

**GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

(Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane)

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**MINUTES OF THE ONLINE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27 August 2020**

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

<b>Present</b>	Tom Drysdale (TD)	Dirleton
	David Tait (DT)	Dirleton
	Malcolm Duck (MD)	Aberlady
	John Hendry (JH)	Gullane
	Gordon McLelland (GM)	Gullane
	Dorothy Arthur (DA)	Gullane
	Karen Chapman (KC)	Gullane
	Martin White (MW)	West Fenton
	Hugh Smith (HS)	Drem

**In Attendance** ELC Councillors; Jim Goodfellow (Cllr JG), Jeremy Findlay (Cllr JF) and Jane Henderson (Cllr JH); and Bonnie Macmillan, GACC Secretary

Item	Title	Action By
1	<b>Sign On, Welcome and Apologies</b> TD welcomed all to the online meeting and noted it was quorate. Apologies were received from Frank Neate, Les Sibbald and PC Paterson.	
2	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b> The minutes of the July meeting were approved, and all present were in agreement with decisions taken.	
3	<b>Matters Arising and Actions from the Last Meeting</b> <b>Cut-out Policemen</b> – TD and DA have met with PC Paterson to discuss	

3	<p>the speeding problem in the area, particularly on the east side of Gullane. The meeting was positive, and many options were discussed. PC Paterson has lent one of the cut-out policemen to GACC to use for a short time and this seems to be working to slow some people down. The cut out is to be rotated through Gullane, Dirleton and Aberlady. There was much discussion over the new temporary 20mph speed limits and whether they are successful in slowing down drivers. Drem has not been given the 20mph limit due to the class of the road though HS would be happy just to see the 40mph reduced to 30mph. TD is to arrange a meeting with Alan Stubbs, ELC Service Manager – Roads, to speak about the initiatives that were discussed with PC Paterson at the meeting</p> <p><b>Drem Station Parking and Traffic</b> – TD has been in communication with the relevant ELC officials about parking controls to be introduced on the roads outside the station to help with traffic management. <b>This is on hold at the moment due to Covid 19 restrictions.</b></p> <p><b>Village Gateways for Aberlady</b> – There was a meeting in February between ELC officials, Liz Forsyth (LF), Chair of Aberlady Community Association, and GACC representatives. LF felt the meeting was fruitful as ELC officials were not averse to enhanced road markings. TD is in further touch with them and awaits their suggestions and to how to proceed. <b>There has been no response from ELC.</b></p> <p><b>Aberlady Burial Ground Space</b> –Ongoing discussions about this with Wemyss and March Estates have been put on hold due to Covid 19 restrictions; <b>we will carry this forward for discussion at a later date.</b></p> <p><b>Aberlady Footpath from the Pleasance to the Bothy</b> - Ongoing discussions about this with Wemyss and March Estates have been put on hold due to Covid 19 restrictions; <b>we will carry this forward for discussion at a later date.</b></p> <p><b>Aberlady Memorial Garden Hedge</b> – LF has met with interested parties 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. The Aberlady Village Association has agreed this should go ahead. FN will speak with ELC officials to request the work be carried out. There is some confusion within the Village as to the GACC position on the matter, MD will sort this out.</p>	TD
4	<p><b>Membership</b> There remain 2 vacant seats for Aberlady. Interested parties should speak to MD. TD and MD to speak about this and issues surrounding Aberlady membership.</p>	TD/MD

5	<p><b>Local Priorities Fund (LPF)</b>  JH reported that there has been some progress with the Aberlady Volunteer's Hut award from the last calendar year.  GM would like photos of completed projects to post on GACC social media, KC to liaise with recipients.</p>	KC
6	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b>  There was nothing new or outstanding in the Treasurer's report this month.</p>	
7	<p><b>Police Report</b>  There were no outstanding items in the Police Report this month. As above, TD and DA have met with PC Paterson to discuss the speeding issues in the area.</p>	
8	<p><b>Village Reports</b>  <b>Gullane</b> – JH reported that there has been an offer to purchase the Gullane Gym, but we do not know who has made the offer. There are rumours that it is the retail chain Margiotta, but Cllr JF agreed they are only rumours.  GM spoke about the Gullane Library, asking if there is the possibility that it will open soon. Cllr JF will investigate this and report back.  GM asked who someone should contact if they want to take on the Recreation Hall. Cllr JF offered to look into this as well.  <b>West Fenton</b> – Nothing to report  <b>Drem</b> – HS reported that speeding through the village is the most pressing issue just now.</p>	Cllr JF Cllr JF
8	<p><b>Aberlady</b> – TD reviewed the information regarding the closure of the Aberlady Post Office, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. There is a proposal to offer a 2-hour session once a week in the Kirk Stables, comparable to what is being provided in Gullane.  It is the feeling of those present that this is not adequate. The view is that this is primarily an issue for Aberlady, but that it will affect Gullane as well. TD will draft a GACC response and send round by email for consideration/approval. He would also respond to the consultation presently being run by the Post Office, which runs until 11 September. Cllr Goodfellow spoke about the legislative responsibility of the Post Office explaining that if an outreach is proposed they are legally bound to consider it. Cllr Goodfellow suggested that this be mentioned in the letter and that GACC would support such a proposal. MD and FN should write a letter too as representatives of Aberlady.</p>	TD
8	<p><b>Dirleton</b> – DT reported that there is confusion in the village over where the temporary 20mph zone begins and ends. He also spoke about the lights at the Primary School. The lighting system is broken and stays on 24 hours a day; it cannot be turned off without a repair. DT is trying to rectify this. TD reported that the DVA (Dirleton Village Association) appeal for funds to complete the restoration of the war memorial and been successful, having been oversubscribed, and it is</p>	MD/FN

	hoped the work can be completed by the time of the annual remembrance service in November.	
9	<p><b>Website and Communications</b></p> <p>GM reported that traffic is down compared to recent months, but that it is still higher than last year. The most viewed Facebook posts are the GACC minutes and the posts regarding planning applications. GM would like photos from various village projects to use on GACC social media.</p>	
10	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>MW reported that things have been quiet. The Gullane to Drem path application approved by ELC, with stringent conditions attached. There has been a retrospective planning application submitted for the changes made to the frontage of the Margiotta store in Aberlady. MD stated that the work done is impeccable and a credit to Aberlady. TD advised that the planning application for the equestrian development off Manse Road in Dirleton has been approved, but the floodlighting around the arena was not approved and the facility is to be used only in association with the residential use of the nearby Auburn House, with no business or commercial use being permitted.</p>	
11	<p><b>North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership (NBCAP)</b></p> <p>The group remains occupied with the Spaces for People initiative. There will be an online meeting of the Partnership's On The Move Group on 2 September primarily to discuss this. Discussion ensued over the way that changes are being implemented and the fact that there does not seem to be much public consultation on proposed changes. TD reminded everyone that the funding for Spaces for People is to be used for temporary measures only during this period of uncertainty in relation to Covid 19.</p>	
12	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>GM informed the meeting that next week there is a steering meeting to discuss the Gullane Village Association, with the hope being that it will be operational by October.</p>	

**The next online meeting will be on Thursday 24 September at 7:00pm. If members of the public wish to raise any issues for discussion at the meeting, or beforehand, these should be sent by email to [gaccsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:gaccsecretary@gmail.com)**