

**Gullane Area Community Council
Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane**

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Note of Meeting held on 27th September 2018, 7pm at Aberlady Kirk Stables

Present:

Tom Drysdale, Dirleton, Chair: Gordon McLelland, Gullane (GM): Dorothy Arthur, Gullane (DA): John Hendry, Gullane (JH): James Barbour, Aberlady (JB): Malcolm Duck, Aberlady (MD): Bill Scott, Aberlady (BS)

Cllrs Goodfellow (CllrG) and Henderson (CllrH)

Community Police Officer I Paterson

Attending: 4 members of public

1. Apologies: Martin White, West Fenton (MW): Karen MacDougal, Gullane, (KM): Sian Morris, Drem (SM): Cllr Findlay (CllrF)
2. Minutes of previous meeting approved
3. Actions from last meeting – none noted
4. Matters Arising
 - Aberlady 20 mph limit -JG said that 20mph is now on place in most estate roads. Waiting for legislation in Scottish Parliament. Nothing more happening until bill passed.
 - Other matters
5. Appointment of Vice Chair – M.D. put forward – all agreed.
6. Appointment of Secretary – all agreed re appointment of Bonnie McMillan. TD & DA had interviewed her. TD & GM to meet her and she will work with GM on website and social media.
7. Local Priorities – little to report. Nothing pending No current applications. Just over £3250 remaining in the fund for the current financial year – likely to be enough 2 modest awards. JB asked re year end of ELC. BS asked whether TD as chair would still continue as chair of LPF – yes meantime.

8. Treasurer's Report – just over £5000 in the Council's own funds.
9. Police Report - Police Officer Paterson. Ward priorities – road safety – nothing reported. Housebreaking at turkey units south of Fenton Barns – see police report for more detail. CCTV of 2 youths.
22nd September – attempted theft of cash machine from Aberlady store. Interrupted by MD. Enquiries ongoing. Sheila Low, a North Berwick resident, had reported that neighbour had cars and golf clubs stolen. Crime figures similar to last year.
Good housekeeping rules eg hide keys etc. Smart water still available. Parking offence figures. CAPP meeting dates.
Query about police presence in the area. Main base is Haddington.
See police report on website for more details
10. Communications – TD reported that there continues to be a regular flow of emails, mostly from ELC and the Area Partnership. He is happy to filter these and distribute as appropriate.
11. Website - GM & BS are discussing with TD re what to book on Facebook & social media pages. Facebook to have direct link to GAAD
12. Planning – Little affecting the area. Planning permission for housing on Castlemains site, Dirleton, has been refused due to adverse effect on the Castle and the Conservation Area but an appeal may be lodged. Tree felling due to start at Renaissance soon in preparation for the Scottish Open Golf in 2019 to allow for TV compounds etc.
13. Aberlady sewage problems – DA to contact SEPA and Scottish Water to invite a representative to attend a C.C. meeting. There is understood to be no more money to upgrade the Gullane Waste Water Treatment Works until 2027. Raw sewage is still being discharged into Aberlady Bay. Other discharge points are below the water line so can't be seen. Discussion whether this situation should be sent to newspapers or BBC. TD to speak to Frank Neate, Aberlady resident, who is monitoring the position, and will undertake a site visit with him.

14. Village Reports

Gullane – GM – litter at bus stops. Nothing has been done. JH – there is a need for seagull proof bins. Residents not happy with the look of the fencing around Henderson House (now Marine House). DA to check with CALA.

Aberlady – complaints about the lack of street cleaning. Suggested that frequency could be posted on the website. JH to send priorities on gritting. GM – CC should contact the Post Office again about the impending closure of the local post office Gullane post office had been stated to have been a temporary closure.

Dirleton; Drem; West Fenton - no issues to report.

15. North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership (NBCAP) – need another full member of the C.C. to attend plus another nominated member. TD to consider and make recommendations.

16. AOCB - JH stated that in view of the number of projects in Gullane there is a need more presence at meetings. No tenants and resident's association in Gullane. No rep for Gullane primary school. BS suggested that someone should write to the school about this. The CC needs 2 more reps from Gullane, 1 from Aberlady and 1 from Dirleton. Could these posts be advertised on Facebook?

B.S. suggested that JB should attend the North Berwick Coastal Health and Wellbeing Association meetings

GM and Lorna Scott had met Sandy Baptie, ELC Resilience Officer, regarding resilience planning and this was progressing well. A meeting has been set up with the ELC roads department re grit bins and one with the North Berwick resilience committee. GM will also attend the resilience day meeting in Musselburgh on the 27 October.

Next meeting: Thursday 25 October at 7.00pm, Gullane Village Hall (Small)