

**GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

(Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane)

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

Held in Dirleton Kirk Hall

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present Tom Drysdale (TD) Dirleton  
Malcolm Duck (MD) Aberlady  
Gordon McLelland (GM) Gullane  
Dorothy Arthur (DA) Gullane  
Martin White (MW) West Fenton  
James Barbour (JB) Aberlady

In Attendance Cllr Henderson (CllrH)  
Bonnie Macmillan (BM-GACC Secretary)  
6 members of the public

Item	Title	Action By
1	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from: John Hendry, Sian Morris, Bill Scott, Karen Chapman, Cllrs Findlay & Goodfellow and PCs D Gray & I Paterson	N/A
2	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b> The minutes of the previous meeting were amended in Sections 8, 11 and 13. The amended minutes were recirculated via the GACC distribution list, the GACC website and a link on the Facebook page.	N/A
3	<b>Action From Last Meeting</b> A brief discussion was held regarding the GACC response to the recently published government consultation on fracking. A vote followed this discussion with the outcome being that GACC would stay neutral and not issue a response to the above mentioned consultation.  TD led a discussion of how GACC drafts responses to planning applications. He described the current process and after much discussion with input from members of the public it was decided that the members from each village should meet to discuss any controversial applications specific to that village. They would then give a recommendation as to what the GACC response to the application might be.	N/A

4	<p><b>Matters Arising Including Aberlady and Gullane drainage issues</b>  GACC (TD, DA, JB, and MW) will be meeting with 2 representatives from Scottish Water (SW) on Dec 12<sup>th</sup>; Aberlady resident Frank Neate will also be in attendance at the meeting. TD had distributed documentation to be presented to SW to the GACC members who were in agreement to send the documentation to SW. TD will keep GACC informed of the content and outcome of the meeting.</p>	TD
5	<p><b>Update on Gullane Resilience Plan – Lorna Scott (LS)</b>  Lorna Scott, a Gullane resident, explained that the Resilience Plan will help those who are most vulnerable; it is about helping the community to help itself. There has been much progress with GM mapping the grit bins in Gullane, Dirleton and Aberlady making sure that derelict bins are either removed or replaced and that empty ones are filled. The Gullane Village Hall will act as a sort of command centre should we experience an event that needs action. There is a “yellow hand” scheme being set up, where if a person puts a yellow hand (printed on paper and distributed by the resilience team) in their window it will act as a sign to others that they need help. GM and LS are going to begin adding more info on the Facebook (FB) page and the website that will be helpful if we find ourselves with another “beast from the East”. GM and JB will liaise to get things started on a resilience plan for Aberlady and Dirleton Village Association is taking steps to formulate one for Dirleton.</p>	GM GM/JB
6	<p><b>Local Priorities</b>  Jonathan Kinna from the Gullane Table Tennis Club spoke about the club’s history and how it was formed. The club has now submitted a grant application that will be considered by the Local Priorities sub-committee (JH, KC and JB) with an aim to its being considered in the next few weeks. There are 3 outstanding applications where GACC is waiting for the applicants to meet the requirements for the grant. TD has emailed all to get an update on where the applicants stand on this. He will update GACC when he has received responses.</p>	JH/KC/JB TD
7	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report</b>  The Treasurer was not in attendance (with prior notice given) and was therefore not able to give a report. The minutes note that the report was distributed to members and was accepted at this meeting.</p>	N/A
8	<p><b>Police Report</b>  TD gave a brief summary of the report for those present. MD requested that parking ticket figures be broken down as to where in the villages they are given, TD will contact the PCs about the possibility of their providing this.  There was much discussion regarding the double yellow lines at Aberlady Nature Reserve and speeding along the A198. Cllr JH informed GACC that the traffic police now have a permanent base in East Lothian (Dunbar); she thinks this will be beneficial to the whole local authority area. DA gave an update on the police priorities over the holiday season; these include: more high visibility patrols, extra dog wardens to help control fouling,</p>	TD

	monitoring speeding and extra patrols for drunk driving.	
9	<b>Communications</b> Recorded in Section 3	N/A
10	<b>Website</b> GM is using FB to drive people to the website. Joyce Hunam has donated photos that are being used on the FB page and website. At the next meeting GM will give a more detailed breakdown of the FB and website statistics.	GM

11	<b>Planning</b> East Lothian Council (ELC) is expected to start work on the next Local Development Plan (to cover 10 years) in 2019. In the Planning Bill, currently before the Scottish Parliament at stage 2 of 3, the right of third party appeal has been dismissed.  Planning application response discussion has been reported in Section 3	
12	<b>Village Reports</b> <b>Gullane</b> – GM raised the issue of speed restrictions on the straight section of A198 immediately west of Gullane. This will be discussed further at the next meeting. GM has been working on the provision of an electric car charging point for Gullane; he has not had a response to his emails to Cllr JG. The proposed site for the charging point is just outside of the Old Smiddy. Cllr JH will look into this for GM and report back at the next meeting. LS said that the bowling club is now organised and getting off to a great new start. <b>Aberlady</b> – JB reported that Remembrance Sunday was well attended. JB reported that he and Donald Hay had met with representatives of ELC and Crudens to discuss the access road to the new development and has alerted the builders to the problems with Scottish Water. <b>Direlton</b> – TD reported that the Village Association has written to ELC requesting 2 electric car charging points and are awaiting a response. <b>Drem</b> – Nothing to report <b>West Fenton</b> – Nothing to report	Cllr JH
13	<b>North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership (NBCAP)</b> TD and JB attended the most recent meeting, with DA attending the Health and Wellbeing subgroup meeting; TD will circulate a report on this meeting. GACC members agreed that JB will take over the NBCAP seat previously filled by Donald Hay. GM spoke to Eric Thomson of the Gullane Village Hall committee. They have decided not to participate in NBCAP. This means that Gullane does not have a voice at NBCAP. TD will try to arrange a meeting between Sandra King and the Gullane GACC members to encourage Gullane to become more involved with NBCAP.	TD  TD
14	<b>AOCB</b> None	

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The next meeting will take place on 31 January 2019 at 7:30PM in the Aberlady Kirk Stables