

GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

(Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane)

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2019

Held in Gullane Village Hall (small hall)

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

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

In Attendance ELC Councillors: Jane Henderson (Cllr JH) and Jeremy Findlay (Cllr JF), PC Paterson (PC P), Bonnie Macmillan (BM) GACC Secretary, Representatives of the Structured Housing Group, and several members of the public

Item	Title	Action By
1	Welcome and Apologies TD welcomed all to the meeting and noted it was quorate. Apologies were received from John Hendry (Gullane), Karen Chapman (Gullane), Hugh Smith (Drem), Cllr Jim Goodfellow.	N/A
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The minutes of the September meeting were approved and all present were in agreement with decisions taken.	N/A
3	Mallard Hotel presentation Tony Thomas, Director of APT Planning and Development, and representing the Structured Development Group (SDG), gave a short presentation explaining the suggested plans for the redevelopment of the Mallard Hotel. He reported that he and his clients had held a consultation event at the hotel that afternoon and early evening and that it had been well attended by local residents and others. He will email the plans and related documents to TD to be distributed to GACC members as there wasn't space for him to set the boards up in the meeting room. GACC will then publish them on their website. The current plans explain that the Mallard will remain as a hotel, but will be completely demolished and replaced by a building more fit for purpose. A number of concerns were raised, including the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Questions of the design of the new building as it sits within a conservation area. 2. Parking and traffic related to a likely increase in business for the site. 	TD

3	<p>3. The economic viability of the SDG</p> <p>Tony Thomas reported that they are in the early planning stages and have commissioned a survey from an independent transport consultant regarding increased traffic. Cllr JF stated that as part of the planning application process, ELC would also do their own study regarding the impact that increased traffic would have on the neighbouring areas.</p> <p>TD indicated that GACC would expect to arrange further consultation with members of the public once a [planning application had been lodged</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising and Actions From Last Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cut-out police officers – The cut-out police officers are now operational and will be used in the area shortly • Aberlady Drainage – GACC will await the outcome of the ELC independent monitoring before proceeding further. TD will contact Derek Oliver of ELC in the New Year for a report. • TD wrote to Scotrail regarding the parking situation at the station. He had not yet received a reply. 	<p>N/A</p> <p>TD</p>
5	<p>Membership</p> <p>TD will progress the application of David Tait, member of Dirleton Village Association, to fill the vacant place for a Dirleton member. There are still 2 members needed from Aberlady. JB will email Liz Forsyth, chair of the Aberlady Community Association, to try to encourage interest for members from Aberlady.</p>	<p>TD</p> <p>JB</p>
6	<p>Local Priorities Fund</p> <p>There have been no new applications.</p>	N/A
7	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>KC's report had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting and was approved.</p>	N/A
8	<p>Police Report</p> <p>PC P summarised the Police report pointing out a few items of particular concern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been numerous complaints of vehicles parking at Muirfield Drive in Gullane. They are being parked legally and it is a temporary situation. • There have been various bike thefts and there is a team in Haddington that will be looking at this, the team is led by Jill Stafford. • If any suspicious behaviour that might be related to hare coursing is witnessed try to get a photo/video of the vehicles involved, noting the registration number would be especially helpful. <p>The date of the next CAPP meeting is Wednesday, Jan 22, 2020.</p>	N/A
9	<p>Website and Communications</p> <p>GM reported that the most viewed Facebook post this last month had been on the traffic restrictions on Fenton Road due to the Cala</p>	

9	development and the website had around 300 hits in the last month. GM also discussed an article and photo in the East Lothian Living magazine about Resilience Planning in the county. The large presentation cheque has been purchased and will be used in photos to generate more publicity and awareness around GACC activities.	
10	Planning TD discussed the objections that the Dirleton Village Association (DVA) has regarding the current planning and listed building consent applications for New Mains farm steading, north of Dirleton. He has been tasked to write the letter of objection for the DVA. TD will circulate the DVA objection to GACC members for their approval so that MW can write a brief letter supporting the DVA position. The right of way dispute has not been settled and will be addressed in the letter.	TD/MW
11	Village Reports Gullane – GM gave a report about the playing fields in Gullane, plans and the financing available don't match up so there needs to be a rethink. Some residents have reported a tripping hazard in front of Marine Rise, this is Cala's responsibility. GM to send photos of the tripping hazard to Cllr JF and Derek Wilson explaining the situation. In regard to bicycle parking provision in Gullane, Cllr JH and GM will communicate with Tom Reid. GM also reported that electric bike charging is not universal or a priority. Aberlady – MD is working with Martin Andrews, Estate Manager at Gosford Estate, to try and identify a site for further burial space. MD has reported the flooding problem at the zebra crossing to ELC. There is an ongoing conversation about the height of the hedge at the memorial garden; this needs to be decided by a consensus of those in Aberlady, MD, JB, FN to work with the Aberlady Community Association to come up with a plan. FN reported on the Pleasance Road obstruction, he is to email ELC Road Services and copy Cllr JH/Cllr JF In relation to previous discussion re Aberlady village gates, TD will contact Tom Reid ELC to discuss this as a possibility. Dirleton – The village Christmas lights have been switched on. Drem – The main concerns in the village remain speeding and the parking situation at the station. West Fenton – Nothing to note.	GM GM/Cllr JH MD/JB FN FN TD
12	North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership There is some confusion as to whether Aberlady Community Association has voting rights at NBCAP. TD will contact Sandra King to clarify this and the way forward for the newly formed community association in Aberlady.	TD
13	AOCB None	

The next meeting will be on Thursday 30 January 7:00pm in Dirleton Kirk Hall