



3	<p>responsible for extending/improving the Drem Station car park. TD has also asked that this be an item on the agenda at the next Rail Partnership Committee meeting.</p> <p><b>Village Gateway for Aberlady</b> – TD has spoken to Tom Reid, ELC Head of Infrastructure, who is not in favour of village “gates” as he would rather there be consistency throughout the local authority area. TD will seek to arrange a meeting with Tom Reid and Liz Forsythe, chair of Aberlady Community Association, to discuss the matter further.</p>	TD
4	<p><b>Membership</b>  There remain 2 vacant seats for Aberlady. MD reported there are ongoing discussions in Aberlady with interested parties. TD will invite Martin Andrews, Gosford Estate factor, to the GACC meeting in February.</p>	TD
5	<p><b>Local Priorities Fund (LPF)</b>  Peter Wells spoke on behalf of the East Lothian Countryside Volunteers who are resubmitting an application for help to fund a container to be converted for the volunteers to use at Aberlady Nature Reserve. The previous application was approved and the funds were set aside as long as certain conditions were met, but this had not been achieved within the agreed timescale. The resubmitted application is approved in principal as long as the same conditions are met.</p> <p>Margaret Bruce spoke on behalf of the Gullane Village Hall Committee who have made an application for funding to help with renovations to the village hall (small hall). The LPF subcommittee will study the application and make a recommendation to be circulated to GACC councillors for approval.</p>	KC/JH
6	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report</b>  KC showed all the new presentation large format cheque that is now used in photos relating to projects supported by the Local Priorities Fund.</p> <p>Her treasurer’s report which was circulated before the meeting was approved. KC reported that there is approximately £3500 remaining for LPF distribution this year (to 31 March) and Approximately £3500 in the GACC account for reserves and expenses.</p>	N/A
7	<p><b>Police Report</b>  TD summarised the police report for those in attendance. Particular attention was paid to the episode of fire-raising at Fenton Barns in December and the ongoing problem in the ward with hare coursing. GM to add a post to GACC social media concerning the hare coursing. There was also discussion surrounding interest for an end of year report summarising the actions that had been taken throughout the course of the year by police in the ward, TD to speak with PC Paterson about this.</p>	GM  TD

8	<p><b>Website and Communications</b></p> <p>GM reported that the social media presence of GACC goes from strength to strength. Both the webpage and the Facebook page regularly experience increasing traffic. There were some access issues with the website in mid-January which were dealt with swiftly.</p>	N/A
9	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>In the absence of MW, TD gave a report. This has been a quiet period; there has been no planning application lodged in regards of the Mallard Hotel.</p> <p>TD also reported that the planning application regarding extending the parking area for Archerfield Walled garden was approved on the condition that the number of extra spaces be reduced from 100 to 75 and that extensive planning is undertaken on its eastern boundary. The Newmains Farm Steading application has been withdrawn as the applicants need to provide further information. The trees that had been felled adjacent to the farm steading are now the subject of a Restocking Direction on the land owner who is required to replace the trees. The owners are appealing the Restocking Direction. TD/MW will report back with updates.</p>	TD/MW
10	<p><b>Village Reports</b></p> <p><b>Gullane</b> – GM reported on the bicycle racks for the village. GACC could fund the stands or alternatively funds from the NBCAP could be sought. GACC councillors are in favour of the least expensive option. DA will speak with CALA regarding the possibility of combining the bike racks with the community art installation that CALA is required to erect in the village.</p> <p>DA reported that a number of complaints have been lodged concerning problems in the area of construction of the new CALA development at Fentoun Meadow. DA will meet with CALA before the next GACC meeting to discuss this.</p> <p>GM reported that the electric vehicle charging points have been pushed back until August due to funding issues at ELC; Cllr JG to look into this. GM raised the issue of a damaged lamp post on the Gullane High Street across from the Co-op. KC asked if it would be possible to collect Christmas trees next year to provide protection for the beach sand dunes in our area. TD will take this up with the East Lothian Countryside Ranger, David Wild .</p> <p><b>Drem</b> – HS reported that speeding through the village is an ongoing problem.</p> <p><b>Dirleton</b> – Anne Orr, of Dirleton Good Neighbours, who was present at the meeting reported that Aging Well has organised a Night Walk in Dirleton. He also reported that the street lights in the area around the church green, which had been out for several months, have finally been fixed.</p> <p><b>Aberlady</b> – FN gave an update on his correspondence with SEPA (drainage problems) he has raised an official complaint and it has gone</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>DA</p> <p>Cllr JG</p> <p>TD</p>

10	<p>to the 2<sup>nd</sup> level; the problems are ongoing. TD has emailed ELC twice requesting a report on the independent monitoring they were undertaking on the drainage issue; he has not received a response yet. FN reported on the bus shelter in the village that still has not been repaired. Cllr JG informed that ELC is waiting on a grant becoming available; Cllr JG will try to get the repair advanced to the top of the list of pending repairs.</p> <p>FN had understood that Crudens were to build a new footpath on the south side of the A198 as far west as the entrance to the Gosford Bothy as a condition of their planning permission part of the development. . A member of the public who was present said he understood that they were also to construct a footpath on Kirk Road. TD will check the conditions of the planning permission in respect of these matters.</p> <p>MD gave an update on the Memorial Garden hedge, explaining that there are ongoing consultations in the hope of reaching a compromise regarding the height of the hedge.</p> <p>GM reported that Ian Malcolm and FN will be the Resilience Coordinators for Aberlady.</p>	<p>Cllr JG</p> <p>TD</p>
11	<p><b>North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership (NBCAP)</b></p> <p>Liz Forsythe (LF), chair of the Aberlady Community Association, spoke to the fact that not many people in the ward are aware of the NBCAP. The NBCAP are trying to remedy this by holding meetings in the various villages as well as in NorthBerwick.</p> <p>TD informed GACC that on 18<sup>th</sup> March the NBCAP On the Move Group meeting will be held at Aberlady Primary School.</p>	N/A
12	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>A member of the public, resident in Dirleton, spoke about his dissatisfaction with the phone service he receives from BT. He questioned if this was affecting others as well. The consensus was that this is a problem with the Dirleton exchange servers/box.</p>	N/A

**The next meeting will be on Thursday 27 February 7:30pm in Aberlady Kirk Stables**