

Gullane Area Community Council

Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane

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Note of Meeting held on 30th August 2018, 7pm at Dirleton Village Hall

- Present: Tom Drysdale, Dirleton, Chair (TD)
Martin White, West Fenton (MW)
Gordon McLelland, Gullane (GM)
Karen MacDougal, Gullane, (KM)
Dorothy Arthur, Gullane (DA)
James Barbour, Aberlady (JB)
Malcolm Duck, Aberlady (MD)
- Cllrs Goodfellow (CllrG), Findlay (CllrF), and Henderson (CllrH)
- Attending: 2 members of public
- Apologies: Bill Scott, Aberlady (BS)
Sian Morris, Drem (SM)

Item

1 **Resignation of Chair Donald Hay**

Due to the resignation of the Chair Donald Hay, TD opened the meeting. He asked if there were any volunteers to take the Chair, there were none. TD offered to serve, possibly only for a period of one year. This was unanimously agreed.

TD thanked DH for his service to the Community Council during his time in office. TD also thanked the out going secretary, Emma Brown, for her service. He wished them both well in the future.

TD welcomed Mr James Barbour, Aberlady, as a new co-opted member.

2 **Approval of Minutes**

Approved

3 **Matters Arising**

GM said he would represent the CC at the resilience meeting to be held at the Brunton Theatre on the 27th of October.

No other matters arising.

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Local Priorities

£1200 awarded to the Aberlady Craft Group who are commemorating the end of the Great War.

Funds: £3700 committed - £6197 left of which £2900 under discussion.

Community Council Account Balance: £4742

5 **Police Report**

TD asked that the parking ticket report be broken down into villages and car parks ie are all the tickets issued in Aberlady in the village or in the car park by the reserve.

6 Comms

It was requested that all correspondence that had been going to DH be redirected to GM and TD

7 Councillors' report on sewage in Aberlady

Scottish Water are monitoring the situation fortnightly. CllrH has been in communication with them. It was reported by a resident, Mr Frank Neate that there are still regular deposits of sanitary products. JB and MD will report back. SEPA and Scottish Water need to take the issues here more seriously. Concern was raised by Mr Neate that this site is hard evidence that East Lothian infrastructure won't be able to cope with all the new builds in the county.

8 Planning

Application for a new house in Hill Road had been approved though closely debated. Castlemains, Dirleton development to go to planning next week.

**9 Village Reports
Aberlady**

JB raised the comments on the Council Facebook page in regard to Aberlady. Given the comments the Council reviewed the history and context of this issue.

The Council was also advised that a meeting on this issue had taken place on March 24 , 2018, under the auspices of a body calling itself the Aberlady Environment Group. The meeting had been attended by around 20 people. No minutes from the meeting had so far been produced, but it had been clear from the meeting that a majority remained unpersuaded of the merits of the proposal for 20 mph speed limits in the village. The meeting's organisers had made reference to a questionnaire which had been previously circulated. JB, who had been present at the meeting, advised that a number of concerns had been raised about the methodology of the questionnaire, and that the response rate in terms of the total village population had been low. At the meeting, it had been stated that the Community Council had supported this proposal, but Council members reaffirmed that this had never been the case. The March meeting had agreed that at that stage, there was no firm agreed proposal, and in the light of the differing views expressed, a range of working groups would be set up, which attendees had volunteered to serve on. Since March, no meetings of the working groups appeared to have been called or taken place.

Cllr G confirmed that East Lothian Council supported the introduction of 20mph speed limits, with the strict proviso that this must be supported by a clear and demonstrable majority of the community to be affected. He advised of a similar situation which had arisen in North Berwick.

The Council noted the position and agreed that the final approved minute of this Council meeting be used as the response to those who had commented on this issue on the website.

Gullane

Cala update re C. C. meeting 30/8/18 by DA

Marine House, formerly Henderson House.

Show flat will be open for viewings from mid-September available through Cala sales team.

All the scaffolding will be gone by October and external works finished by Christmas. Sales are good.

There will be service connections on Muirfield Drive from the beginning of October. There will be minor traffic disruption for 2 weeks. They will take into consideration school times.

Work on Fenton Road will start in February 2019 to widen the road in places and create a footpath. DA has copies of the relevant maps.

Rest of Fire station site.

The block of flats is now complete apart from the car park with first occupation in October.

Sales are slow but steady. Only 3 in the main fire station site have been sold; there is a lot of interest in Marine House and five at Fentoun Gait have sold. Fentoun Gait will be completed by the end of 2019

Final planning permission for the Saltcoats Field site has been delayed again. Daryth Irving, the new case officer, is leaving ELC and Cala are waiting for the new appointment to happen.

Sunday 2nd September – coffee morning for local residents between 11am – 1pm.

Dirleton

Lunch hub thriving

Possible upgrade of the bowling clubhouse

Possible film / cinema club to be started. JB said his wife was looking at the same idea in Aberlady and would liaise.

Drem

Cycle Way [minute to be completed]

West Fenton

MW raised the question of “The Quiet Road” and wondered what the next stage was. CllrF said he would investigate.

Ferrygate

Bus stop missing. CllrG said he would investigate,

9 **Area Partnership**

Need to replace DH as a member. This also applies to the On the Move Group.

10 **Web Site**

GM said that a number of aerial views of the area will soon be posted. He also noted that far more people seem to be reading the Facebook site than the web site. We must however point those on Facebook back to the information on the web site. TD will meet with GM to discuss this. JB will look at best practice.

11 **New Secretary**

GM to prepare and advert for the role which will be published on Facebook and the web site

12 **AOCB**

CllrG highlighted the "Light Up Red" initiative in regard to the commemoration of the end of the Great War. He asked to be informed of any buildings that would be appropriate and suggested the Aberlady Church which already has its Poppy Celebration.

13 **Next meeting**

Aberlady Kirk Stables, Thursday 27 September at 7.30 pm