

GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

(Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane)

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 31st January 2019

Held in Aberlady Kirk Stables

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present	Tom Drysdale (TD)	Dirleton
	Malcolm Duck (MD)	Aberlady
	Gordon McLelland (GM)	Gullane
	Dorothy Arthur (DA)	Gullane
	Martin White (MW)	West Fenton
	James Barbour (JB)	Aberlady
	John Hendry (JH)	Gullane
	Karen Chapman (KC)	Gullane
In Attendance	Cllr Henderson (CllrJH)	
	Cllr Findlay (CllrF)	
	Bonnie Macmillan (BM-GACC Secretary)	
	3 members of the public	

Item	Title	Action By
1	Apologies Apologies were received from: Sian Morris, Cllr Goodfellow and PCs D Gray & I Paterson	N/A
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.	N/A
3	Actions From Last Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM/JB are still to liaise about a resilience plan for Aberlady. They are waiting for the Gullane plan to be finalised first. • TD to contact our Police representatives regarding a more detailed breakdown of parking ticket locations. • GM reported on the GACC Facebook (FB) and website statistics. There is an upward trend for both. • CllrJH and GM met with ELC representatives to discuss the location of a car charging point for Gullane. It cannot be placed by the Old Smiddy as this is a conservation area. Another possible site by the Gullane Village Hall was discussed and we are waiting on a response from ELC regarding this. Dirleton is still hoping to locate a charging point in the Dirleton Castle car park. 	GM/JB TD CllrH /GM
4	Matters Arising Including Aberlady and Gullane drainage issues As the November meeting had not been quorate the members voted to confirm some items from the November meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GACC will take a neutral stance on fracking in the area – endorsed 	

4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members from each village will meet to discuss recommendations to the GACC regarding Planning Applications in their respective villages – endorsed Treasurer report for November – endorsed James Barbour filling the NBCAP spot vacated by Donald Hay - endorsed 	N/A
5	<p>Electric Car Charging Points Discussed under Item 3</p>	N/A
6	<p>Community Asset Transfer (Gullane Recreation Hall) GM has been in contact with local groups who use the hall and none have shown an interest in taking on the ownership of the hall. He has received an email from Caroline Rogers, the Community Asset Transfer Manager, to say that she has been contacted by 1 interested party. GM will follow up on this. Because of their proximity to the hall, GM will approach the Gullane Tennis Club to see if they might be interested. The role of GACC in this is to try and motivate groups who may be interested in taking on ownership of the hall but not themselves to consider doing so.</p>	GM GM
7	<p>Aberlady and Gullane Drainage Issues TD reported on the recent meeting with Scottish Water; there still seems to be no change in their stance that the current system is fine and does not need to be upgraded. Frank Neate has been in contact with SEPA re: the overflow problem. SEPA has not been very responsive. If residents would like to speak to SEPA they can phone the 24-hour hotline on 0800 80 70 60. TD will try to set up a meeting with SEPA to discuss the perceived ongoing problem in light of the current response from Scottish Water.</p>	TD
8	<p>Membership In order to be quorate there must be 7 voting members present. The low membership at the moment makes this difficult. The current vacancies are; Aberlady 3, Gullane 1 and Dirleton 1. JB was as happy to remain a co-opted (and thus non-voting) member. All members should come to the next meeting with ideas and recommendations for individuals to fill these vacancies. Cllrs Henderson and Findlay will be engaging with ELC regarding membership rules governing Community Councils.</p>	ALL Cllrs JH / JF
9	<p>Local Priorities JH reported that the LPF committee has been busy the last couple of months with 2 application approved and paid. Kevin Thomson from the Gullane Bowling Club was present to speak to the council about the bowling club application for funding. His talk was very informative and well received. There was a consensus among GACC members present that the council wants to support the bowling club with a certain level of grant now, with further consideration of future funding in the new financial year. This was agreed in principle and it was remitted to the LPF</p>	JH

	committee to form a plan.	
10	Treasurer's Report The report which had circulated to the members prior to the meeting was approved. Beginning next month KC will circulate a single page sheet report with the figures.	KC
11	Police Report TD highlighted the significant number of thefts from unlocked parked cars, particularly in Gullane. GM will add something to the FB page and website warning residents about this. Parking ticket information wasn't included in this month's report; TD will enquire as to why. CllrJH will facilitate a meeting between JB/MD and ELC Landscape and Countryside/Roads representatives to discuss the parking issues at Aberlady Bay Nature Reserve.	GM TD Cllr JH
12	Communications Discussed in Item 17	N/A
13	Website GM suggested we try to add photos on the website from groups who have benefitted from the Local Priorities Fund grants.	N/A
14	Planning MW reported that the Castlemains site appeal is with the reporter and the projected decision date is the end of February. There is an appeal hearing by the ELC Local Review Body on 11 th February regarding the refusal of planning for a proposed development in Hill Rd in Gullane, TD will attend and report back.	TD
15	Village Reports Gullane – Nothing to report Aberlady – Nothing to report Direlton – Nothing to report Drem – Nothing to report West Fenton - There is a current study with funding from Sustrans looking at the cycle path from Gullane to Drem. We need to clarify the relationship of this with the Quiet Roads initiative. CllrJH will look in to this.	CllrJH
16	North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership (NBCAP) TD attended the last meeting, nothing of significance to report.	N/A
17	AOCB TD had been contacted by a couple from Aberlady regarding the Whinny Strip area being used for fly tipping. JB met with the couple at the area of concern. After some research JB understands that the land is owned by the Luffness Estate and they are responsible for the upkeep of this area. The couple will need to approach the estate regarding this issue. JB will keep in contact with them and report to GACC any further developments. TD had also been contacted by a Gullane resident regarding the parking situation around Goose Green. CllrJH suggested that the resident contact Peter Forsyth at ELC to officially lodge a complaint. TD will communicate	JB TD

	<p>this to the resident. There was general agreement that no form of fencing would be acceptable in this location.</p> <p>TD had also been contacted by a Ballencrieff resident who had expressed concern at speeding through Ballencrieff. This has had been considered by the council on previous occasions but it was agreed we could not intervene. She had also asked about the possibility of foot/cycle paths between Ballencrieff and both Aberlady and Drem. The former had been considered previously but been considered uneconomic and to have adverse landownership implications; the latter had not been considered but was thought unlikely to be viable. The resident should contact Nick Morgan, ELC paths officer, for any further discussion.</p>	
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The next meeting will take place on 28 February 2019 at 7:00PM in the Gullane Village Hall