

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27 JANUARY 2011**  
**Held in Gullane Village Hall**

**Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting**

**Present:**

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| G Fraser  | Chairperson      |            |           |
| R Dick    | Vice Chairperson |            |           |
| R Ainslie | Treasurer        | S Morris   | Drem      |
| H Heenan  | Aberlady         | A McIntosh | Gullane   |
| A Steel   | Dirleton         | L Ogilvie  | Secretary |

| Item     | Detail  | Action by |
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| <b>1</b> | <p><b>APOLOGIES</b><br/>Apologies were received from: Cllr Rankin, Jeremy Findlay, John Aitken</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2011 and advised that the election of office bearers will be deferred until the March meeting - he then checked that office bearers were happy to continue in post.</p>   |           |
| <b>2</b> | <p><b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b><br/>The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting subject to a small amendment from AS previously emailed to the Secretary.</p>  |           |
| <b>3</b> | <p><b>MATTERS ARISING – REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENCE</b><br/>RD advised of letters from Fiona O’Donnell and Ian Gray MSP congratulating the CC on the Award for All funding for the skate park. RD read the letter to the meeting.</p>   |           |
| <b>4</b> | <p><b>POLICE REPORT</b><br/>No police presence at the meeting.</p>  |           |
| <b>5</b> | <p><b>LOCAL PRIORITIES – RD</b><br/>RD advised that receipts had now been received for a grant made in March 2010 in respect of Gullane, Dirleton and Athelstaneford After School Club. The group have advised that the room which the money was used for is now operational. An official opening will be held to which members of the CC will be invited.</p> <p>An approach had been from residents requesting dog bins leading from Erskine Loan to Muirfield. ELC will not supply these bins. It was agreed that the CC should purchase bins at an estimated cost of £120 per bin. Dirleton and Aberlady councillors will identify if they require such bins.</p> <p>Gullane Village Hall Committee had asked whether the CC would write in support of their request for funding - it was agreed to do this.</p> <p>Gullane mini hockey club are doing very well.</p> <p>A request has been made for a grant to assist with a tidy up of the graveyard in Gullane which is in disrepair. A formal application is awaited.</p> <p>Dirleton Primary School require some audio visual equipment and were considering completion of an application. SM questioned whether this should be purchased through ELC and advised of difficulties with procurement and insurance. SS will explore and make further enquiries.</p> <p>It was noted that the tapestry commemorating the battle of Prestonpans had been viewed by over 700 people and that the sum awarded by the CC had been much appreciated.</p> <p>There is currently around £2400 available to spend.</p> <p>HH advised that Aberlady Bowling Club were interested in applying for a grant - an application had been given to SS for consideration by the sub committee.</p> |           |
| <b>6</b> | <p><b>PLANNING MATTERS</b><br/>Plans have now formally been registered for the works at Templar Lodge - it was noted by the Chairman that the plans look reasonable.<br/>A sum of £260,000 had been previously agreed to be paid to ELC as part of the process by the previous owner of the property. Lorn Macneal feels that this amount is high and is currently negotiating with the local authority over the figure.</p>  |           |

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|          | <p>RD wondered whether the CC should comment on the application? The chairman felt it would be difficult to comment feeling that the planners should make a decision on this build. It was agreed that members of the public should write with either support or objections.</p> <p>Rose Cottage - further proposed development onsite<br/>Site meeting will take place tomorrow. 24 written objections have been made re this development.</p> <p>Plans for Saltcoats Farm to the south of the village. RD noted that the plans look tasteful and would not spoil views coming in to the village. It was agreed to hold onto the plans meantime- also to retain the plans for Templar Lodge.</p> <p>CC Coat of Arms - SM will take this to Colin Baird.<br/>SM will look into the proposed plans for a public gas transporter pipeline works to the south side of Drem.</p> <p>SS asked whether the guidelines for wind turbines had been received. JF will look into this on his return. It was noted that there had been something in the East Lothian Courier regarding a meeting.</p> |  |
| <b>6</b> | <b>VILLAGE REPORTS</b>   |  |
|          | <p><b>Gullane</b><br/>Enquiry via website - mobile phone reception in the area is poor and the question was asked whether the CC would support installation of a mast and make representation to other providers. After discussion it was agreed that this is not something which the CC should take on board.</p> <p>Enquiry regarding potential traffic problems with a new surgery. A traffic survey had been completed in June and 20 parking spaces and 2 bus spaces have been identified as necessary. RA noted that Lothian Health Board and Drs met today and doctors are looking at ways of taking responsibility for parking.</p> <p>Village Hall AGM had taken place – hall is the hub of the village.</p> <p>Squash courts in Gullane Primary school – school has community school status. Could the school be used again for squash. It was felt that out of hours access could be a problem.</p> <p>RA advised that the new signage on Muirfield Drive is now in place directing traffic round a one way system to school.</p>   |  |
|          | <p><b>Aberlady</b><br/>HH had received a letter re the possible moving of the south side bus stop. A resident has problems with vandalism and litter. Colin Baird has asked for thoughts on the best place for the bus stop to relocate to. JA and HH to consider this and take advice locally.</p> <p>HH - Back Lane - Corner of Rigg Street and Back Lane. Lorries are having difficulty turning - cars are parking and causing damage to the grass. .HH to speak to ELC to see if anything can be done.</p> <p>The Chair had received a telephone call from a lady on Mair Road regarding speeding on Main Street and also congestion near the post office. HH will follow this up with the lady in question.</p> <p>Traffic speed sign is to be moved within the next 2 weeks (to Drem from Dirleton)</p>  |  |
|          | <p><b>Drem</b><br/>Traffic island – will not happen this financial year.<br/>Core paths - Nick Morgan - problems with landowners consent. SM keen to see paths linked - letter to be written from CC. SM will progress.</p>  |  |
|          | <p><b>Dirleton</b><br/>SS will meet with the school regarding the matter of audio visual equipment discussed earlier in the meeting..<br/>DVA meeting –a question was raised about public liability insurance. GACC have insurance for our own meetings only. DVA will have to arrange their own insurance if required.</p>  |  |
| <b>7</b> | <b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>  |  |
|          | <p>Gullane Public Toilets to be-completed by end of Feb or early March.</p> <p>Cllr Mackinnon will be contacted re- budget plans for parking at Goose Green, Gullane.</p> <p>Veronica Sked has volunteered to become a CC member for Gullane. The Chairman will write to her formally asking her to join the CC – using the casual vacancy criteria. There is someone interested in joining from Dirleton – they will be asked to come along to the next meeting. 2 vacancies remain in Aberlady.</p> <p>SEPA view available for perusal.</p> <p>Newsletter – small social function suggested for those who have helped with delivery in the past few years. .Either the Mallard Hotel or the Day Centre were suggested as venues. RD/RA to liaise over a list of invited guests and RA will check to see if the Mallard is available.</p>   |  |

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 24 February at 7pm in Aberlady Kirk Stables.