

# Gullane Area Community Council

Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane  
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## Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016, 7.00pm at Gullane Village Hall

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:	Jeremy Findlay (JF), Chair	Gullane
	Tom Drysdale, Vice Chair (TD)	Dirleton
	Angus McCallum (AMcC)	Aberlady
	Martin White (MW)	West Fenton
	Sian Morris (SM)	Drem
	John Hendry (JH)	Gullane
	Donald Hay (DH)	Aberlady
	Dorothy Arthur (DA)	Gullane
	Cllr Tim Day (CllrD)	East Lothian Councillor
	Cllr Jim Goodfellow (CllrG)	East Lothian Councillor
	Lynne Simpson (LS)	Secretary
	Tony Thomas (TT)	Attending as CALA Representative
	5 members of the public	

No	Item
1	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from: Malcolm Duck (MD), Karen Chapman (KC), Cllr Dave Berry (Cllr B), PC Iain Paterson, PC Deborah Gray  Donald McDonald (DMcD) has resigned from GACC.
2	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b> Previous minutes were confirmed as a true reflection of the meeting.  Laurie Main, attending as a member of the public, requested that it be noted he disagreed with the penultimate paragraph in point 7 although he agreed it was a true reflection of what was said in the meeting.
3	<b>Matters arising – replies to correspondence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Letter received from TT notifying GACC of public presentation next week on proposed plans for the former Fire Training School in Gullane.</li></ul>
4	<b>Police report – period 27/10/2016 – 23/11/2016</b>  <b>Road safety</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Accident between car and cyclists on Main St, Gullane. No injuries and no further action taken.</li><li>Reports of speeding vehicles leaving Aberlady and within Gullane. Attention to be given by local Community Policing officers.</li></ul> <b>Antisocial behaviour</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 arrest for disorderly contact in Muirfield Gardens, Gullane.</li></ul> <b>Housebreaking</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 attempted housebreaking on Marine Road, Gullane. Enquiries ongoing.</li></ul>

	<p><b>Parking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complaint received about parking at Hall Crescent, Gullane. Ongoing issue with construction of nursing home. Local officers aware and will provide passing attention.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council made aware of Dog requiring treatment after ingesting rat poison at Yellowcraig.</li> <li>• Theft of small tools from unsecured garage in Muirfield Road, Gullane. Enquiries still ongoing.</li> <li>• Theft of small tools from an unsecured garage in Marine Road, Gullane. Enquiries met with negative result.</li> </ul> <p>The date of the next CAPP meeting is Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm, at the North Berwick Council Chambers.</p> <p>Cllr G commented that there has been a recent spate of housebreaking in North Berwick and Longniddry. 1 person is in custody but there is more than one gang operating out of Edinburgh and activity has not ceased despite this arrest.</p>
5	<p><b>Local priorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dirleton Village Association has requested funding for some benches in the area of the village green that are being replaced. After some discussion, it was agreed that two benches would be funded just now, at a total cost of £1,424, and if there was money left in the budget at the end of the financial year consideration would be given to funding a third (£712).</li> <li>• Aberlady Village Association also likely to ask for funding for benches in the next few months, they are also speaking to ELC and CAP.</li> <li>• MW pointed out that there is no village association in Gullane that looks after community property in the same way.</li> <li>• Gullane Brownies also likely to ask for funding.</li> <li>• Drem villagers still agreeing where to site defibrillator, then application will be submitted – cost is roughly £800.</li> </ul>
6	<p><b>Planning matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The response to the proposed Local Area Plan that was agreed at the previous meeting has been lodged.</li> <li>• The letter of objection to the Foreshot Terrace development in Dirleton has been submitted.</li> <li>• TD/MW had produced a submission in response to the proposed SESplan 2 report and circulated it to GACC members. No adverse comments were received and it was lodged last week by MW. A link will be added to the GACC website once the submission appears on the SES Plan 2 website, probably later in December.</li> <li>• JF will attend the consultation meeting being held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November on the proposals for the development of the former Fire Training School in Gullane. TT confirmed that the detailed planning application will be submitted soon and will hopefully be approved quickly by ELC, and that CALA propose to be on site and start work early next year. CALA intend to develop that site ahead of the proposed greenfield sites.</li> </ul>
7	<p><b>Website</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JF still looking to formalise improved support for the website</li> <li>• AMcC will co-ordinate updates with LS in the meantime.</li> </ul>

8	<p><b>Village Reports</b></p> <p><b>Gullane –JF, JH, DA, MW</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action JF:</b> to contact Post Office Counters to find out if rumours are correct that Gullane Post Office is to cease being part of the convenience store at the end of the year. Cllr G confirmed that if no other option can be found, ELC have agree to host the Post Office in Gullane Library – although details such as opening hours have still to be worked out.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dirleton – TD, DMcD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TD has asked Dirleton Village Association to nominate a replacement GACC member for DMcD, who has resigned.</li> </ul> <p><b>Aberlady – DH, AMcC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action AMcC:</b> to draft a response to the NHS on the proposed pharmacy / Post Office in Aberlady and pass to JF who will submit on behalf of GACC. The response will reflect majority view in Aberlady that is supportive of the proposal.</li> <li>• It has been noted that more dog walkers are using the Aberlady Nature Reserve (no dogs allowed) because the car park there is free. DH asked whether ELC would support charging at that car park if it was requested by the Trust who run the Reserve. CllrG confirmed that ELC would consider such a request if it were received.</li> </ul> <p><b>West Fenton – MW</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report</li> </ul> <p><b>Drem - SM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ELC may be altering the road surface in Drem following another car accident – to be confirmed exactly what is being proposed.</li> <li>• New residents parking signs are proving effective at keeping enough parking for residents</li> </ul>
9	<p><b>Any other competent business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a lengthy debate about inadequate car parking facilities at both Drem and Longniddry stations, and the apparent lack of ownership of the issue which appears to be passed back and forth between ELC, Scotrail / Abellio and Transport Scotland. Question raised about where pressure might be exerted that will lead to more parking spaces being made available, and soon. CllrD confirmed that there was a proposed area of ground in Longniddry that may be converted to car parking, but with no definite timescale at present. <b>Action JF:</b> to write to both Councillor Veitch, who is ELC spokesperson for Transport, and Mr Barker, who is chair of the East Lothian Community Rail Partnership, to voice concerns again and to request action.</li> <li>• TD will replace DMcD as one of GACC main representatives on the Local Area Partnership and DA will replace TD as one of the substitutes.</li> <li>• <b>Action JF:</b> to contact John McMillan, ELC Spokesperson for Economic Development to find out more about plans for improving broadband speed in the area.</li> </ul>
10	<p><b>Date and venue of next meeting</b>  <b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 7.00pm, Dirleton Kirk Hall</b></p>