit into housing. The application had been turned down because a prior application for the same property had enabled this use.
- TT advised that the Section 75 agreement was issued on the 23rd of January for the Saltcoats site. The application has now moved into the detailed design stage. TT said that once the detailed design is finished there would be a local exhibition evening before the final application is submitted.

### **Aberlady**

- DH asked TT why an application had been made to suspend condition 5f attached to the Cruden site in Aberlady. The condition related to the planning requirement for a footpath both sides of the A198. TT said he would contact DH with a detailed explanation. DH asked about the entrance to the site. TT confirmed that there would be no roundabout or traffic lights but there would be crossing points for bus stops. DH asked if there would be an introduction to the site manager. TT confirmed this could be arranged It would also be useful for BS to be involved. **Action TT**

### **3.Planning Matters(contd)**

#### **Dirleton**

- TD led a discussion about the design of the proposed development at the Castlemains Farm site, the subject of a recent planning application by Queensberry Properties Ltd. He advised that the Dirleton Village Association (DVA) was not opposed to the principle of development on the site but that the preference of the local community, on which the DVA had consulted widely, was that the development should look inward towards the village and that the number of housing units should be reduced slightly below the 36 applied for. TT said that Historic Scotland's clear design advice was that the development should look outwards and this had also been the view of the planners in informal pre-application discussions. In response to an enquiry by TD, the three ELC councillors confirmed that it would be acceptable practice for the Community Council on behalf of the DVA to organise a meeting with ELC elected members to present the DVA's views on the application. In addition it was agreed that the Community Council should submit a comment to ELC in response to the application, stating that it supports the DVA's views.. **Action TD**

#### **7. Website**

TD Advised that PM had arranged for the website to be updated including the Local Priorities Fund application form. It was agreed that the Community Council should discuss overall what it wanted to include on its website. BS to circulate an analysis of the content of all Community Councils in ELC. In the interim the current arrangements for managing the website would remain until a way forward is identified and agreed. **Action BS**

#### **8. Village Reports**

##### **Aberlady**

DH advised that

- The Aberlady Arts Group "poppy cascade" raised just under £4000 for Poppy Scotland.
- The war memorial restoration was now fully funded. Thanks to the support of the Wmyss and March Estate to donate a "final match donation" to secure the target funding.
- The Wemyss and March estate has shown an increased interest in the work of The Community Council and is now being circulated with meeting papers.
- There had been a complaint about road sweeping. **Action DH**
- That a proposal for a charging point outside the Village Hall was being developed.
- That a survey of Aberlady residents was underway by Carbon Friendly Aberlady Group. It was agreed that BS would work with the group on behalf of The Community Council. **Action BS**

##### **Dirleton**

TD advised there was nothing more to update beyond the matters already raised.

##### **Gullane**

DA advised that

- Henderson House was now Marine Drive,
- The first show flat would be ready by April,
- The CALA bursary would be available across East Lothian.
- Work was underway to plan the route of an off road path from Gullane to West Fenton.

##### **West Fenton**

MW advised

- That consultation discussions were currently underway on a pedestrian/cycle route from Drem to The Pefferburn.

#### **9. North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership Meetings (NBCAP)**

TD advised that the Transportation Strategy, including the parking strategy, had been debated by ELC but had not yet been approved for consultation. The proposed parking strategy, with particular reference to North Berwick, had been the subject of extensive discussion at a meeting of the Partnership's On The Move Group on 24 January. but it was apparent that funding for implementation would be very limited.

#### **10. Any other competent business**

- It was agreed to add the Treasurers report and golf issues (the latter up to the time of the Scottish Open Championship (12-15 July) as standard agenda items for future meetings until further notice. **Action PM**
- It was noted that there could be a golf tournament party in Gullane on The Saturday night of The Scottish Open and that MD would raise the case for better support of the Ladies Open. **Action DH/DA**
- CllrH asked the Community Council to ensure that a representative attended the meeting of the North Berwick Health and Social Care Partnership on 13th February. It was confirmed that DA and DH would attend. **Action DH/DA**

MW briefed the meeting on his proposal to undertake a community planning survey. It was agreed that he should ask Planning Aid for comments on the draft survey. **Action MW**

#### **11. Date and venue of next meeting:**

Thursday 22nd February 2018 at 07.00pm Dirleton Kirk Hall