

## **Gullane Area Community Council**

**Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane**

[www.gaddabout.org.uk](http://www.gaddabout.org.uk)

**Note of meeting held on Thursday 29th March 2018, 7.00pm**

**at**

**Aberlady Kirk Stables**

### **Present:**

Dorothy Arthur Gullane(DA),  
Karen Chapman Gullane(KC) from item 7  
Tom Drysdale Dirleton, Vice Chair(TD)  
Malcolm Duck Aberlady(MD)  
Donald Hay Aberlady, Chair(DH)  
Gordon McLelland Gullane (GM) from item 2  
Sian Morris Drem (SM) until item 7  
Bill Scott Aberlady(BS)  
Martin White West Fenton(MW)

### **Attending**

Cllr Henderson (CllrH) from item 3  
PC Ian Paterson (PCP) Until item 2  
8 members of the public

### **1. Apologies**

There were three apologies submitted received from John Hendry Gullane (JH) PC  
Deborah  
Gray (DCH) and Cllr Findlay (CllrF)

### **2 Police Report**

PCP introduced The Police Scotland report of incidents occurring since the last Community Council meeting and invited comments from the CC and the public. BS asked that action on the identified CAPP priority should be included in future monthly police reports. PCP Advised that the previous CAPP priority parking at Drem station had been monitored but no issues had arisen. DH advised that he could not attend the CAPP meetings on a regular basis owing to a clash with other commitments. It was agreed to seek nominations to replace DH as the CC representative to attend CAPP meetings.

#### **Action DH to email all CC members inviting nominations for CAPP**

PCP invited the Community Council to identify its CAPP priority for the coming month. DA identified speeding vehicles leaving the east end of Gullane as an issue. DH identified speeding vehicles leaving the east side of Aberlady as an issue. MD said we need to separate out perception and facts when it came to speeding issues. PCP said that an average speed survey could be undertaken by the Council. It was agreed that that CC members would email DH with proposals for the CAPP priority.

**Action all CC members to email DH with proposals for the next CAPP priority and DH email PCP.**

### **3. New Co opted Community Councillor**

DH introduced Gordon McLelland as a new cooped Community Councillor for Gullane. DA seconded the nomination. GMs co option to the CC was agreed unanimously. DH and the CC welcomed GM as a new Community Councillor.

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

Approval of the 25th of January minutes was proposed by MW and seconded by TD. It was noted that the CC meeting of the 22 February had been inquorate and that a note of the meeting had been circulated.

### **5 Matters arising**

It was agreed to note in the current minute that at the inquorate meeting of the CC on the 22 February members of the public Henri Forman and Robin Mekile raised a concern over the formation of a footpath at West Fenton Gait as part of the Cala development. The point at issue was that neither Cala nor East Lothian Council owned the land on which the pavement is to be constructed. DA advised that the matter had progressed to a discussion between the parties' lawyers.

TD advised that the meeting he had arranged between Dirleton Village Association (DVA) and East Lothian Council Elected Members on the current planning application for a housing development at Castlemains Farm in Dirleton had taken place. Only three ELC Councillors had attended, which was disappointing, but CllrF had circulated copies of the presentation documents to all the other ELC councillors after the meeting.

TD advised that an objection had been submitted by the CC for Duncan's Plantation Planning application.

DH and DA advised that they were in touch with potential candidates for the Secretary role. DA said she would pass the person's details to DH.

### **6 Local Priorities Fund**

TD updated the meeting on current local priorities fund applications. TD advised that grant applications of £912 from the DVA for a second defibrillator in Dirleton and £465 from Gullane Hockey Club to fund equipment had been agreed by email, the DVA application to be rounded up to £1000. These applications would be accounted for in financial year 2017/18. Payment of the grants is awaiting the return from leave of the relevant ELC official.

TD further advised that two further applications had been received, one for £1,500 from East Lothian countryside Volunteers to help fit out a conservation base in Aberlady Bay and the other a joint application from Gullane After School Club and Gullane Playgroup to assist with the provision of after school and play facilities. Both of the new applications would be assessed by the Local Priorities Fund Sub Group, with a view to recommendations being made for consideration at the April meeting.. SM Advised that the cost of the defibrillator for Drem was higher than the figure of £1580 which had been approved at the Community Council's meeting on 28 September 2017 and that payment was now due..

**Action SM to contact KC with revised figure and payment details.**

## **7 Treasurers Report**

KC presented the Treasurers Report verbally. KC Advised that the annual accounts for 2017/18 would now be prepared for audit. KC further advised that it is assumed that currently unused funds would be carried forward into the new financial year and that the existing level of grant funding from ELC would continue. KC suggested it would be prudent to await confirmation of this and the overall the financial position from ELC before allocating funds in the new financial year.

## **7. Golf Issues**

MD advised that there had been a meeting to discuss the party in Gullane during the Golf events but that he was unaware of what had been discussed and proposed. DA said she had been at the meeting and would share the minutes. MD said it was important to ensure that there was a good process to ensure the CC and interested parties were aware what was being proposed and could make a contribution.

**Action DA to send MD the minutes of the golf party organising committee.**

## **8.Planning Matters**

MW advised that CALA were currently consulting over the details of the Saltcoates Field and Fenton Gait South developments. MW requested feedback from the Gullane members on the developments to enable him to make comment on any detailed planning applications.

**Action all Gullane members to send comments on the Saltcoates Field and Fenton Gait South developments to MW.**

MW briefed the CC on the proposed village facilities survey. MW advised that he had discussed the survey with Planning Aid Scotland. MW circulated the draft (sample) survey form to CC members and asked them to complete and return the form to him with comments as soon as possible.

**Action all CC members to complete, comment and return the draft village facilities form to MW.**

There was a general discussion on whether there is capacity and desire within Gullane to develop proposals for future village initiatives. DA advised that CllrF has said there was no appetite for this. Members of the public said they thought there was capacity and desire.

KC said the survey being proposed by MW would be a good opportunity to take stock and test whether there was community appetite in Gullane.

A member of the public asked what happens to the sewage from Aberlady. Concern was expressed that the current sewerage arrangements were not fit for purpose. DA said this had been raised in Gullane when the new CALA developments were proposed. This had been raised with ELC. The member of the public said he had reports on the issue. It was agreed that the member of the public would submit the reports to DA who would raise the issue with Scottish Water.

**Action DA to raise the current sewage arrangements with Scottish Water.**

## **10. Village Reports**

### **Aberlady**

BS advised that a coordinating group had been formed to support the Carbon Friendly Aberlady survey. The results of the survey was presented to a community meeting in Aberlady on the 24th of March. A summary of the survey results were circulated to CC members.

BS advised that an application for local street design consultancy had been made by Climate

Friendly Aberlady to Sustrans. The application was supported by The Aberlady Village Association and the Community Council. An initial request from ELC for match funding for the application was rejected. However a second request to confirm match funding in kind has been made.

### **Gullane**

DA advised that CALA had invited Gullane primary school children to develop a work of art to adorn the eastern end of the village.

GM asked what had happened to the public map by The Smiddy. It was agreed that Cllr F would be asked to follow this up.

### **Action Cllr F**

### **Dirleton**

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

### **Drem**

SM advised there was nothing to report.

### **West Fenton**

MW highlighted that there had been problems with the blocking of one of the roads to Gullane. Cllr H advised that the contractor was to be fined for the problems.

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

DH summarised the main meetings that had taken place over the past month. DH said there had been problems at the meeting with GACC representatives not being able to participate in discussion because of lack of time or those at meetings only wanting to discuss North Berwick issues. After discussion it was agreed that BS would draft a letter on behalf of GACC to ELC.

### **Action BS to draft a letter on behalf of GACC**

## **12. Website**

It was agreed to establish a sub group to oversee the development of the website. The members of the group were agreed as DH/TD/BS/GM

## **13. Any other competent business**

It was agreed that MD would meet with Cllr H to discuss the current proposals for drinking in public places.

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

Thursday 26th April 2018 at 7.00pm Gullane Village Hall