

Gullane Area Community Council

Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane

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Note of Meeting held on Thursday 31st May 2018, 7pm at Dirleton Kirk Hall

Present: Donald Hay, Aberlady , Chair (DH)
Tom Drysdale, Dirleton, Vice Chair (TD)
Martin White, West Fenton (MW)
Gordon McLelland, Gullane (GM)
Karen Chapman, Gullane (KP)
Malcolm Duck, Aberlady (MD)
Bill Scott, Aberlady (BS)
John Hendry, Gullane (JH)
Dorothy Arthur, Gullane (DA)

Emma Brown, Secretary (EB)
Cllrs Goodfellow (JG) and Henderson (JH)

Attending: Derek Lawson, CALA (DL)
Tony Thomas, APT Planning and Development (TT)
Donald Sayers, JTP Architects (DS)
26 members of the public

Apologies:

Item	Action
<p>1. Planning Matters – CALA presentation on Saltcoats and Fenton Gait South Developments</p> <p>DS explained that permission was granted 23rd January for Saltcoats application for approval of matters specified in conditions (AMC). The next stage of consultations is not revisiting the principles of the application, but rather to approve the key design features in Condition 1 (the detail of the development). An exhibition was held in the Golf Inn on 15/3/18 but they received very little feedback, but the comments they did receive did not relate to issues with the AMC (2 around size and access). The access through private land in Muirfield Grove from Saltcoats was not proposed at this stage and was removed at the first consultation straight away when it became apparent it was 3rd party owned land. The Fentoun Gait South proposal (16 units) was approved in local plan on 29 May and next stage should take a month. This will include 4 affordable houses.</p> <p>TT showed the AMC master for the Saltcoats development and pointed out access routes through Fenton road and the upgrade of the pedestrian access on Fenton Road. <i>Question – A member of the public asked if the path would be behind the hedge? Giving detail of the support from the public of developing a safe pedestrian route, not one which would be straight on the road.</i> TT highlighted that the Council wanted the path next to the road to slow down the traffic.</p> <p>The concept of the housing is that it is all to be outward looking; creating a new edge to the village and a landscape buffer will be in place between houses and Fenton Road to create a country lane feel. There will be a visual link from Saltcoats development to Muirfield Drive, along with amenity spaces and boundary characteristics in keeping with the village. The development will be 150 homes (28 cottages), 25% affordable homes. 112 Private sale (3-5 bedroom) and 38 affordable housing (1 room apartments to 3 bedroom semi-detached and terraced homes). Places for People will build the affordable housing and it will be a range of social and mid-market rent.</p>	

2.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the last meeting were approved as an accurate record.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising There were no matters arising which would not be covered in the agenda to follow.</p>	
4.	<p>Local Priorities TD presented the two applications which had been received for funding and considered by the Local Priorities subcommittee, and to the detailed report and recommendations on these which he had circulated to all CC members.</p> <p>The first was from the Gullane Children’s Hub, which is to be a new charity bringing together the work of After School Club and Playgroup. The turnover of this newly established organisation will be £70-80K and they have requested £2,500 to assist with the set up process for the new charity. JH and TD had considered the application with assistance from DA and they had met representatives of the applicants. They felt this was a strong application, including; proposal, business plan and job description for new Business Manager to be employed 10 hours a week. They suggested that the proposal be accepted, with the conditions they have attached which should be easy to meet. This was approved and KC makes payment to the group, subject to the conditions provided being met.</p> <p>The second was from Dirleton Fete and Games Club, whose sole purpose is an event run in June in the village. They requested £5k to renew equipment – tents, gazebos and to acquire a 2nd hand storage container which Bob Simpson of Castlemains Farm in the village had agreed could be located free of charge at the farm. The committee felt the amount was excessive considering the budget for the year was £10k. The recommendation is to provide ½ the cost of the storage container rounded up to £1k. This was approved and KC to make payment, subject to the conditions provided</p> <p>MW asked about the need for villages to communicate more about the equipment they own so that it could be shared. TD commented that the F&G Club had stated in their application that they would be willing to share equipment with other activities in Dirleton such as Dog Show and Open Gardens.</p> <p>The need for sharing of equipment and better storage was discussed and DH suggested that this would be something best raised at the North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership (NBCAP).</p> <p>MD commented that whilst equipment can be shared it is often the upkeep and maintenance of the equipment that can be an issue when others use and the villages have raised their own funds to purchase. This could raise reluctance for sharing. MD was also keen to reiterate that this funding for Dirleton did not raise a precedent for other equipment purchases for villages in the future. BS mentioned that Dirleton had insurance costs in their bid and this was something that could be shared across villages to reduce costs.</p>	<p>KC</p> <p>KC</p> <p>DH/ TD</p>
5.	<p>Treasurer’s Report KC highlighted that the Local Priorities balance (money issued from ELC) which was carried forward from last year was just short of £4k. This year the CC had received a further £6,400 taking this year LP budget to £10,400. Once the payments were made to Gullane Children’s Hub and Dirleton Fete and Games agreed tonight, along with a legacy payment for a Gullane Village Hall Sign (which needs to be followed up on) the balance would be £7,397.17 for the remainder of the financial year for grants. There was discussion about the allocation of funds throughout the year and how other CC operates such as NB where they distribute at the beginning of the year. It was felt that this was not a good idea, as it did not ensure you had good quality applications.</p> <p>In the GACC own bank account there is currently £4,854.45 which is to cover our running costs such as rent etc. This is healthy for the anticipated spend.</p>	<p>KC</p>
6.	<p>Golf Issues MD highlighted that the Scottish Open and Ladies Open preparations had begun and there would be a community event held on the Saturday of the first of these tournaments. The CC supports the event, but has not been willing to be involved in the organisation of it due to the need for insurance and limiting liability. The Scottish Golf Tourism Group is a limited company and will hold the funding given from the European Tour of £7,500. The event will be held on Goose Green, with kid’s</p>	

	<p>activities remaining in the tented village. It will be open to the Gullane community and anyone attending the tournament. There will be two charities supported, yet to be announced, but one will be local. Any money raised which is left over will be given for community events in the village likely through the CC</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Police Report No members of the police were able to attend and GM updated that the recent meeting had been advertised on the wrong date. A number of people did arrive and so Cllr Goodfellow discussed items with those present. The main issues were Antisocial behaviour and speeding in Gullane. There are to be plain clothes motorcycle officers in the area to monitor speed.</p> <p><i>Question – A member of the public asked about the possibility of setting up volunteers in the village to stand with speed guns and high vis as a deterrent to speeding which had been successful in England?</i> DH commented that we need to be careful that there is not a vigilante approach to speeding. GM mentioned that the police did not perceive the speeding that they have monitored as an issue, with only logging speeds slightly above the speed limit and it was felt it maybe a public perception that the speed was faster than it actually was. GM said the police can issue an ASBO to drivers if you can provide a reg no. and details of incidents. BS suggested that we invite the police to come to the next meeting, as there has been a great deal of discussion regarding speeding at the last few meetings to a problem simply by the concerns being raised.</p> <p><i>Question – A member of the public asked about the consultation on transport. This was raised but there was not a great deal of enthusiasm in the CC.</i></p> <p>MD commented that deterrence was good for reducing speeding but that initiatives by volunteers would be unlikely to carry any weight. He commented that the public could alert the police to a problem simply by on reporting a reg no. TT mentioned regarding the problems with motorbikes in the Whitekirk and Tynninghame areas with 2 wheeled vehicles and that it was a real issue, not one of perception. There is a lack of police resources in the area which makes tackling such issues difficult.</p> <p>DH suggested that this issue could be raised at CAPP.</p> <p><i>Question – A member of the public asked if the police report could be shared on Facebook. GM/BS a link could be shared on Facebook back to the website where the report can be downloaded.</i></p> <p>A copy of the police report is available; http://www.gaddabout.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/5.-Police-Report-May-2018.pdf</p>	<p>DH</p> <p>DH</p> <p>GM</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Communications It was proposed by DH to change this agenda item to Communications from correspondence as the majority of communications are dealt with by email. There has been a high volume of emails from the Council which DH has been dealing with and forwarding to CC members.</p> <p>TD and DH had attended the Partnership On The Move Group and Economic Group joint meeting 29 May. The items discussed included promotion of business, roads with issues of larger buses not being able to negotiate corners in NB and Aberlady due to bad parking. A planter may be moved at the High Street Church Road junction in NB to deter people from parking illegally, but the same option is not available in Aberlady. BS mentioned that double yellow lines were proposed but were not wanted by the residents. The lack of public toilets was discussed; with businesses in NB signing up to a scheme of placing posters in their windows, indicating that the general public could use their toilets. Issues with Scotrail were mentioned with no immediate solutions.</p> <p>TD mentioned that timber which has washed up on the beaches is now under the control of the Receiver of Wrecks but that the Countryside Ranger had indicated there was no objection to members of the public removing it. <i>Question - A member of the public asked if the Council would be paid a fee for its clear up?</i> This was not known, but it was understood that there that there was an insurance claim in progress.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The CALA bursary has been issued and Gullane After School Club has been successful in gaining funding along with the primary school. The head teacher has agreed to complete a piece of art work for the Fenton Gait East site. - There are continuing complaints about the dust and noise from the CALA building sites. - Double yellow lines have been painted in Muirfield Drive and will be in place until at least August 2018 <p><u>Dirleton</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A new café has opened in the former post office - Dirleton Open Gardens will be on the weekend of 9/10 June - Dirleton Fete and Games will be on Saturday on 23rd June <p><u>Drem</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing to report <p><u>West Fenton</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quiet road initiative was agreed by the Council on 8th May to limit speed to 40mph in Luffness, Fenton Barns and Gullane. <i>Question: A member of the public asked if any speed restrictions will be put in place.</i> It was suggested additional signage and traffic calming measures will be introduced. 	
10.	North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership (NBCAP) Details on this are in item 8.	
11.	Website GADDabout website has been updated and revamped with new headers and locations of defibrillators. BS and GM are to continue to relook at the site. GDPR guidelines have been taken into consideration but as no personal information is gathered by the CC no action is required. The Facebook link to the website is working well with good engagement with posts. DH expressed thanks to GM for his time working on the website EB has now taken over the Gmail secretary email account	
12.	AOCB TD asked CC members to check hall booking for future meetings – TD Dirleton, KC Gullane, DH Aberlady JH asked for clarification on the action from the CALA presentation and that it was the CC agreeing observations for MW to report back. TT reiterated the need to influence the current plans re: access points and that this engagement needed to happen now before the next stage is submitted at the end of June. DA asked who is the ELC planning officer dealing with the planning application? TT said it is Dareth Irvine. <i>Question: A member of the public asked for clarification on the plain clothes police officer on the motorcycle.</i> JG explained that the bikes have blue flashing lights but they are concealed when not in operation. They will patrol the area and if they come across anyone speeding they will overtake and charge them.	TD, KC, DH
	The next meeting will be on Thursday 28th June 7.30pm at Aberlady Kirk Stables	