

GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

(Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane)

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25th April 2019

Held in Aberlady Kirk Stables

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 (JH)	Gullane
	Sian Morris (SM)	Drem
	Frank Neate (FN)	Aberlady
	Les Sibbald (LS)	Gullane

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

Item	Title	Action By
1	Welcome and Apologies TD welcomed Frank Neate and Les Sibbald to their first meeting following their appointment as members of the Community Council. Apologies were received from: Karen Chapman (Gullane), PC Paterson (Community Police Officer) and East Lothian Cllrs Goodfellow 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 met with Richard Gardner from Dirleton Village Association to discuss a resilience plan for Dirleton where they identified the needs for Dirleton. The Gullane plan will be used as a template with needs specific to Dirleton added. GM and JB will meet soon to progress a plan for Aberlady. • Cllr JH to arrange a meeting with Aberlady GACC members and ELC Landscape and Countryside Reps re Aberlady Bay Nature Reserve parking issues. Carried Forward • Cllr JH will enquire about the situation surrounding road issues for the Scottish Open at the Renaissance Club this summer (8-14 July). Carried Forward 	<p style="text-align: center;">GM/JB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cllr JH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cllr JH</p>

4	<p>North Berwick Health and Well Being Association (NBHWBA) Presentation</p> <p>Deborah Ritchie and Tillie Baird gave an informative talk about the work of the NBHWBA, the priority going forward is to be involved in the reprovisioning of health care services in East Lothian, through Community Connecting and Social Prescribing, focusing on health inequalities. There will be an AGM soon and they would like to hear of possible projects from each of the villages. Those interested can get in touch via the website: www.northberwickhealthandwellbeing.co.uk</p>	N/A
5	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TD and MD to meet with Cllr JF to discuss double white road markings planned between Gullane and Aberlady. • TD will speak with Cllr JH and JF re how best to proceed with issues relating to Gullane Gym. 	TD/MD TD
6	<p>Electric Car Charging Points</p> <p>The only acceptable site for a charging point in Gullane is Saltcoats Road according to ELC. GACC are keen to ensure these are additional spaces and do not occupy current parking spaces. GM was told that funding hasn't yet been secured for the charging points, Cllr JH will look into this. A site for charging points has been identified on Riggs Street in Aberlady. 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 tree felling, ELC have withdrawn the planning application and are resubmitting.</p>	Cllr JH
7	<p>Community Asset Transfer (Gullane Recreation Hall)</p> <p>There are 2 interested parties being evaluated by the ELC, the details of the parties have not been disclosed.</p>	N/A
8	<p>Aberlady and Gullane Drainage Issues</p> <p>MD, TD, FN, DA met to discuss a way forward when dealing with SEPA. TD will write on behalf of GACC to the SEPA Chief Executive to complain of their non-intervention.</p>	TD/MW
9	<p>Membership</p> <p>In order to be quorate there must be 7 members present. The current vacancies are; Aberlady 2 and Dirleton 1. Frank Neate (Aberlady) and Les Sibbald (Gullane) are the newest GACC members.</p>	N/A
10	<p>Local Priorities</p> <p>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. There has been one new application received from Gullane Bowling Club, JH will circulate further info regarding this to GACC members.</p>	JH

11	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The report which was circulated to the members prior to the meeting was approved. KC to report what type of insurance coverage GACC has.</p>	KC
12	<p>Police Report</p> <p>In the absence of PC Paterson, TD offered a short summary of the April Police Report. Speeding and antisocial behaviour continue to be areas of high concern along with hare coursing. The full report will be posted on the GACC website.</p>	N/A
13	<p>Communications/Website</p> <p>The GACC Facebook page and website continue to be successful. GM would like to add more local interest posts. GM will add planning objection letters to the FB page and website.</p>	GM
14	<p>Planning</p> <p>GACC has objected to the planning application re: the Gullane Gym, there having been strong representations about this from members of the public. 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 has objected, but only to that part of the planning application that proposes two residential plots adjacent to the Dirleton village green.</p>	N/A
15	<p>Village Reports</p> <p>Gullane – DA has phoned Haddon regarding dangerous parking from their employees and subcontractors adjacent to the building site at Fenton Gate East. The Police have been informed. Cllr JH will speak to ELC Highways Team regarding a temporary restriction of parking. The Muirfield Care Home sign is considered to be an obstruction at the junction of Hall Crescent and the Main Street, TD will investigate this further.</p> <p>DA will investigate who is responsible for the clock on top of Goose on the Green.</p> <p>Aberlady – A member of the public, Bill McKinnon, spoke about the need for more burial space in Aberlady. The Aberlady GACC members will meet to discuss a plan to progress this. They will also add a post to the Aberlady FB page to gauge the local support for this need.</p> <p>After consulting with JB, TD will approach ELC Roads Officer re the erratic street cleaning in Aberlady.</p> <p>Dirleton – TD reported that the Newmains Farm steading area has recently been purchased by an Edinburgh developer with a planning application for housing expected soon. 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 try to establish the route as a public right of way. TD will give an update at the next</p>	<p>Cllr JH</p> <p>TD</p> <p>DA</p> <p>JB/MD/FN</p> <p>TD</p> <p>TD</p>

15	<p>meeting.</p> <p>MW expressed appreciation to the Yellowcraig Ranger for supporting the establishment of a Geo Cache there.</p> <p>Drem – Nothing to report.</p> <p>West Fenton – Nothing to Report.</p>	
16	<p>North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership (NBCAP)</p> <p>TD will attend meetings in May and report back at the next GACC meeting.</p>	TD
17	<p>AOCB</p> <p>None</p>	N/A

The next meeting will take place on 31 May 2019 at 7:00PM in the Gullane Village Hall