

## Gullane Area Community Council

*Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane*

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Note of Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 7pm at Aberlady Kirk Stables

Present: Donald Hay, Aberlady , Chair (DH)  
 Tom Drysdale, Dirleton, Vice Chair (TD)  
 Martin White, West Fenton (MW)  
 Gordon McLelland, Gullane (GM)  
 John Hendry, Gullane (JH)  
 Emma Brown, Secretary (EB)  
 Cllrs Goodfellow (JG), Findlay (JF) and Henderson (JH)

Attending: 4 members of the public

Apologies: Karen Chapman, Gullane (KP)  
 Malcolm Duck, Aberlady (MD)  
 Bill Scott, Aberlady (BS)  
 Dorothy Arthur, Gullane (DA)  
 Sian Morris, Drem (SM)

Item		Action
1.	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>  <b>An amendment to Section 4. Local Priorities was requested by DH to change Local Area Partnership to NBCAP.</b>                      The minutes of the last meeting were approved as an accurate record.</p>	EB
2.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b>                      There were no matters arising which would not be covered in the agenda to follow.                      The meeting was not quorate and whilst discussion could take place, any decisions would need to be endorsed at the next meeting.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Local Priorities</b>                      TD feedback that Gullane Children’s Hub and Dirleton Fete and Games Club, were extremely grateful for their requests being approved, but no funding had yet been released as both were subject to conditions which were not yet fulfilled.</p> <p>An application had been received and approved by email from DH to reprint the Walking in Aberlady, Gullane and Dirleton leaflet, which will cost £420. It details 10 walks in the area which a local walking group had reviewed and amended, including new access arrangements at Gosford. DH commented that this has now gone to the printers and should be back in 2 weeks’ time. TD had recently spoken with Donald McDonald, a former member of the Community Council, and discovered that he had a couple of boxes of the old leaflet in storage. There was a discussion about what should be done with these leaflets (which could be up to 1,000) and as changes were minimal, <b>it was suggested that DH take back this news to the walking group to</b> decide whether these leaflets could be used rather than wasted. GM has added a copy of the leaflet to the GADD About website and TD suggested adding it to the Dirleton Village Association (DVA) website as well. <b>TD will ask DVA to contact DH for electronic copy.</b></p> <p>No further applications have been received.</p>	DH TD
5.	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report</b>                      Unfortunately KC was not able to attend the meeting and DH had not received a report to present, though there would have been a minimal change to any funds. <b>DH to contact KC to ask for the</b></p>	DH/ KC

	<b>monthly report to be prepared and sent in advance of the meeting.</b>	
6.	<p><b>Golf Issues</b></p> <p>MD was not in attendance to give a report. JF updated on the community event planned for 14<sup>th</sup> July on Goose Green, which has now received East Lothian Council approval. It will run from 12noon-10pm and is no longer to be advertised on the course, due to concerns from insurers regarding attendance numbers. The event will be advertised through posters in the village and the Facebook page for Gullane residents. It will include an outdoor bar resourced from Aberlady, food from Spice Pots, Bouncy Castle, children’s activities, music and a Vintage Tea and Dance tent. JH commented that the East Lothian Licensing Board had also approved an extension of Entertainment licence to 1am county wide to account for people being out later for the Scottish Open.</p> <p><i>Question – A member of the public asked about parking in Gullane on the main road which had been problematic during the last Scottish Open. JF mentioned that the Traffic Management System had been approved and that it would be worth checking the Council website for the details, but there had been more provision made for locals this year.</i></p>	
7.	<p><b>Police Report</b></p> <p>No members of the police were able to attend and GM updated that the recent police partnership meeting had been cancelled and would be moving to a 6 weeks cycle. JH informed that this was due to officers being on a 6 week shift pattern and could ensure that the same officers are able to attend these meetings. GM informed the next CAPP meetings were on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> Sept, 17<sup>th</sup> Oct and 28<sup>th</sup> Nov.</p> <p>GM asked about the building works on the main road in Gullane and whether there would be restrictions on the contractors parking. JF said that they would need to comply with the Traffic Management System and that local police would enforce this, although parking illegally was now decriminalised. Police can however inform wardens to issue tickets and fines.</p> <p>A copy of the police report is available;  <a href="http://www.gaddabout.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Police-Report-June-2018.pdf">http://www.gaddabout.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Police-Report-June-2018.pdf</a></p>	
8.	<p><b>Communications</b></p> <p>Communications regarding various meeting have been circulated by DH to fellow members and no feedback had been received on the majority of them. It was agreed to take them as being read.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>MW highlighted that the planning applications relating to Saltcoats and Fentoun Gait South had not yet been listed. MW had written to Ian McFarlane at ELC regarding the concern about the approach to pedestrian access towards the centre of Gullane, which had been acknowledged.</p> <p>A member of the public confirmed that the pedestrian access from Muirfield Steading to the Fentoun Gait East development had been removed from plans and would not now be formed.</p> <p>MW highlighted the Facilities Survey again and the amount of work required if choosing to take this forward. <b>It was agreed to add this as an agenda item to the next meeting.</b> MW wanted to explore the use of Survey Monkey to ease the time needing to be committed and <b>EB offered to help look at the online system.</b></p> <p>TD mentioned that the detailed planning application for Castlemains Place in Dirleton, although registered, had not yet been listed for consideration by the planning committee. There would not be any further meetings of the committee until September. The consultation period in respect of the revised planning brief for the site which closes on 20<sup>th</sup> July, had raised a number of concerns from local residents and the DVA would be submitting comments.</p> <p>MW raised the earlier concern about the rerouting of the John Muir Way path alongside the</p>	EB

	Saltcoats development rather than through the village. It was agreed that it would be unfortunate that users of the route would be steered away from local As the public toilets are also off the main road; it was felt that it would make sense to continue the route through the village. <b>MW to raise this issue with ELC again.</b>	<b>MW</b>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Village Reports</b> <u>Aberlady</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There was no response yet on the appeal for the pharmacy application to be located in the sub post office; MSP Ian Gray has provided support.</li> <li>- DH has contacted Scottish Water and was referred to SEPA regarding concerns at the last meeting of the Combined Sewage Overflow (“CSO”) and raw sewage. He was informed that both assets in the village were inspected on 21/5 (including Loan Cottage CSO) and there was no issue with inspection, operating as required.</li> <li>- A member of the public continued to voice concern and stated that as he was not getting an appropriate response he felt he had no choice but to contact the press. He had recently received an email from SEPA that the CSO was working within spec. There was concern that Scottish Water had not informed SEPA of the increase of residential properties to review if the current spec was suitable. Samples have been sent off for analysis, but there was strong feeling a warning sign should be erected to warn the public of raw sewage. Another member of the public commented that if SEPA will not act further and it is a public health issue, surely other public bodies could become involved. DH commented that it was not a public swimming area and the bay was already subject to a public health issue due to the 15,000 geese which inhabit the area every winter and their faeces. A member of the public asked when the CSO was built and the spec? DH commented that it was upgraded when the CALA homes were built, but would need more information on the detail. There was also an issue raised around whether secondary treatment was being undertaken. <b>Following GM’s suggestion it was agreed that the CC would follow up with SEPA, to invite them to attend a future meeting to present more information.</b> JH highlighted the importance of including ELC councillors in the communication as if SEPA do not respond to the CC, they are duty bound to reply to the Council.</li> </ul> <p><u>Gullane</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GM highlighted the appreciation of the CC to members of the public (Maureen and Lorna) for gaining funding from CALA and MNM Developments for Gullane Blooms pots and hanging baskets in the village.</li> <li>- There was a question to Cllrs if Garden bin collection charges would be introduced in light of the recent addition in Edinburgh. JH and JF said no discussions had taken place in the Council, although and this was something that could be raised again when budgets are set for next year.</li> <li>- There was concern about parking outside the Golf Inn by contractors. There has been a parking bay restriction in place, but cones seem to have been extended outside of this area and are causing an issue to local residents. JH suggested that members of the public could highlight any breaches directly to the Council through the contact centre number and JG checked current Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders and they were due to finish on 30 June. <b>JG will check on return to the office if there have been any further applications.</b></li> <li>- DA has arranged a meeting with East Lothian Council, Scottish Water and SEPA following concerns about the Gullane Water Treatment Works.</li> <li>- No feedback received from CALA</li> <li>- Ron Kitchin, father of Tom Kitchin, had contacted TD in respect of the current work at the golf Inn. He had wanted to apologise for any disruption in the village caused by building works and was keen to develop a good relationship with residents. Works are likely to be finished in November and they intend to provide what he described as a friendly pub and restaurant. GM highlighted the same developers, S1, are working on the care home and Golf Inn site and some of the disruption was due to items being stored and transported across the road. <b>DH suggested CC members in Gullane could coordinate discussions with RK as TD has his telephone number.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>DH</b></p> <p><b>JG</b></p> <p><b>JH, DA, KC</b></p>

	<p><u>Dirleton</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Travellers moved on from Yellowcraig last weekend.</li> <li>- Dirleton Open Gardens took place on 9/10 June, with 18 gardens open to the public and more than £5,600 raised for charity.</li> <li>- Dirleton Fete and Games were held on Saturday on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, with money also raised for charity, but TD was not aware of the amount. JG mentioned that it was extremely well attended and the size of the event could be an issue in future with the high level of parking.</li> </ul> <p><u>Drem</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Large car accident on the bend of the road (which has caused continual issues) but DH commented no plans to tackle. JH highlighted that the railway line has been protected with new fencing.</li> </ul> <p><u>West Fenton</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nothing to report.</li> </ul>	
10.	<p><b>North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership (NBCAP)</b></p> <p>There have been two meetings; 29<sup>th</sup> May joint On the Move subcommittee and 12<sup>th</sup> June complete partnership meeting which TD and DH attended. The committee has been going through the priorities and narrowing down which initiatives can be supported. There has also been a review of how the partnership has been performing since its inception. There were a number of questions about the initiatives being reviewed and how these have been selected/prioritised. Projects are highlighted by members of the public and then representatives have a vote to narrow down and select what can be supported in the budget. There was the suggestion from a member of the public that the CC could play a more valued role in identifying local priorities. The role of the NBCAP is to administer the expenditure of a budget from the Council for local issues. The NBCAP is currently NB weighted and there have been issues around the benefits accruing to o the wider local community. MW asked what the NBCAP had achieved in local villages. DH commented that they have helped with a number of issues but these have not been widely publicised and so people are not aware. TD highlighted the toilet refurbishment in Dirleton and the upgrade of the footpath to Yellowcraig and the estate road through Archerfield. DH commented that the partnership was also involved in the disabled ramp to the Aberlady War Memorial and the upgrade of paths to and from Gullane to Aberlady and Dirleton. There was also the recent initiative in Whitekirk which TD explained provided a safe off-road footpath from local houses to the bus stop. <b>TD suggested inviting Hilary Smith, Chairperson, and Sandra King, Administrator, of NBCAP to a future meeting to explain its role.</b></p>	DH
11.	<p><b>Website</b></p> <p>BS and GM have had an initial meeting and some changes were made to the layout of the home page of the website and the picture on the Facebook page. They will meet with EB next week to continue further discussions. <b>GM asked if all CC members could look at the community write up for their village as these may need to be updated, and let him have comments.</b></p> <p>It was highlighted that engagement in Facebook posts often was around specific issues such as CALA and Post Office and that it would be good to drive attendance at meetings by having a presentation of an issue at each meeting and that local Cllrs could have a slot at meetings to update the public.</p>	ALL
12.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>GM updated that Cllrs had been very supportive in the drive to retain the bowling club in Gullane and that there had been a recent article in the Courier. JF commented that there had been no response as yet and they were awaiting communication following the Bowling Club's meeting with their lawyers. As they are a private club they have control over the land and the decision, although any changes to land use would of course be subject to planning and there had been discussions regarding a community buyout. TD highlighted the work Dirleton Bowling Club had achieved with local schools and young people, resulting in an increase in membership. There was disappointment</p>	

	<p>voiced that the Gullane club did not wish to invest in encouraging the younger generation despite the offer of support from Billy Mellors, ELC sports development officer.</p> <p>GM asked about resilience planning for the villages, having gained a copy of the NB plan. DH has invited Sandy, Emergency Planning and Risk Resilience Manager to the next meeting and so initial discussion on a plan will follow as an agenda item from this.</p> <p>MW highlighted that the Coastal Communities Museum is currently planning their 2019 exhibition and following the success of NB Youth Projects pop up exhibitions in Hope Rooms they were considering a theme of Youth Culture in 1950 – now. MW wondered the interest in this. JG highlighted the importance of the Pavilion in the 1950s/60s era as a meeting place for young people and the buses which would bring young people from surrounding areas for dancing and social activities. NB Youth Project would have carried out a lot of the research already. DH mentioned a video, Scotland on Film, which had a large proportion of NB material. A member of the public mentioned it would be fantastic if the young people and older generation could work together. EB highlighted for the pop up exhibitions the planning group of young people had met with older members of the community to gather items for the exhibition.</p> <p>JH highlighted the parking pressures in North Berwick and that four bays at the library/museum/Council office have received the addition of flexible bollards to save parking for those who most need it.</p> <p>JG apologised for being late for the start of the meeting as he was on the new Open Bus Tour. This is being launched over the summer by East Coast Buses and will run every hour across East Lothian to key tourist locations. It is a hail and ride, hop on and off bus, which costs £15 for the day or £18 including travel in Edinburgh. TD mentioned the article in today’s Courier about this service.</p>	
	<p><b>The next meeting will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July 07.00pm at Gullane Village Hall (Small)</b></p>	