

# Gullane Area Community Council

Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane

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## Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 7.00pm at Gullane Village Hall

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:	Jeremy Findlay, Chair (JF),	Gullane
	Tom Drysdale, Vice Chair (TD)	Dirleton
	John Hendry (JH)	Gullane
	Martin White (MW)	West Fenton
	Karen Chapman (KC)	Gullane
	Donald Hay (DH)	Aberlady
	Angus McCallum (AMcC)	Aberlady
	Sian Morris (SM)	Drem
	Dorothy Arthur (DA)	Gullane
	Cllr Jim Goodfellow (CllrG)	East Lothian Councillor
	Pamela Mitchell (PM)	Secretary
	4 members of the public	

No	Item	ACT
1	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from: Cllr Dave Berry (CllrB), Cllr Tim Day (CllrD), Malcolm Duck (MD)	
2	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b> Previous minutes were confirmed as a true reflection of the meeting.	
3	<b>Matters arising – actions from February meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Nothing to report</li></ul>	
4	<b>Police report – period 23/02/2017 – 23/03/2017</b> <b>Road safety</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>On 04/03/17, Police received a report of an erratic driver travelling from Gullane to North Berwick. Circulation of vehicle passed out to officers however no sign of vehicle.</li><li>26/02/17 -Report of possibly drunk driver in Aberlady High Street heading towards Longniddry. Details of the vehicle circulated to local officers, however, vehicle not traced.</li><li>04/03/17, report of car on its roof between Aberlady and Gullane. Fire and ambulance also attended. 1 car accident, non-reportable, negative breath test.</li><li>03/03/17, report of an abandoned vehicle in Yellowcraig carpark. Police attended and contacted the owner who initially stated it had been stolen. Subsequent enquiries revealed that it had not been stolen. Female owner charged with wasting</li></ul>	

	<p>Police time and issued with an ASBO in relation to her driving the vehicle and damaging the grass in the carpark.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On 12/3/17, a male driver was issued with a fixed penalty ticket for careless/inconsiderate driving on the B1345 between Drem and Dirleton.</li> </ul> <p><b>Antisocial behaviour</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On 10/03/17, a report of schoolboy being punched to his side by older boys on way home from school. Complainer did not recognise suspect and very little description provided. No further lines of enquiry.</li> <li>On 26/02/17, call reporting the Archery Range at Fenton Barns had been vandalised overnight. No suspect, witnesses or CCTV. Further enquiries ongoing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Housebreaking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On 13/03/17, a report was received that a garden shed was broken into and 2 bikes stolen from a house in Aberlady. Nothing seen or heard, further enquiries to be made.</li> </ul> <p><b>Parking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On 01/03/17, report of a van parked in Hamilton Crescent, Gullane on a bend, which is causing a hazard and obstruction. Ongoing issue just now due to building workings there. Police attended, no issues at locus.</li> <li>On 07/03/17, repeat call re van on Hamilton Crescent. Vehicle registration number noted and police checks carried out. All in order. No further issues.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On 03/03/17 at Yellowcraig car park, officers noted a strong smell of cannabis coming from car. Occupant detained, vehicle searched and herbal cannabis recovered. Occupier issued with Recordable Police Warning.</li> </ul> <p>AMcC attended last night's CAPP meeting.</p> <p>The date of the next CAPP meeting is Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017, 7.30pm, at the North Berwick Council Chambers.</p>	
5	<p><b>Local priorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application for £2740 received from Gullane Village Hall to fund replacement of stage curtains. GVHA have a quotation for supply and fit from Hazel Rebecca. The importance of using a local business was emphasised. It was confirmed that the Village Hall Association cannot reclaim the VAT from HMRC. Application approved. The total value of refurbishment project is estimated at £50,000, a grant application has been made to Viridor.</li> <li>Gullane Playgroup submitted an application for a grant of £2000 to develop their garden and play area. Supplementary supporting documentation received. Application to be discussed at April meeting.</li> </ul>	
6	<p><b>Planning matters</b></p> <p><b>Fire Training School (FTS) development, Gullane</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TD attended an ELC Planning Committee meeting on 29/3/17, at which both the Planning Applications for the FTS and Aberlady West were considered. Both applications were approved.</li> <li>Councillors were concerned about the size of Social Housing units; no decision was made regarding the existing provision. Cala is in discussion with Dunedin Canmore Housing Association.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TD, JF and MW attended a meeting with Cala regarding construction traffic management, and are satisfied with Cala's CDM proposals. Site working hours will be Mon – Sat 7.30am to 5pm, with a provision restricting vehicular movement during school drop off and pick up times. MW confirmed that a wheel washing condition had been included.</li> </ul> <p><b>Aberlady West</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing concern over traffic impact on A198(West).</li> </ul> <p><b>Mobile Phone Tower</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Previous application for a mobile phone tower within the grounds of the FTS. TD had asked that equipment boxes on the pavement be moved further back into the site.</li> </ul> <p><b>Scottish Government Consultation on review of planning system</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TD had circulated GACC response to consultation, no response received from community councillors, TD will now lodge response.</li> <li>• MW looking into Community Planning and implications for linking to local planning.</li> </ul> <p><b>Edinburgh Airport Consultation on changes to flight paths</b>  TD has reviewed Edinburgh Airport proposals and it appears Aberlady may be affected. He has passed the information on to Aberlady representatives who will decide whether any representations should be made. <b>Other activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TD received email from Jordanhill Community Council requesting information on GACC and Cala. TD will reply directing them to ELC web portal.</li> </ul> <p>JF noted thanks to TD and MW for all their hard work on the various planning matters over the past few months.</p>	<p>TD</p> <p>MW</p> <p>TD</p>
7	<p><b>Website</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update contact details for new secretary</li> </ul>	PM
8	<p><b>Village Reports</b></p> <p><b>Aberlady – AMcC, DH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benches have now been refurbished.</li> <li>• Coffin Lane- path has now been resurfaced; however, there has been notification of dog fouling.</li> <li>• Memorial Garden- Currently being refurbished in conjunction with North Berwick Local Area Partnership, concern over wish to remove hedge. Proposal that the hedge is not removed, DH will consult Aberlady Conservation and History Society and community.</li> <li>• Climate Friendly Aberlady Project- AMcC and DH both welcomed this project and confirmed their support.</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p><b>Dirleton – TD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bench project now complete, 10 new benches now installed, including circular tree bench.</li> <li>• Dirleton Village Association are holding a consultation regarding improving local amenities and services, circular /questionnaire has been issued to all households including Archerfield and rural. Public sector funding may be sought for improvements.</li> </ul> <p><b>Drem - SC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report</li> </ul> <p><b>Gullane – JF, KC, DA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ELC lorry continually parking on pavement, JF will add to CAPP priorities for next month.</li> </ul>	<p>DH</p> <p>JF</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmed that Post Office services can't be held within library as not a commercial property. Post Office Services need pushed to find acceptable proposal. There is currently a temporary facility at Village Hall Wednesdays 1pm – 3pm.</li> <li>Report of litter on beach. KC to contact Mandy Smith at ELC to request community warden patrol.</li> <li>Street naming of new development at FTS-suggestions put to ELC include reverting to Marine House for Henderson House, and the names College and Phoenix for new roads/streets.</li> </ul> <p><b>West Fenton – MW</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing to report</li> </ul>	<b>KC</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership Meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates this month</li> </ul>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Any other competent business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DH is attending committee meeting of Aberlady Nature Reserve. There has not been any real response to problem parking in the small car park, installing a parking meter does not appear viable.</li> <li>JF advised next meeting of East Lothian Bus Forum is on 5th April in Haddington.</li> <li>Thanks were received from the floor for a GACC letter of support for the Pharmacy application in Aberlady.</li> </ul>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Date and venue of next meeting</b> Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2017, 7.00pm, Dirleton Kirk Hall	