

Gullane Area Community Council

Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane
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Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 26 October 2017, 7.00pm at Dirleton Kirk Hall

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:	Donald Hay, Chair (DH)	Aberlady
	Tom Drysdale, Vice Chair (TD)	Dirleton
	Angus McCallum (AMcC)	Aberlady
	Sian Morris (SM)	Drem
	Dorothy Arthur (DA)	Gullane
	John Hendry (JH)	Gullane
	Bill Scott	Aberlady
	Cllr Findlay (CllrF)	East Lothian Councillor
	Cllr Goodfellow (CllrG)	East Lothian Councillor
	Pamela Mitchell	GACC Secretary
	4 members of the public	

No	Item	ACT
1	Apologies Apologies were received from: Malcolm Duck (MD), Karen McDougall (KMcD), Martin White (MW), Cllr Henderson (CllrH), PC Iain Paterson (PCP), PC Deborah Gray (PCG)	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting Previous minutes were confirmed as a true reflection of the meeting, however, DH added an addendum regarding PO services. The new owners of East Linton PO may wish to continue the outreach service. TD asked if GACC could approach the PO to find out. Cllr G advised that the contact details for the relevant officer should be in the correspondence received from the PO regarding the Gullane branch closure. The minutes were approved.	
3	Matters arising & Correspondence West Fenton Road – MW confirmed by email he is awaiting a reply from ELC. Planning Aid Scotland - MW (by email) said that Planning Aid will look for case studies relevant to our situation. MW will follow up. South East of Scotland Bathing Waters Forum – (by email) MW attended, Yellowcraig Water water quality has improved, however it was noted that this may be due to an adjustment to how data is recorded. He has asked for more detailed information.	 MW MW
4	Police report – period 28/09/2017 – 25/10/2017 Road safety During the early hours of Thursday 5 th October 2017, a road check was conducted on the A198 near to Gullane. No offences were detected.	

	<p>Antisocial behaviour</p> <p>On 30th September 2017, Police received a complaint regarding persons on motorbikes chasing deer and setting fire to parts of the wooded area on farmland near to Dirleton in the evenings. Details passed to local community officers for their information.</p> <p>During the evening of 21st October 2017, a male was arrested after causing a disturbance at a dwelling house in Garleton Court, Gullane. He was detained in custody for Court appearance on 23rd October 2017.</p> <p>Housebreaking</p> <p>Between 6th and 9th October 2017, a break in occurred to a house currently being built at Archerfield Estate. A quantity of tools were taken and enquiries are still ongoing.</p> <p>Parking</p> <p>During the afternoon of 2nd October 2017, a complaint was received regarding a van parked on the pavement in Hall Crescent, Gullane. On Police arrival, the vehicle was no longer there</p> <p>Other</p> <p>During the afternoon of 17th October 2017, a male and a female shoplifter entered The CO-OP, Gullane and stole 2 bottles of champagne. Images were captured on cctv and enquiries are still ongoing.</p> <p>During the evening of 18th October 2017, a male shoplifter entered The CO-OP, Gullane and stole approximately £100 worth of steak. Images were captured on cctv and enquiries are still ongoing.</p> <p>Between 0900 and 1430 hours on 21st October 2017, a golf jacket was stolen from the men's locker room, Gullane Golf Club. Enquiries are still ongoing.</p> <p>Overnight between 23rd and 24th October 2017, the rear window of a vehicle parked in High Street, Aberlady was smashed by unknown means. Enquiries are still ongoing.</p> <p>AMcC attended the last CAPP meeting on behalf of the CC. Priorities next month are Hallowe'en and bonfire night. AMcC asked of there was any feedback for next meeting. The consensus at CAPP meeting is that there is a low level of crime in the area, however, BS said that fear of crime is still prevalent in the community.</p> <p>The date of the next CAPP meeting is on Wednesday 29th November 2017, 7.30pm, in the Council Chambers, North Berwick.</p>	
5	<p>Local priorities</p> <p>AMcC reported on the following funding applications to the Local Priorities Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maureen Maben from the DVA, who was present, thanked the CC for the 	

	<p>contribution of £1000 towards the DVA Christmas lights. They have raised over £9000 to date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gullane Playgroup Garden, £2000. The LPF has not received anything further from the Playgroup. DH has a meeting on Tuesday with Sandra King at the playgroup regarding the garden. • Gullane Bowling Club, application for funding to re-harl wall costing approximately £5000. The LPF is awaiting supporting documentation from the bowling club. • An application has been received from a hospital radio station, East Coast FM to upgrade their systems in the new hospital in Haddington. As East Coast FM has applied for funding from other CCs JH suggested a co-ordinated approach with neighbouring CCs. • Cllrs G asked if the payment had been made to the Youth Drama Group. AMcC will look in to and confirm with KMCD. 	AMcC
6	<p>Planning matters</p> <p>Foreshot Terrace, Dirleton TD has sent a letter regarding the planning appeal, as has the DVA, no reply as yet.</p> <p>Castlemains, Dirleton The DVA have been trying without success to engage with the planners to discuss conservation aspects of the proposed development. The DVA is not able to make a “participation request” under the terms of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 but this request can be made by the CC. This request was approved by the CC. Cllr G also asked if TD could email him the particular section of the Act.</p> <p>Archerfield, Dirleton Caledonian Heritable are proposing building further houses just out with Archerfield towards the sea. TD will issue further letters of representation regarding concerns about trees and that there should be no direct access to the beach. A member of the public said that some of the existing properties are using step ladders to get access to the beach. TD will check and revert to Keith Dingwall, planning department at ELC, who was previously very clear that these houses should not have access to the beach.</p>	TD
7	<p>Website</p> <p>PM now has full login details for website and will go ahead with changes.</p>	PM
8	<p>Village Reports</p> <p>Gullane DA has been in contact with Cala regarding residents’ concerns:</p> <p>Dust: Cala are happy to pay for cleaning, invoices are to be sent to Head Office. They have monitors on site, readings are sent for analysis. Residents say that there is only 1 “dust buster” on site and that this is insufficient, that there are no sprayers on lorries leaving the site and that lorries are uncovered. Residents claim that the last samples were sent for analysis on August 17th. DA will try to confirm when the dust readings were last sent for analysis.</p> <p>Noise: there are noise monitors throughout the site, and readings are sent for analysis. There have been reports of demolition work starting before 8am. Cala has sent an email to all contractors to try and ensure this doesn’t happen again.</p> <p>Mud on roads: Cllr F has dealt with a complaint, Cala say that the road is swept</p>	

	<p>clean at the end of the day, residents say it is not swept daily.</p> <p>A resident who was present is particularly concerned with silica in the dust, and felt that the environment department at ELC did not take these concerns seriously. AMcC questioned why ELC are not more proactive. It was noted that these issues have been covered by the local press.</p> <p>DA has received a letter from a resident querying why parking is restricted to 45mins from 8am to 9pm on Gullane Main Street. Cllr G confirmed that there is no permit system yet but one is being considered, and that this may be addressed. While Gullane is 45mins, other areas are 90mins. Cllr G will seek to clarify.</p> <p>JH has received a letter from a resident in support of a 20mph speed limit through the village and also expressing concerns at speeding traffic. JH and DA are unsupportive of a 20mph limit, and the CC agreed that a 20mph limit would not be considered unless there was substantive support. PC Paterson has previously confirmed that Police are monitoring the situation and that results showed there is not as much speeding as reported. The consensus from those present, however, was that speeding is a problem both from the east and west of the village. Cllrs will take the issue to the next CAPP meeting and JH will reply to the resident.</p> <p>Aberlady and events The Aberlady Arts Group “poppy fall” of over 5 thousand crocheted poppies has been successful. There has been coverage on STV, The East Lothian Courier and Ian Gray MSP is to visit next week. DH thanked the Aberlady Arts Group. There is nothing further to report on the PO/pharmacy application. The village has launched a campaign for funds to upgrade the war memorial. The NBCAP has completed the ramp into the war memorial garden so it is now fully accessible to all. There is a volunteer group looking at tidying up the garden. Aberlady has a football pitch/play area with a pavilion, which is the property of ELC and can therefore only be accessed when there is a janitor present. There are often activities on a Saturday morning and children/parents can’t use the facilities. As the adults present supervising the activities are PVG checked, DH asked if they could supervise the pavilion to allow access. Cllrs G will look into.</p> <p>Dirleton TD introduced Mrs Ann Orr who is leading the Dirleton Good Neighbours initiative, which has received funding towards the lunch club. It has had 2 lunches and a further 1 is forthcoming, they are making good progress but Mrs Orr is keen to ensure that they approach a wide section of the community. More volunteers would be helpful.</p> <p>Drem Nothing outstanding.</p> <p>West Fenton Nothing outstanding</p>	<p>CllrG</p> <p>JH</p> <p>CllrG</p>
9	<p>North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership Meetings DH confirmed that the CC can have 2 voting members plus 2 on standby. The voting members are DH and TD, with DA a substitute. The CC still needs 1 more substitute.</p>	

<p>10</p>	<p>Any other competent business</p> <p>KMcD is arranging 3 wreaths for Remembrance ceremony on 12th November.</p> <p>The parking ticket machine at Yellowcraig has been out of order for 2 months. There is a notice directing that tickets may be purchased at the back car park but this is some distance away. Cllrs will look into.</p> <p>There is a consultation paper out regarding catchment areas at Primary schools in Dirleton/North Berwick. TD feels the CC should be commenting on this and as the Dirleton councillor he will look into. The CC agreed and TD will report back.</p> <p>AMcC has tendered his resignation. A replacement will need to be sought for attendance at CAPP meetings and on the LPFC.</p> <p>DH thanked AMcM for his hard work on behalf of the CC.</p>	<p>CllrG /F</p> <p>TD</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Date and venue of next meeting</p> <p>Thursday 30 November at 7.30pm, Aberlady Kirk Stables</p>	