

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2013**

**Held in Gullane Scout Hall**

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

Present:	J Findlay (Vice Chairman)	Gullane
	R Ainslie (Treasurer) (RA)	Gullane
	I Malcolm (IM)	Aberlady
	D McDonald (DM)	Dirleton
	S Morris (SM)	Drem
	S Shorthouse (SS)	Gullane
	Cllr Berry (Cllr B)	East Lothian Councillor
	L Ogilvie (LO)	Secretary

Item	Title	Action By
1	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from the following: Alastair McIntosh, Veronica Sked, George Fraser, Jane McCallum, Fiona Boswell, Tom Drysdale and PC Banks</p>	
2	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting</p>	
3	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING – REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>Keep Scotland Beautiful - correspondence is with SS and she will report back. SS is happy to get the local primary school involved.</p> <p>West Fenton sign to be in place very soon. A message had been received from FB to advise that posts are in place and signs should be up tomorrow (Friday).</p> <p>It is understood that the Bus service from Gullane to Haddington is in place. It would be useful to have a timetable. Cllr B noted concerns about changes to the school bus service in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Fenton Barns Dairy cottages - Cllr B will follow up on issue with hedges.</p> <p>AM had received a comment about the condition of the Millenium Wood especially the area next to the primary school. Neil Clark, from ELC is aware of the situation and will come back with an outcome. Millenium Wood maintenance was taken over by ELC following planting in 2000. A response from Neil Clark is awaited. Cllr B advised of cut backs which may impact on some maintenance programmes.</p> <p>JF – A letter had been received from ELC regarding an Anti Social Behaviour strategy consultation. This consultation will conclude on 4<sup>th</sup> October. The CC will formulate a response, JF will take this forward and report to the next meeting. Cllr B advised that this has also been discussed at the CAPP meeting. ASB does seem to work and it is appropriate to become involved.</p> <p>JF – letter received from REPSOL regarding a planning application which would appear to be well into the North Sea although there could be possible impact for Cockenzie. IM agreed to look at this document. A response should be made by 5<sup>th</sup> September but it has been confirmed that the CC has another two weeks in which to respond.</p>	<p>Cllr B</p> <p>ELC</p> <p>JF</p> <p>IM</p>
4	<p><b>LOCAL PRIORITIES</b></p> <p>There had been email correspondence regarding a request from Aberlady History Society and the Conservation Society to reallocate funds previously awarded by the CC to a local project. IM had requested that the funds be redirected to a project in the form of an archaeological dig in the Glebe Field. The project is about enhancing and protecting local heritage. There is also an educational programme established with the local school cluster.</p> <p>JF advised that the sub-committee had looked at this request carefully and had recommended not to allow a transfer of funds to be made. This decision is not intended as a reflection on the viability of the project but it was felt that to allow such a transfer of funds would set a precedent for the future. It was</p>	

	<p>suggested that the Society submit a new application for funding for the new project which will be brought before the next meeting of the CC. The Society had also requested a letter of support which the Chairman will be happy to send on his return if this is still required.</p> <p>IM was glad to hear that the issue is not about the viability of the proposal but he was not happy with the decision. He advised that priorities had changed. IM then spoke to the meeting explaining the background to these changes. ELC are happy to reallocate £10,000 and have no issue with precedence and there is much support from other areas. IM felt there were unique circumstances and would be grateful if the CC would reconsider their decision. He felt that another application would delay the process. JF advised that if a new application was received in the next week, the sub-committee would make a recommendation for the next meeting in September and if agreed funding could be awarded the following week.</p> <p>A Heritage Lottery application has also been submitted and the feedback so far has been good. IM felt it was important that the support of the CC is gained for this project. IM advised that he was not impressed by the CC decision.</p> <p>It was agreed that the sub-committee had considered the request for reallocation and had subsequently made their recommendation for consideration at the full meeting. The CC should now make their decision. The CC agreed that a letter of support should be written in support of the project – all present were in support of this. It was then agreed by the CC members present that the proposal to transfer the funding should not proceed. Four CC members not at the meeting were all in agreement with this stance.</p> <p>A question was asked as to the original funding – it appeared that this had not yet left the CC account, it would have been passed over following the granting of planning permission. JF – if new application received this will be considered by the sub-committee and a recommendation made in time for the next meeting.</p> <p>RA – IM felt there may be a possible application for an information board.</p>	Chair
5	<p><b>POLICE REPORT</b></p> <p>In the absence of PC Banks the police report was read out by RA. A copy is attached at the end of the minutes.</p>	
6	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS</b></p> <p>JMcC had been approached by an Aberlady resident who had asked about the new noticeboard which is headed Aberlady Community Council instead of Gullane Area Community Council. IM and JMcC had not thought this would be a problem. RA felt that there should not be individual signs for each village. There is not a sign in Dirleton at the moment. Drem may have one in conjunction with Scotrail. IM will check the cost involved in changing the sign in Aberlady but if too expensive the sign will remain as it is. IM advised that the sign looks balanced with the current wording.</p>	IM
7	<p><b>WEBSITE</b></p> <p>Now complete in terms of content and will go live any day now. Comments would be welcome. A logo was mentioned and it was noted that it should be incorporated somehow on to the site.</p>	
8	<p><b>VILLAGE REPORTS</b></p> <p><b>Gullane</b></p> <p>RA - good progress has been made with new Surgery and Day Centre. A school crossing patrol person has been appointed.</p> <p>A resident approached JF re parking of motor homes outside his house which is near the childrens' golf course. Cllr D had advised that the Scottish Government is encouraging people to use motor homes and the Police would not be encouraged to move them on. The question was asked as to when does someone stop being a tourist and become a traveller? CllrB advised that North Berwick CC are currently looking into the introduction of a bye law. It was noted that the CC do not wish to be hostile to people who visit the area and there is a need to be careful about the message given to tourists. JF will take advice from ELC on the best way forward.</p>	JF

	<p><b>Dirleton</b>  An approach had been made to DMcD re grass cutting at the east entry into Dirleton. One side would appear to be cut further back than the other. Cllr B will take this forward.  It was noted that there had been six power cuts in Dirleton since June - should the CC write to the supply company? The impact on shops and businesses had been acute. JF agreed to do this.  An archaeological dig will take place on the village green from 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>It was noted that sadly Bill McNie had passed away. A formal letter of condolence will be sent. Bill had been a Community Councillor for many years.</p> <p><b>Aberlady</b>  Safety barriers leading on to Main Street from Back Lane require some maintenance. LO to send a letter to Roads Network, Peter Forsyth.  IM reported that he was awaiting a response from Cllr D, who is not in attendance this evening, on various matters including works to a bench, the louping on stane and also illegal parking outside the shop. This was to have been brought up at the CAPP meeting which was been cancelled this month. Cllr B suggested raising this matter directly with Peter Forsyth, IM will draft a letter and forward this to JF.</p> <p><b>Drem</b>  There has been an issue regarding cutting of crops in the fields behind the Chesters and the mess which has been left by the contract workers. SM will draft a letter to send to Mr Russell – it was felt he may not be aware that this is a problem. If this does not effect a satisfactory response then contact with Environmental Health may be an option.</p>	<p>Cllr B</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>LO</p> <p>IM</p> <p>SM</p>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS</b>  A Housing allocations meeting will take place in Haddington on how ELC handles housing allocations. An email had been received today re the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September at the John Gray Centre. The meeting will be run by the Tenants and Residents Association.  On 3<sup>rd</sup> September there is a Property Repair event in the John Gray Centre, Haddington.  Further details of both events can be found on the East Lothian Council website.</p>	
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>  The next meeting will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September in Dirleton Church Hall at 7pm.</p>	