

Gullane Area Community Council

Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane

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Note of Meeting held on Thursday 26th July 2018, 7pm at Gullane Village Hall

Present: Donald Hay, Aberlady, Chair (DH)
Tom Drysdale, Dirleton, Vice Chair (TD)
Martin White, West Fenton (MW)
Gordon McLelland, Gullane (GM)
Malcolm Duck, Aberlady (MD)
Karen MacDougall, Gullane (KM)
Dorothy Arthur, Gullane (DA)
Sian Morris, Drem (SM)

Emma Brown, Secretary (EB)
Cllrs Goodfellow (CllrG), Findlay (CllrF) and Henderson (CllrH)

Attending: 4 members of the public

Apologies: John Hendry, Gullane (JH)
Bill Scott, Aberlady (BS)

Item		Action
1.	<p>Presentation from Sandy Baptie, Emergency Planning and Risk Resilience Manage & GACC Resilience Planning for Villages</p> <p>SB has been in post since 2012 and has now visited all but two Community Councils (CC). SB's role is to work on all civil contingency planning for risk and work in partnership with Met Office and SEPA following any incident, such as flooding. This helps to coordinate and address an appropriate response. The two cold winters we have experienced are an example of harnessing resilient communities to respond to their needs, when agencies do not have the resources, cannot get out to respond and residents cannot get out of communities. The hope is that each Community Council could have a resilience plan to prepare for any risks that could be posed (area specific) e.g. bad weather, flooding or utility failure and gather information on the resources available in the community. Each community would have a single point of contact with SB (along with a deputy) and they could be contacted by SB through mobile phone to have a direct response for support and information. NB have a resilience plan which was put into action during the Beast from the East which was extremely effective. In creating the plan you would detail: what assets are in the area; 4 x 4 vehicles, tree surgeons etc. and also create a list of vulnerable community members or organisations such as care homes. In the case of any emergency situation an alert would be sent from SB to the (SPOC) Single Point of Contact through a What's App group. LC Chief Executive Angela Leach has undertaken that in situations such as the Beast from the East two members of Council staff will be available to deal with Community Councils monitoring phone calls and What's App.</p> <p>It would be good to get 2 people from each of the villages to act as a SPOC and deputy. There is training on Sat 27th October at Brunton Theatre from 9am to lunchtime, followed by lunch. This will include working through two scenarios and looking at good practice of other resilience plans. DH asked how easy it is to gather the list of assets in the community. SB used the example of Cockenzie and Port Seton where they had posted flyers which had not been very successful. He suggested it would be better to use local knowledge, Facebook, posters in shop windows and information from residents who know vulnerable neighbours etc.</p> <p>A member of the public said they were impressed with the NB response to the Beast from the East</p>	

	<p>and had attended the thank you celebration and did not understand why our villages could not have the same plans in place. They mentioned the recent bad weather and the lack of information in things such as grit bins and where they could get snow shovels. SB said that the community had been extremely grateful for the initiation of the resilience plan in NB and that a doctor, two care homes and Leuchie House had given speeches at the event detailing their thanks to community members. SB highlighted that some Community Councils were unclear about what their insurance covered and that he would be sending out a sheet to each CC from Zurich Insurance on what is covered and what is not, which would enable them to assess whether additional cover is needed.</p> <p>GM added that information on grit bins etc. could be added to the Community Council's website. MW asked if there is a checklist of the types of information they need. SB suggested consulting with the Ready Scotland website where under "my communities" there are details about community plans. A member of the public mentioned that there was lot of information which was very clear online and had suggestions of what should be in place, including a checklist for home owners. MD was clear that we need people in the villages to volunteer and that this did not need to be fully owned by Community Council members. GM highlighted that the CC should coordinate the plan, but co-opt community members to assist. JH mentioned that the NB CC had a very difference set and mix of skills which aided the plans development MD agreed and said the co-opted members could report before/after events and progress of plans etc. DH commented on the difference of NB in its size as a town and its infrastructure as compared with the villages and that we would need to adapt plans to reflect the nature of the villages. MW said that West Fenton plans would be very simple i.e. farmer expected to assist with clearing. SB said it was still important to have the plan written down; even if just one side of A4.</p> <p>SB needs to know numbers for the 27 October workshop, which is being funded by EDF Energy and Scottish Government and GM said he was happy to coordinate a response following the information today, with the support of a member of public who was in attendance. DH asked about education in schools and SB mentioned it was included in the curriculum for schools and that they invited local 5th year pupils along to the training workshops. In Haddington CC, Knox pupils also attend meetings. SB highlighted his other areas of responsibility included events in East Lothians and the Safety Advisory Group (SAG). He is keen that community members seek advice from SAG on any events they are planning. They are advisory services that can assist with plans.</p>	GM
2.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting They were adopted as an accurate recording of the last meeting.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising DH feedback on No 4 Local Priorities that he had collected the old copies of the walk brochure and distributed them through the 3 villages, with around 400 left. KM asked if the group still needed the money to produce new brochures and DH confirmed yes but that it would not be distributed until the old ones were finished. DH distributed copies of the new brochure. TD will ask Anne Orr, who manages the Dirleton Village Association (DVA) website to liaise with GM to place the brochure on that site. The updated version needs to be uploaded to GADDAabout website which DH will arrange this with GM.</p> <p>The raw sewage issues in Aberlady will be updated later in the meeting.</p>	DH
4.	<p>Local Priorities An application for a grant of £2000 has recently been received in the last 2 days for a series of events in Aberlady relating to the village's history related back to the war. This is being considered by the LPF committee.</p>	
5.	<p>Treasurer's Report Under the LPF account, a surplus of £3,997 was carried forward from 2017/18 and the allocation for 2018/19 is £6,400 which brings out a total £10,400 available for the current year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £2,000 has been allocated to Gullane Children's Hub, Subject to conditions • £1,000 has been allocated to Dirleton Fete and Games Club, again subject to conditions. • East Lothian Country Volunteers were allocated £1,500, subject to conditions for the base in Aberlady. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Walks brochure was allocated £444 and DH to check regarding the invoice for this as better for council to pay if VAT is included <p>This brings committed resources to just under £6,000 with £4,500 remaining, if the recent Aberlady application is accepted, £2,000; there will still be £2,500 in Local Priorities Fund.</p> <p>KM is to check the figures for both the Drem and Dirleton defibrillators as there is a concern that there is confusion between the two.</p> <p>On the CC's own account there is a bank balance of £4,442.00.</p> <p>KM had prepared and distributed a report on both accounts and the layout of this will be reviewed by her and TD. KM is to have the report ready for 20th of each month, prior to meetings.</p>	<p>DH</p> <p>KM</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Golf Issues</p> <p>MD reported that the Scottish Men's Open had gone very well and he believed there was less disruption than previous years with the Ladies Open currently taking place. There was a real concern about the drop in passing trade for surrounding villages which GM also highlighted but unfortunately with the police trying to get people safely and quickly to the tournament and then away again, it meant people visiting were not spending time in Gullane in the local shops. Next year the Men's Open will remain in East Lothian, going to the Renaissance.</p> <p>The Community Festival sponsored by the European Tour in Gullane had gone very well with over 500 people attending.</p> <p>A member of the public complained that no-parking bollards had been placed outside his house in Aberlady and that he had not been consulted. His car was then effectively illegally parked and could be towed away. He had contacted East Lothian Council but they had said this was the responsibility of the event organisers that residents should have been informed CllrH expressed the hope that that this would not happen again as the problem has been brought to the organisers' attention in writing.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Police Report</p> <p>No members of the police were able to attend and DA updated that the recent meeting of the North Berwick CAPP had mainly focused on speeding, with issues on West Fenton Road and Gullane. Speed monitoring measures are to be placed at the NB end of Gullane. The police will also be spending more time on the beaches over the summer due to young people and drinking. There has been a note of the increase in traffic in NB with the new housing. GM stated that the 40mph reduction measures between the golf courses on the west side of Gullane were not working and that he had witnessed people going at or over 60 mph overtaking vehicles going at the correct speed. There was discussion about the need for double white lines down the middle of the GM and KM highlighted the need for action at the two crossing points for the golf courses.</p> <p>TD has asked for the number of parking tickets for Yellowcraigs to be stated on a separate line for future reports.</p> <p>DH had received a letter from a regular visitor to the nature reserve but would not be coming back as on her last visit she received a parking ticket at the reserve car park. There was concern that cars parking on pavement were causing an obstruction for walkers, cyclists and runners and could lead to an accident. JH commented that the existing yellow lines could not be removed easily.</p> <p>A copy of the police report is available; http://www.gaddabout.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Police-Report-July-2018.pdf</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Communications</p> <p>A range of communication has been forwarded from DH to CC members. Communication from East Lothian will now come directly only to the Secretary's email address.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>In response to the ELC consultation on the LDP planning brief for the Castlemains site as Dirleton,</p>	

	<p>the DVA has submitted detailed comments to the planners. With DH's approval TD has also sent a letter on behalf of the CC supporting these comments and expressing concern over housing in close proximity to Dirleton Castle and the consequent restriction of views to and from the castle.</p> <p>Responses by 17 August had been requested by ELC to their consultation on their LDP draft action programme. MW and TD advised that this sets out general plans consequential on the finalisation of the LDP and that it would be unnecessary for the CC to comment on it. This was agreed.</p> <p>A series of planning applications had been submitted for a development in Nisbet Road/back garden of a house Hill Road which have not been successful, but the applicant is appealing.</p> <p>The Facilities Survey was discussed and the importance of ensuring a use for the results. There was concern regarding issues which were outside of the CC remit, however MW highlighted the CC's role in ensuring facilities for the community to access which he believed meant this was within the CC remit. GM highlighted the issues of ensuring we reach a diverse section of the community. KM highlighted a survey could indicate what people in the village want. It was agreed to take this forward at the September meeting. A member of the public raised concerns about issues arising from the Aberlady pharmacy application not being addressed at the meeting that had been held about it. DH agreed and commented that a letter had been written to follow up on this.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Village Reports</p> <p><u>Aberlady</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was no response yet on the appeal for the pharmacy application referred to above. - Walks brochure was distributed earlier in the meeting - Regarding ongoing issues about the raw sewage in Aberlady bay DH had written to Pamela Mackay to ask about the possibility of attending a meeting, which she responded was feasible, but that she would need to check with managers. John Harrison, Warden in Bay and Neil Clarke, Manager had witnessed raw sewage and DH had reported this to Pamela. A member of the public had also written to SEPA to ask is Scottish Water were not being pursued and this was a breach of EU regulation, who they should take it forward with? They had also spoken to STV News, but kept this on hold and Neil Clarke had agreed to put up a sign to warn dog owners. DH will follow up re: attending meeting, as the bay is not considered a designated bathing area it is not an Environmental Health concern for SEPA to follow up. <p><u>Gullane</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The hoarding around the CALA site will be coming down shortly and the show home at Henderson House will be ready soon. Derek Lawson has said the Saltcoats application will be submitted late summer and the Fentoun gait footway is delayed. - GM mentioned there was a complaint from the public about overhanging trees on the footpath in Sandy Lane. JH highlighted this was a home owner issue and that if they could not make contact with owner they could get in touch with council to find out who owns the property. - The Bowling Club is in discussion with Bowls for Gullane regarding the sale of the club and this benefitting the community. - No update on bank premises - EB highlighted that the Community Festival sponsored by European Tour and organised by residents had raised £1,800 for Gullane Games, Gullane Village Hall, Gullane Glorious Blooms and Jess Mackay Fund. <p><u>Dirleton</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing to report <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"> - Nothing to report 	<p>DH</p>

10.	North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership (NBCAP) Nothing to report	
11.	Website GM and EB met about the website and members still need to look at village pages and refer any changes back. EB had some ideas about improving the website which would have a small cost, under £100, which the CC approved.	ALL
12.	AOCB GM asked if there was an update on the Dirleton Defibrillator repair and TD needs to follow up. A discussion continued on the maintenance costs for the Defibrillators that the CC had funded. Drem SM to check and Aberlady MD. KM asked if we should seek additional funding from the council, but JG highlighted these were community assets and not council responsibility.	TD SM/ MD
The next meeting will be on Thursday 30th August 7.00pm at Dirleton Village Church Hall		