

GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

(Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane)

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27 February 2020

Held in Aberlady Kirk Stables

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present	Tom Drysdale (TD)	Dirleton
	David Tait (DT)	Dirleton
	Malcolm Duck (MD)	Aberlady
	Frank Neate (FN)	Aberlady
	John Hendry (JH)	Gullane
	Gordon McLelland (GM)	Gullane
	Les Sibbald (LS)	Gullane
	Dorothy Arthur (DA)	Gullane
	Hugh Smith (HS)	Drem

In Attendance ELC Councillor, Jeremy Findlay (Cllr JF), Martin Andrews (MA), Factor of Wemyss and March Estates, Liz Forsythe (LF), Chair – Aberlady Community Association, Bonnie Macmillan, GACC Secretary 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 Karen Chapman (Gullane), Martin White (West Fenton), Cllr Jane Henderson, Cllr Jim Goodfellow and PC Paterson.	
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The minutes of the January meeting were approved and all present were in agreement with decisions taken.	
3	Matters Arising and Actions from the Last Meeting Cut-out Policemen – the cut-outs have been seen in a few different places, PC Paterson will come to the next GACC meeting and speak about the plans going forward in regard to the cut-outs as well as addressing the end of year report. Drem Station Parking – TD has been corresponding with Scotrail regarding the possible use of the apparently unused station service yard for parking. Scotrail are undertaking a station parking strategy, with the results expected in the summer. A member of the public spoke about the problem caused by cars parking too close to the bend heading towards Merryhatton. TD to contact Tom Reid (ELC) regarding the possibility of adding double yellow lines to this area.	PC Paterson TD

3	<p>Village Gateways for Aberlady – There was a recent meeting between ELC officials, Liz Forsythe (LF) and GACC representatives. LF felt the meeting was fruitful as ELC officials weren't averse to enhanced markings. LF, Aberlady GACC representatives and TD to discuss how to consult with villagers about what they prefer to see happen in regard to village gateways.</p> <p>TD expressed optimism about further progress with ELC on this matter.</p> <p>Aberlady Burial Ground Space – There is currently enough burial space for approximately 3 years. MD has spoken with Martin Andrews (MA), Factor of Weymss and March Estates, about the possibility of the estate providing additional land for burial. MA will look at possible areas with Lord Weymss when he visits the estate in the near future. MD to continue consulting with MA and report back to GACC when there are further developments.</p> <p>Aberlady Footpath from the Pleasance to the Bothy - There is a path on the south side of the A198 that begins at the Pleasance, but it doesn't go all the way to the Bothy. There is a need for a path that carries on to the Bothy so that walkers don't need to cross the road to/from the existing path on the north side of the road as this presents a hazard. There were various ideas brought up regarding the path, MA and MD to continue discussion and MD to report back to GACC.</p> <p>Aberlady Memorial Garden Hedge – LF has met with representatives of both sides and they have reached a compromise. The hedge will be cut flat and angled at the entrance to widen it a little and increase visibility of the garden from the footpath/road. FN to contact ELC to ask them to carry out the work.</p> <p>Recycling of Christmas Trees – TD has raised the issue using Christmas trees to help provide stability to the sand dunes on Broad Sands with ELC Countryside Ranger – Archerfield / Yellowcraig, Dave Wild. Dave advised that the stabilisation programme is the responsibility of North Berwick Golf Club, with whom he will raise the matter</p> <p>Gullane Car Charging Points - GM has had confirmation from ELC that the car charging points will go ahead in August this year. There will not be provision for E-bike charging as ELC is not treating this as a priority at the moment.</p>	<p>LF/TD</p> <p>MA</p> <p>MD</p> <p>MA/MD</p> <p>FN</p> <p>TD/D Wild</p>
4	<p>Membership</p> <p>There remain 2 vacant seats for Aberlady. Interested parties should speak to MD. MD thanked LF for taking on the role of Aberlady Community Association Chair.</p>	

5	<p>Local Priorities Fund (LPF)</p> <p>JH reported that there have been three grants recently approved</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gullane Village Hall, flooring for the small hall (£1000) 2. Dirleton Book Club, converting old phone box into a book exchange and information point (£275) 3. Aberlady Bloomers, containers for planting (£369) <p>There has been a new application submitted by Gullane Bloomers, the LPF subcommittee to discuss and give suggestions to GACC.</p> <p>GM would like to add photos of these projects and the presentation cheque for posting on the website. KC to arrange the photos.</p>	<p>JH/KC/HS</p> <p>KC</p>
6	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The Treasurer's report which was circulated before the meeting was approved.</p>	
7	<p>Police Report</p> <p>TD summarised the police report for those in attendance (to be posted on website).</p> <p>PC Paterson will speak to the annual report summarising the actions that were taken throughout the course of 2019 by police in the ward at the March GACC meeting</p>	<p>PC Paterson</p>
8	<p>Website and Communications</p> <p>GM reported that the website has been well visited and the Facebook page has had good responses especially to posts about hare coursing, defibrillators and the refilling of salt bins. GM to liaise with KC regarding new LPF photos to add to social media.</p>	<p>GM</p>
9	<p>Planning</p> <p>In the absence of MW, TD gave a report. In regard to the Newmains farm steading, Dirleton, the unauthorised felling of mature trees adjacent to the farm steading is the subject of a restocking direction served on the land owners by Forestry Scotland, requiring replanting of the affected area. The owners are appealing the direction. TD will report back with updates.</p> <p>There have been planning and listed building consent applications lodged in respect of Auburn (the old schoolhouse at the bottom of the Kirk Green in Dirleton) and the adjacent former laundry / art gallery on Manse Road. The Dirleton Village Association (DVA) is preparing objections. TD will circulate copies of these to GACC members with a draft letter of support to be submitted by MW.</p>	<p>TD/MW</p>

<p>10</p> <p>10</p>	<p>Village Reports</p> <p>Gullane – DA reported that Fenton Road will be closed Monday-Friday for 6 weeks. An exception will be made for the school bus. Cllr JF suggested that GACC contact ELC regarding the possibility of GACC being given notice of the periods during which builders have applied for road closure orders. Cllr JF to give contact details of the ELC contact for this to TD.</p> <p>DA has spoken with CALA about the village gateway sign on the eastern approach to the village. She advised that they will need to scale it down in size and are working with ELC on the issue. DA has also spoken to CALA regarding the proposed sculptural artwork and bicycle racks for Gullane. CALA are to report back to her on these shortly with more information.</p> <p>GM suggested moving the speed radar sign to the west end of the village. DA will enquire about this at the next CAPP meeting.</p> <p>Cllr JF reported that the Gullane Tenants and Residents Association has been suspended for the time being due to lack of interest. It is thought that the name may be part of the problem. GM and a member of the public will try to revive the association in the coming months.</p> <p>TD reported that ELC has agreed to postpone the sale/lease of the Scout Hall until the end of June.</p> <p>Drem – HS to consult with residents regarding a possible LPF application as there are a few issues in the village that could benefit from expenditure (such as traffic/crossing signs, street lighting, possible relocation of the defibrillator or adding an additional defibrillator).</p> <p>Dirleton – The trees that have been vandalised at Yellowcraig recently had been planted by local schoolchildren. The ELC Countryside ranger is on the case with those that were pulled up already being replanted.</p> <p>Aberlady – FN, MD and DA have attended a final complaints meeting with SEPA, who have agreed that there is a problem and that they will evaluate the evidence. SEPA will email TD with their response once they have completed the evaluation.</p> <p>A member of the public reported that the one defibrillator in Aberlady that is located at Ducks was recently used. This has highlighted the need for more defibrillators in the village, in light of the growing population. There will be a Local Priorities Fund application submitted to GACC to help cover the costs of adding one or more defibrillators to the village. GM has updated the list of defibrillators in the area and added the updated to the GACC website. GM thanked Sue for sending him the updated list of defibrillators.</p>	<p>Cllr JF/TD</p> <p>DA</p> <p>HS</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership (NBCAP)</p> <p>NBCAP is trying to engage more fully with the villages and the rural parts of the area . The next full meeting of the Partnership will be 24 March at 7.00pm at the Gullane Scout Hall. There will be an On the</p>	

	Move Group meeting at Aberlady Primary School on 18 March at 7.00pm. There will also be a Health and Wellbeing Association meeting at the Open Arms Hotel in Dirleton on Tuesday 3 March at 10.30 am, which TD will attend.	TD
12	AOCB None	

The next meeting will be on Thursday 26 March 7:00pm in the Gullane Village Hall (small hall)