

GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

(Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane)

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28th February 2019

Held in Gullane Village Hall

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present	Tom Drysdale (TD)	Dirleton
	Gordon McLelland (GM)	Gullane
	Dorothy Arthur (DA)	Gullane
	Martin White (MW)	West Fenton
	James Barbour (JB)	Aberlady
	Sian Morris (SM)	Drem
	Karen Chapman (KC)	Gullane
In Attendance	Bonnie Macmillan (BM-GACC Secretary)	
	PC Paterson (PC P) Community Police Officer	
	5 members of the public	

Item	Title	Action By
1	Apologies Apologies were received from: John Hendry (Gullane), Malcolm Duck (Aberlady) and East Lothian Cllrs Goodfellow, Henderson and Findlay.	N/A
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.	N/A
3	Actions From Last Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM/JB to liaise re a resilience plan for Aberlady. The Gullane plan is with ELC for final approval and once approved GM/JB will begin to work on the plan for Aberlady. • Ongoing discussion with ELC re Gullane car charging point. ELC planning application has been submitted for Dirleton charging point. GM and TD to keep GACC updated on progress. • Community Asset Transfer (Gullane) discussed under Item 6. • Communication with SEPA re meeting discussed under Item 7. • Cllrs JH/JF to engage with ELC regarding membership rules governing Community Councils. • Local Priorities Fund sub-committee to report on plan for Gullane Bowling Club. • Cllr JH to arrange a meeting with Aberlady GACC members and ELC Landscape and Countryside Reps re Aberlady Bay Nature Reserve parking issues. 	GM/JB GM/TD Cllrs JH/JF JH Cllr JH
4	Matters Arising N/A	N/A
5	Electric Car Charging Points Discussed in Item 3.	N/A

6	<p>Community Asset Transfer (Gullane Recreation Hall)</p> <p>GM has been in contact with local groups who use the hall and none have shown an interest in taking on the ownership or tenancy of the hall; the Tennis Club has now also declined to take on the project. He has received an email from Caroline Rogers, the Community Asset Transfer Manager, to say that she has been contacted by 1 interested party; ELC has been unable to disclose the name of the interested party.</p> <p>The role of GACC in this is to try and motivate groups who may be interested in taking on ownership or tenancy of the hall, it must be noted that the consultation period finishes at the end of March. GM will update GACC members if he receives further info from ELC re the interested party.</p>	GM
7	<p>Aberlady and Gullane Drainage Issues</p> <p>After the recent meeting with Scottish Water there has been no change in their stance that the current system is fine and does not need to be upgraded. TD wrote to Ms MacKay at SEPA to request a meeting; she declined the meeting and refuses to accept evidence of the problem that has been submitted by Frank Neate.</p> <p>GACC will begin to arrange a press campaign, TD and DA will be contacting media outlets. TD will write to the head of SEPA expressing GACC concern at Ms MacKay's conclusions and seeking a meeting despite them.</p>	TD/DA
8	<p>Membership</p> <p>In order to be quorate there must be 7 members present. The low membership at the moment makes this difficult. The current vacancies are; Aberlady 3, Gullane 1 and Dirleton 1.</p> <p>Frank Neate has agreed to come on board as a casual vacancy for Aberlady, this will allow him voting rights. TD will get this advertised in the East Lothian Courier and his appointment should be completed by the March meeting.</p>	ALL TD
9	<p>Local Priorities</p> <p>Reported in Item 10.</p>	N/A
10	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The report which was circulated to the members prior to the meeting was approved and the condensed report was much appreciated. All LPF monies for financial year 18/19 have been awarded. The award for financial year 19/20 should be similar in amount.</p>	N/A
11	<p>Police Report</p> <p>PC P elaborated on the monthly Police Report. Speeding and Antisocial behaviour continue to be areas of high concern along with hare coursing. On behalf of GACC TD wished PC Gray, who has been posted elsewhere well in her future endeavours.</p> <p>Members of the public spoke about Cala construction vehicles entering Muirfield Steading and speeding along the A198 on approach to Gullane. DA will speak to the Cala site management regarding the construction vehicles entering Muirfield Steading.</p>	DA
12	<p>Communications</p> <p>The GACC Facebook page and website continue to be successful. GM</p>	

12	would like to add more local interest posts. GM will add text and photos to Facebook and the web page regarding the Aberlady/Gullane drainage issues.	GM
13	Website Discussed in Item 12	N/A
14	<p>Planning DA has spoken to Esme Clelland, one of the East Lothian planning officers, regarding the missing Environmental Impact Assessment for the Saltcoats development. DA will keep GACC updated on further communication.</p> <p>MW/TD will speak with ELC to clarify generally the standing of an official response by a Community Council to a planning consultation/application, on which Ms Clelland had commented adversely.</p> <p>In the future GM will publish the official GACC objections/observations on the GACC website.</p> <p>Tom to contact Jeremy Finlay to ask him to consider drawing down the Fentoun Gait application when it appears on the list</p>	DA MW/TD GM TD
15	<p>Village Reports</p> <p>Gullane – GM to publish info regarding the Cala grant fund on the GACC website and Facebook page.</p> <p>Aberlady – JB discussed a planned community meeting that had involvement from other community groups but excluded GACC.</p> <p>Direlton – TD reported that New Mains Farm has recently been purchased by an Edinburgh developer with a planning application for housing expected soon. The Dirleton Village Association has reported the developer to ELC for cutting down trees without a Felling License. TD will keep GACC updated on the situation.</p> <p>Drem – Nothing to report.</p> <p>West Fenton – Nothing to Report.</p>	GM TD
16	<p>North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership (NBCAP) JB attended a meeting of the Health and Wellbeing sub-group and reported on the worthwhile work of the group. JB will arrange a limited presentation with a question and answer session for a future meeting of GACC (March or April) with the whole session to last no longer than 30 minutes (15 minute presentation and 15 minutes for questions).</p>	JB
17	<p>AOCB TD was contacted by a Gullane resident regarding the parking situation around Goose Green. Cllr JH had suggested that the resident contact Peter Forsyth at ELC to officially lodge a complaint. SM will speak with Mr Forsyth regarding the issues with Goose Green and report back to GACC.</p> <p>A member of the public enquired about the redevelopment plans of Gullane Golf Club (GCC) and the absence of correspondence/consultation with villagers affected by the plans. GM will liaise with GCC on the need to keep residents abreast of the plans.</p> <p>BM requested that an Aberlady GACC member become a key holder for Aberlady Kirk Stables to lock the building after meetings. The contact for this is Kay MacAskill Frank Neate will take this on.</p>	SM GM Frank Neate

The next meeting will take place on 28 March 2019 at 7:00PM in the Dirleton Kirk Hall