

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30th May 2013
Held in Gullane Village Hall

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:	A McIntosh (Chairman)	Gullane
	R Ainslie (Treasurer)	Gullane
	F Boswell	Fenton Barns
	T Drysdale	Dirleton
	J McCallum	Aberlady
	D McDonald	Dirleton
	S Shorthouse	Gullane
	Cllr Day	East Lothian Councillor
	PC Banks	Police Service of Scotland
	L Ogilvie	Secretary

Item	Title	Action By
1	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from the following: GF, SM, JF, IM, and V Sked.	
2	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.	
3	MATTERS ARISING – REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENCE Local Development Plan – It was agreed to wait until Autumn when the definitive plan will be available. At this time the CC will make a considered response. Walks Leaflet – A supply of leaflets was available at the meeting for Councillors to distribute in their own area. An application for funding of the printing costs had been made but no response had been received as yet. Cllr D will progress this. Gullane Notice Board – There is some dubiety as to ownership of ground at the Old Smiddy and this must be resolved prior to progression with a notice board. RA will take this forward. Quotes for the work are already in place.	Cllr D RA
4	LOCAL PRIORITIES AM has written in support of the new astro at Memorial Park. Although the LP sub-committee have not met there has been a great deal of email correspondence. It was suggested that it would be better to donate funds for a certain aspect of the project but this may not prove possible. If the CC wait until the new financial year there may be additional funding which can be donated to the project. It was suggested that a token sum be committed with the possibility of a larger sum – depending on the amount unused – at the end of next financial year. This will be left with the sub committee to discuss and make a proposal to the group. Dog Fouling – A bin can be purchased for around £90 and ELC will locate and empty the bin on a regular basis. The total cost will be £300. Cllr D confirmed that this is correct. SS will progress with this request for funding.	SS
5	POLICE REPORT - attached ELC have restricted parking round Aberlady Primary School and this should help with traffic in the area in the mornings. FB had spoken with Hart Builders as there are vehicles speeding through Fenton Barns at the same time every day. SS advised of some complaints regarding a speeding motor bike. Two members of the public were in attendance at the meeting to advise of issues regarding speeding motorists in the Muirfield Gardens area leading down to the Primary School. They were both concerned that the drivers are parents dropping off children at school in the morning and that this is endangering children. PC Banks asked that they report any details of the vehicles to the Police or to him directly and he will speak to the parents. Cllr Day	

	<p>entered the meeting at this point. An ELC bus picking up a child from a local property also speeds in this area and Cllr D will make enquiries about this issue.</p> <p>RA has raised this previously but she objects to the double yellow lines at the layby outside Gullane Primary School. This area could be used as a safe drop off point for children in the morning. Everyone was in agreement with this suggestion – a letter will be sent to ELC to request that these lines be removed. It was noted that this could be a lengthy process but one worth beginning. The Head of the Primary School is supportive of this and Cllr D is also supportive.</p>	Cllr D
6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>Ferrygate – this had been discussed at the last meeting and will now be heard by the Scottish Government.</p> <p>The Paddock, Gullane – An approach had been made to the CC re an application in the Paddock next to Stamford Hall. The exit to the new property would come out on to the Paddock. GF and JF had spoken with the Chairman and it was agreed that the CC should not become involved at this time.</p> <p>Fenton Barns – Planning application for enabling development (100 houses)</p> <p>The CC had agreed previously to object to this proposal citing overdevelopment as one of the main reasons. Cllr D advised that there had been a delay and the application will go to the full Council meeting in late August. The DVA had previously written in objection and will write again to reaffirm their objections. It was agreed that the CC will also write – the development is not on the local plan. The original application was for 75 houses and it would appear that the current application is for 100 houses. AS advised that he knows the applicant and will therefore step back from this matter. TD and DMcD will draft a response. There was a strong feeling at this meeting that the CC ought to object. There was also a suggestion that the applicant should be funding the sewerage works himself. RA enquired whether there was a change of use from arable land when the driving range was opened and is there now a change of use to housing? It was felt this development was not in the interest of the local community.</p> <p>Ardmuir - Cllr D advised that Cllr G had arranged for Ardmuir to be taken off the list and will go to the planning committee in June.</p>	TD/ DMcD
7	<p>VILLAGE REPORTS</p> <p>Gullane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SS advised of the situation with the loss of the Crossing Patrol (Lollipop man) following the Easter break. It would seem that he had retired and the post had not been filled. After much Facebook discussion the Police had agreed to escort children at the crossing point and pressure had been placed on ELC to fill the post. A replacement from Musselburgh was currently undertaking the work and the post will be filled for next academic year. This matter was also discussed at the CAPP meeting. Cllr D apologised on behalf of ELC and advised that the matter is being investigated. There was discussion on the availability of passes for residents and employees during the period of the Open – there are two different types of passes available. It has been unclear as to who should apply and how to do this. Cllr D advised that around 800 letters had been sent out. There will be restrictions on the roadway from Drem through Fenton Barns although there will be access to the retail outlet at Fenton Barns. Colin Baird at ELC should be contacted if anyone has any questions and there will be information in the local press. SS advised of builders using parking spaces in the area at the Bank on the Main Street. AS has spoken with the Architect and this helped for a time. SS suggested that a letter of condolence be sent to Lady Morrison following the death of Sir Garth. AM will draft an appropriate letter. It was noted that a memorial service will take place on 22st June at St Mary’s Haddington at 2pm. FB would like to see the 30mph speed sign on the West Fenton Road to be 50 meters out of Gullane. There is no pavement and there are a number of children using this road which is dangerous. This has been investigated previously and there was an issue regarding street lighting. If street lighting is erected this extends the boundary of the village and houses can then be built. The CC has strived for a long time to protect the village boundaries. RA advised that the access point to the houses was in order to allow access for emergency vehicles and was not originally intended as a walkway. Cllr D suggested that the CC write to Colin Baird as he may have some advice. FB will prepare a letter to be signed by the Chairman. 	AM FB

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RA had received a complaint regarding dog fouling at the play park at Memorial Park and the Primary School. RA will raise this with the dog warden. Cllr D advised of an initiative to raise awareness which involved the Ranger placing yellow flags on each area of dog fouling at Yellowcraig and also using coloured paint. This served to highlight the issue. • The Chairman had spoken with Colin Baird regarding parking on Goose Green – this issue has now been resolved. • Cllr D advised that the bus from Gullane to Haddington has now been timetabled. • The Chairman will attend the AOELCCs on 12th June and advised that guidelines for the administration grant will be discussed. • The website is progressing well with assistance from a Gullane resident who will redesign and upload photos, maps of the local area and a short biography of each of the Community Councillors. John Aitken would appear to have paid costs for the website until 2014 but no invoice has been received from him as yet. Set up costs for the new site will come from the Local Priorities fund. <p>Dirleton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The village shop has now reopened with the Post Office open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. • On Monday afternoon there will be a dedication of a new oak tree adjacent to the Castle Inn to mark the 60th anniversary of the Queen’s coronation. This will be done by Mike Williams, Deputy Lord Lieutenant. • Sarah Ogden, Headmistress of the Primary School is leaving to take up a post at Pinkie St Peters in Musselburgh. She has been very good for the school and has proved a strong liaison between the village and the school. The extension to the school will allow a school role of 80 children. The Secretary had received a letter from Sarah Ogden thanking the CC for their funding – this was passed to the Dirleton members. 	
8	<p>ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FB had been advised by Colin Baird, ELC, that the signs at Fenton Barns will be erected when they are erected! • There have been poles erected round Gullane village which will be used to display advertising signs for various golf competitions – these are retractable signs and will be in place when required. A question was raised regarding advertising banners – these can be displayed without planning permission for no longer than 28 days. • West Fenton – Cllr D advised that this is a rural area and as such no brown bins are available. Sacks are available and when filled an uplift can be booked. FB advised that this is a long process. Cllr D advised that no-one can have a second brown bin. 	
9	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Thursday 27th June at 7pm in Dirleton Church Hall.</p>	