

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 November 2013

Held in Gullane Village Hall

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:	A S McIntosh (AM) (Chairman)	Gullane
	J Findlay (JF) (Vice Chair)	Gullane
	R Ainslie (RA) (Treasurer)	Gullane
	V Sked (VS)	Gullane
	F Boswell (FB)	West Fenton
	T Drysdale (TD)	Dirleton
	G Fraser (GF)	Gullane
	D McDonald (DM)	Dirleton
	PC Banks	Police Scotland
	Cllr Berry (Cllr B)	East Lothian Councillor
	Cllr Goodfellow (Cllr G)	East Lothian Councillor

Item	Title	Action By
1	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies were received from the following: Ian Malcolm, Jane McCallum, Sian Morris and Linda Ogilvie. Sophie Shorthouse was not in attendance.</p>	
2	<p>ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS</p> <p>Following the retiral of AM as Chairman and member of GACC nominations were asked for the post of Chair. TD and GF proposed JF and the nomination was unanimously accepted. Nominations were then asked for the post of Vice Chair. AM and DM proposed TD and the nomination was unanimously accepted. All information has been circulated to members prior to the meeting and both candidates had the support of absent members.</p> <p>JF led a vote of thanks to AM for his diligence over the past two years as Chair and many years of service to GACC in the past.</p> <p>Casual Vacancy – AM and DM proposed Malcolm Duck as a candidate to fill the casual vacancy in Aberlady and this was unanimously accepted by those present. AM reminded the meeting that there was now a casual vacancy in Gullane and it was suggested that this vacancy be advertised on GACC website. AM will notify L.Pryde of changes</p>	FB AM
3	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>The Police Report is attached. CB informed the meeting that JRSOs from Gullane Primary School had spent a pre-school morning targeting speeding drivers at the school crossing point on Main Street Gullane. 5 drivers were spoken to by the pupils. Cllr B informed the meeting that when the lampposts near the crossing point were recently replaced signage to alert drivers was not replaced. Signage will be replaced asap. The on-going issue of parking on yellow lines around Gullane Primary School was discussed and it was suggested that the involvement of JRSOs could again be a more effective deterrent. CB will raise this at his next meeting with the Head Teacher. There have been reports of door-to-door in the area and AM reminded everyone to ask to see ELC permit before purchasing any goods on offer. Cllr B reported that a debate is taking place with Police Scotland on the impact of changes made since its creation. C.Banks left the meeting.</p>	CB
4	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.</p>	
5	<p>MATTERS ARISING –REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Commonwealth Games - AM has contacted Mike Mackie re nominations for Flame Bearers and we await his reply. FB will post a request for nomination on our website.</p>	FB

	<p>Speeding Motorcycles - AM has replied to Peter Forsyth's letter again outlining our concerns but has not received a reply. Cllrs present will follow this up.</p> <p>Police Scotland – The Chair will write to Ray Montgomery re traffic warden review supporting the concept of ELC employed wardens.</p> <p>Civic Pride Fund – Following a suggestion to reinstate hanging baskets GF contacted ELC who informed him that the watering of the baskets was no longer carried out by them. DM reported that this had initially worked well in Dirleton but now the task has fallen to a dedicated few. GF and RA will continue to seek ideas from the public.</p> <p>Aberlady CC Notice Board- JF will check to see if change has been made.</p> <p>Website- Ready for Winter information will be posted on our site.</p> <p>Community Hospital Consultation- RA attended the introduction meeting which outlined the information gathering process leading to the development of the planned project. From the meeting it was agreed by all present to form a consultation group. It was also agreed to extend an invitation to area GPs to send representation to the group.</p> <p>Local Priorities – It was agreed that a letter be sent to Aberlady Historical Group requesting an update on the status of their original application.</p> <p>Ferrygate Development- Following the refusal of the planning application an appeal against The Reporter has been raised by the applicant. All objectors should have been notified of this and in the notification are being asked to comment. On legal advice no comment should be made as the appeal is against the reporter not the planning application. The appeal can uphold the decision already reached or overturn it. Should the decision of the reporter be overturned the whole process would start again following the appointment of a new reporter.</p>	<p>Cllr G</p> <p>GF RA</p> <p>JF FB</p> <p>JF</p>
6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>GF, who wishes to retire from lead role, nominated TD as the lead on the planning sub-group. TD accepted with GF and IM continuing in their support roles. All present approved change. GF will arrange for planning mail to be sent to TD.</p>	<p>GF</p>
7	<p>WEBSITE</p> <p>Items covered in previous discussion.</p>	
8	<p>VILLAGE REPORTS</p> <p>Gullane</p> <p>VS asked how long did it take for street lights to be repaired? DM replied that lights in Dirleton were repaired a few days after report of fault had been made. Cllr B explained that there was no routine check on lights being made and members of the public are urged to report faults which will then be addressed. Cllr G attended a hastily arranged ELC meeting with the Head of Scottish Fire and Rescue Services Scotland who apologized for the way in which the announcement of the future of Gullane Fire School was handled. The closure process will take between two to four years. In the meantime Cllr G recommended that GACC keep a watching brief on the plans for future use of the land and or premises. Cllr G will seek clarification on which department of the Scottish Office would be dealing with this. FB noted that there is a large pothole outside Grieve Cottage and an overhanging tree to the west of West Fenton Road. Both will be reported to ELC who will determine action. Cllr G asked if payment had been made to GACC for Silver Jubilee Clock. RA had discussed the matter with L. Pryde and would contact her again as it was to be funded by Tom Shearer's department. JF will contact ELC Planning re non replacement of tree from Goose Green during development of Templar Lodge site.</p> <p>Dirleton</p> <p>DM raised the issue of the imminent closure of the village shop. Cllr B advised him to contact Susan Smith and John McMillan who both deal with economic development.</p> <p>Drem</p> <p>No items.</p> <p>Aberlady</p> <p>No items</p> <p>FB and Cllr G left the meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr G</p> <p>FB RA JF</p> <p>DM</p>
9	<p>ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS</p> <p>Coastal Museum</p> <p>Martin White has accepted the invitation to join the committee of The Coastal Museum as a co-opted representative of GACC. He will report to CC meetings on a regular basis but he will not sit on GACC.</p>	

	<p>Reports In anticipation of their absence JM and IM both submitted reports on meetings they attended during November. Reports have been circulated and thanks for them were expressed by The Chair.</p> <p>Planning Cllr B informed the meeting that the recent South East Scotland Development Plan has recommended that a further 2000 house be added to the quota for East Lothian. These would be more likely to be built on commuter corridor routes as builders are reluctant to bear the cost of new infrastructure. This target needs to be met by 2019.</p> <p>Area Partnerships TD and DM attended the emergency meeting of East Lothian Association of Community Councils to discuss the implementation of Area Partnerships. This was a very well-attended with a number of CCs having more than one member in attendance. TD will produce a report and circulate it to members. JF and TD will represent GACC on the Area Partnership.</p> <p>In closing Cllr B added his thanks to AM.</p>	TD
10	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will take place on Thursday 30th January in Dirleton Church Hall at 7pm.</p>	