

**GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

(Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane)

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28th March 2019

Held in Gullane Village Hall

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

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

In Attendance Bonnie Macmillan (BM-GACC Secretary)  
members of the public

Item	Title	Action By
1	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from: Karen Chapman (Gullane), Sian Morris (Drem), PC Paterson (Community Police Officer) and East Lothian Cllrs Goodfellow and Findlay. With only six voting members present, the meeting was not quorate.	N/A
2	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b> The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.	N/A
3	<b>Actions From Last Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Gullane resilience plan has been approved by ELC. GM/JB to liaise re a resilience plan for Aberlady. The Dirleton Village Association would like to look at the Gullane plan to evaluate how it can be adapted for Dirleton. GM will liaise with their chairman, Richard Gardner, to share information.</li> <li>• Cllrs JH/JF to engage within ELC regarding membership rules governing Community Councils.</li> <li>• Cllr JH to arrange a meeting with Aberlady GACC members and ELC Landscape and Countryside Reps re Aberlady Bay Nature Reserve parking issues.</li> </ul>	GM/JB  GM  Cllr JH
4	<b>Matters Arising</b> N/A	N/A
5	<b>Electric Car Charging Points</b> GM met with ELC planners recently as both previous sites for the Gullane charging points have been rejected. There have been other options identified and GM will seek community input via Facebook and website posts. The DVA have suggested that the proposed Dirleton charging points be moved to a different location in the Castle carpark so as not to require any	GM

	tree felling, ELC have withdrawn the planning application and it is expected that they will resubmit.	
6	<p><b>Community Asset Transfer (Gullane Recreation Hall)</b></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 ELC Community Asset Transfer Manager, to say that she has been contacted by 1 interested party; ELC won't disclose that party's identity.</p> <p>The role of GACC in this is to try and identify and/or 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.</p>	N/A
7	<p><b>Aberlady and Gullane Drainage Issues</b></p> <p>In order to document the ongoing problems we will need to follow the SEPA complaints process. TD and MW will meet with Frank Neate to put together a timeline and to set up a way forward for documenting further incidents and interactions with SEPA. GACC will also contact Donald Hay to enquire if the ranger volunteers would be able to help monitor the foreshore in relation to this problem.</p>	TD/MW
8	<p><b>Membership</b></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 (FN) has agreed to appointment as a casual vacancy for Aberlady, allowing him voting rights. TD has advertised this on the various village notice boards, as well as including in the notice a call for additional applicants. Les Sibbald has agreed to appointment as a casual vacancy for Gullane, also allowing him voting rights. As both these applicants meet the requirements of membership under the ELC Scheme for Community Councils and as no other interest in the appointments had been received, both appointments were confirmed. As the meeting was not quorate, this would be subject to TD seeking and receiving written or emailed agreement on this from the non-attending voting members.</p>	TD
9	<p><b>Local Priorities</b></p> <p>There are no new applications, although there are 2 projects that have yet to be funded from last year (Gullane Children's Hub and East Lothian Countryside Volunteers, for the Aberlady Bay conservation base. KC to liaise with JH and report whether the conditions GACC set forth for funding have been completed.</p>	KC/JH
10	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>The report which was circulated to the members prior to the meeting was approved. GACC has received notification ELC funds for the year 2019/2020 - £6440 for the Local Priorities Fund and £824 for administration The LPF funds are being paid to GACC now, to be held until disbursed, a change from the previous process of their being held by ELC until requested. Community Councils are now responsible for paying insurers directly although funds are provided by ELC. KC to report what</p>	KC

	type of insurance coverage GACC has.	
11	<p><b>Police Report</b></p> <p>In the absence of PC Paterson, TD offered a short summary of the March Police Report. Speeding and antisocial behaviour continue to be areas of high concern along with hare coursing.</p> <p>There was discussion regarding double white lines to be added on the road between Gullane and Luffness Golf Club, as recently advised by Cllr JF. TD and MD will speak with him to gain clarification on this.</p>	TD/MD/ Cllr JF
12	<p><b>Communications</b></p> <p>The GACC Facebook page and website continue to be successful. GM would like to add more local interest posts. GM will add text and photos to Facebook and the web page regarding the Gullane car charging points.</p>	GM
13	<p><b>Website</b></p> <p>The GACC website continues to attract visitors. The average monthly views are around 400.</p>	N/A
14	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>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>TD to contact the CllrJF to ask him to draw down the Fentoun Gait application when it appears on the list, to ensure it is considered by the Planning Committee</p> <p>GACC will object to the planning application re: the Gullane Gym, there having been strong representations about this from members of the public present at the meeting. The main issue is to keep the property classified for business use, or at least not changed to residential use.</p> <p>There has also been a complex planning application submitted by Caledonian Heritable Ltd, the proprietors of the Archerfield Links golf and leisure development, that includes several different sites around Archerfield and Dirleton. GACC will only object to that part of the planning application that proposes two residential plots adjacent to the Dirleton village green.</p>	DA  MW/TD  GM  TD  TD/MW
15	<p><b>Village Reports</b></p> <p><b>Gullane</b> – GM to contact Gullane Sports Development Trust regarding the use of Cala funds for sports pitches, etc.</p> <p><b>Aberlady</b> – JB informed GACC that the Aberlady Post Office will have a new post master for a period of a year after which the situation would be re-evaluated. There is a community group who are interested in possibly running it as a village hub, JB to keep GACC informed.</p> <p><b>Dirleton</b> – TD reported that the New Mains Farm steading area has recently been purchased by an Edinburgh developer with a planning</p>	GM  JB

	<p>application for housing expected soon. The DVA has reported the developer to ELC for cutting down mature trees without a Felling License. There have also been fences erected that obstruct access to the long established public footpath through the property. The ELC Outdoor Access Officer and the Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society have now been involved in the matter and this is likely to lead to formal steps being initiated to establish the route as a right of way.</p> <p><b>Drem</b> – Nothing to report.  <b>West Fenton</b> – Nothing to Report.</p>	
16	<p><b>North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership (NBCAP)</b>  TD reported that NBCAP are to host drop in sessions at the North Berwick police station on 29-31 May, to provide interaction with the public relative community organisations and local issues. It was agreed that this was seen as primarily a North Berwick initiative and that GACC would not wish to participate in it on a formal basis. TD to advise NBCAP accordingly</p>	TD
	<p><b>AOCB</b>  GM has incorporated the new East Lothian flag in to the GACC letterhead. TD will check to ensure we are allowed to use it in this way.  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 Kaye MacAskill, Frank Neate will take this on.  TD will speak with Cllr JF to discuss how GACC can support the Gullane Tenants and Residents Association.  Cllr JH will enquire about the situation surrounding road issues for the Scottish Open at the Renaissance Club this summe (8-14 July).</p>	<p>TD</p> <p>Frank Neate  TD</p> <p>Cllr JH</p>

The next meeting will take place on 25 April 2019 at 7:30PM in the Aberlady Kirk Stables